

ONTARIO TRUSS REPORT

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In October, Ontario Wood-WORKS! and the OWTFA teamed up for a presentation entitled “Light frame roof trusses – the design process and their use in building”. The technical session formed part of the ongoing training for OBOA (Ontario Building Officials Association) members, presented at this year’s Annual Meeting in Kingston, Ontario.

The topic, though broad in its scope, was focused in its approach. It covered the design process – from conception, through to preliminary design, submission of drawings at permit stage, manufacturing processes, delivery to site, handling procedures, final installation and erection, site inspection and sign off.

Joining Steven Street, technical director for Ontario Wood-WORKS! in the presentation was Robert Baynit, Director of Engineering for MiTek Canada and local truss supplier Mark Fox, President, Terra Nova Truss, Kingston, Ontario.

The interactive session encouraged questions from OBOA members, and gave the participating audience a better understanding of roles and responsibilities, reading and understanding truss layouts and drawings, the flow of information between site, truss supplier and truss plate manufacturer, issues of quality control and tolerances in manufacturing and how truss repair details are handled.

The OBOA have been proactive in encouraging collaboration between the various industry associations and the regulatory organisations. Ontario Wood-WORKS! has been active in providing technical information and training to many Building Departments province wide. A more local approach to this type of training allows building departments to form a better understanding of truss supply in their area.

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The OWTFA is a member of Wood-WORKS! The OWTFA represents the common interests of the truss industry in Ontario, including promoting the use of wood trusses in residential, commercial and agricultural structures. If you or your group are interested in the type of presentation discussed above please contact Mike Phillips, Executive Director of the Ontario Wood Truss Fabricators Association (OWTFA) at 416-235-0194 or www.owtfa.com