



## MESSAGE *from the* HONOURABLE RICH COLEMAN

British Columbia has long been recognized as having one of the most dynamic residential construction sectors in North America. We meet our unique building challenges with innovative thinking, experience and shared knowledge to inspire advancements in building design and construction.

This Guide explores the latest research, design and construction best practices in building envelope technology in wood-frame buildings. It offers practical solutions to help ensure high performance in new multi-unit residential construction. High performance translates into residential buildings that are well constructed, comfortable and energy efficient.

A valuable reference tool for British Columbia's construction industry, this Guide builds on knowledge gained over the past 10 years and reflects current building science advancements. It also addresses building enclosure design and best practice associated with the use of wood-frame construction in five and six-storey mid-rise buildings.

The Province of British Columbia is committed to working with industry to advance new knowledge and generate new technology specific to wood-frame construction. Our goal is to ensure that our multi-unit residential buildings are among the most comfortable and energy efficient in the world. Looking forward, I hope that this Guide inspires further innovation and advancements in the design and performance of building envelope systems for many years to come.

Sincerely yours,

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