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INTERPRETATION

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Interpretation Date:	June 26, 2019
Building Code Edition:	BC Building Code 2018
Subject:	Application of Requirements of CSA B651 and BCBC 3.8.3
Keywords:	Accessible Design
Building Code Reference(s):	3.8.3.1, Table 3.8.3.1
Question:	<p>Can the accessible design provisions as listed in Table 3.8.3.1 be applied on a line by line basis for the Building Code references in the Table?</p>
Interpretation:	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Sentence 3.8.3.1.(1) requires buildings or parts thereof that are required to be accessible to be designed in accordance with Subsection 3.8.3, or with the provisions of CSA B651 "Accessible Design for the Built Environment" listed in Table 3.8.3.1, in their entirety.</p> <p>Table 3.8.3.1 references all Building Code Articles from 3.8.3.2 through 3.8.3.21, and the corresponding sections of CSA B651. The reference in 3.8.3.1.(1) to "the provisions of CSA B651.....listed in Table 3.8.3.1, in their entirety" is intended to refer to each provision individually and not to all of the provisions collectively. For example, ramp design could conform to all of the applicable requirements in sections 5.3 and 5.5 of CSA B651 for the entire building, while the other accessible design provisions comply with the applicable Articles of Subsection 3.8.3 of the Building Code. It is not intended that some ramps could be designed to comply with CSA B651 while other ramps in the same building would be designed to comply with Article 3.8.3.5 in the Building Code.</p> <p>Table 3.8.3.1 originated in the National Building Code (NBC). This interpretation has been confirmed with the BC Building & Safety Standards Branch, based on information from the National Research Council – Canadian Commission on Building and Fire Codes, publishers of the NBC.</p> <p></p> <p>Patrick Shek, P.Eng., CP, FEC, Committee Chair</p>
<p>The views expressed are the consensus of the joint committee with members representing AIBC, EGBC and BOABC, which form the BC Building Code Interpretation Committee. The Building and Safety Standards Branch, Province of BC and the City of Vancouver participate in the committee's proceedings with respect to interpretations of the BC Building Code. The purpose of the committee is to encourage uniform province wide interpretation of the BC Building Code. These views should not be considered as the official interpretation of legislated requirements based on the BC Building Code, as final responsibility for an interpretation rests with the local <i>Authority Having Jurisdiction</i>. The views of the joint committee should not be construed as legal advice.</p> <p>2019-07-31</p>	