

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THOSE INVOLVED IN CONSTRUCTION

OWNER:

- Overall responsibility for their projects: determining what will be built, for meeting laws, and choosing reputable advisors and builders. All permits and fees prior to starting work!

DESIGNER:

- Responsible for producing functional working drawings and specifications that complies with applicable law and reflects the owner's requirements.

ENGINEER:

- Responsible for providing required engineering specifications, ensuring that they comply with applicable law and reflect the owner's requirements.

GENERAL CONTRACTOR:

- Responsible for overall construction, including buying, scheduling, workmanship, and management of subcontractors and suppliers. Subcontractors are responsible for their portion of the project and workmanship. All permits and fees prior to starting work!

MUNICIPALITY:

- Responsible for examining plans for conformance with Building codes, and inspections for compliance.

WHY ARE DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS REQUIRED?

Drawings are a graphical description of the work to be performed. Specifications are the written description of the work to be performed. They set out the general requirements, acceptable products, equipment, installation procedures, standards of workmanship, etc. Their scale and complexity vary widely, from simple one-page lists to multi-section documents. They are very important as legal documents, describing responsibilities and the quality of workmanship and materials to be provided.

Fundamental Expectations in the Canadian Construction industry:

- **Basic safety, health, accessibility and building protection features,**
- **Reasonable durability and serviceability,**
- **Choice and**
- **Value for money.**