



**CASCADIA – EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION** 

# NAVIGATING EMERGING BUILDING ENERGY PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (BEPS)

Cost-optimizing performance through a building-envelope-first design approach

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### AGENDA: WHAT ARE WE LOOKING AT TODAY?

- INTRO TO CASCADIA WINDOWS & DOORS
- WHY ARE NEW BUILDING ENERGY PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (BEPS) BEING INTRODUCED?
- HOW DO CURRENT BEPS DIFFER FROM PREVIOUS PERFORMANCE METRICS?
- EXPLORING DESIGN FLEXIBILITY OFFERED UNDER NEW BEPS
- INTRO TO HIGH-PERFORMANCE FENESTRATION OPTIONS
- COST OPTIMIZING HIGH-PERFORMANCE FENESTRATION OPTIONS

### INTRO TO CASCADIA WINDOWS & DOORS

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### **INTRO TO CASCADIA WINDOWS & DOORS**



**COMMERCIAL & MULTI-FAMILY** 



**PASSIVE HOUSE & RESIDENTIAL** 

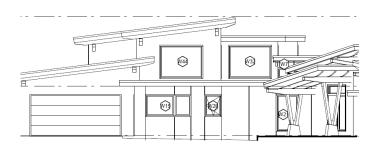


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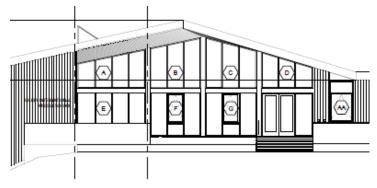
### **INTRO TO CASCADIA WINDOWS & DOORS**



WINDOW WALLS



WINDOWS & DOORS



**STOREFRONT GLAZING** 

## **INTRO TO CASCADIA WINDOWS & DOORS**

### **ABOUT THE COMPANY**

- Manufacturing plant & head office located in Langley, BC
- Founded in 2008

### **PRIMARY MARKETS**

• BC, Yukon, Washington, Oregon, California

### **COMPANY PURPOSE**

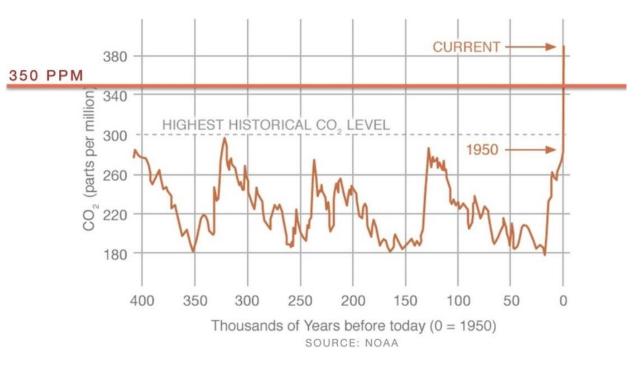
• To provide simple and cost-effective solutions to stringent energy code requirements



# THE PROBLEM WITH BUILDINGS

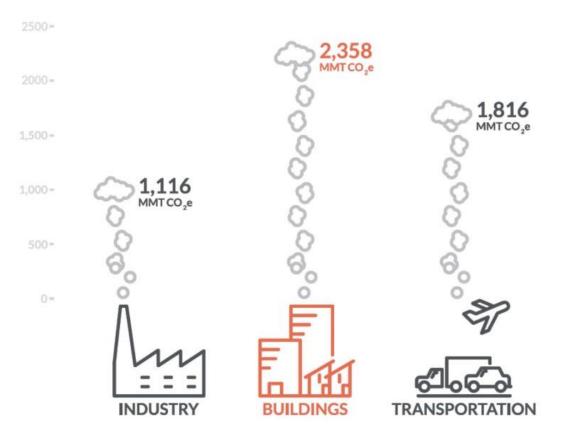
Why are new Building Energy Performance Standards (BEPS) being introduced?





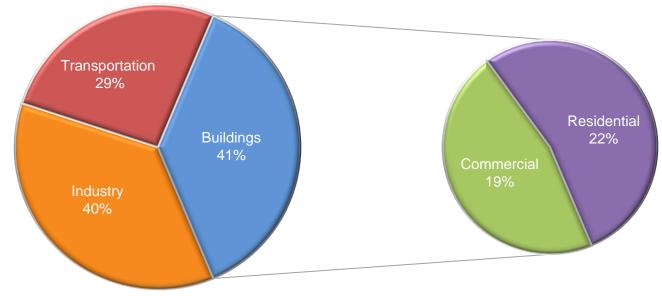
# THE WORLD IS CHANGING. QUICKLY.





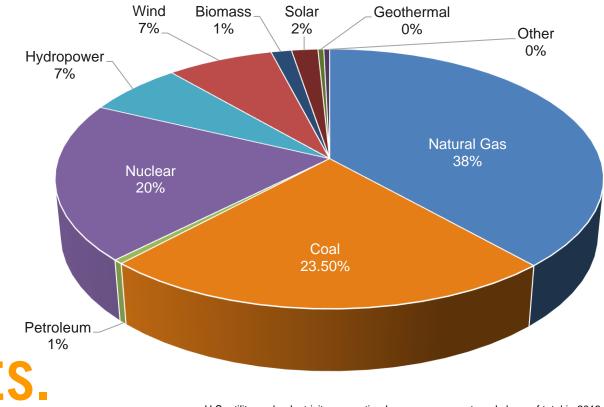
**Buildings Share of U.S. Primary Energy Consumption (2011)** 

# BUILDINGS ARE CONSUMING LARGE AMOUNTS OF ENERGY.



# **COMPARE TO CARS...**

Source: "2011 Buildings Energy Data Book." U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).



# MUCH OF THE ENERGY CONSUMED IS FROM NON-RENEWABLE SOURCES.

U.S. utility-scale electricity generation by source, amount, and share of total in 2019 U.S. Energy Information Administration

### WHAT R THE NUMBERS?



### **DICTATING BETTER PERFORMANCE**







# CITY of **BOSTON**







### **ENERGY CONSERVATION IN BUILDINGS**

### **REGULATORY CHANGES MUST BE BASED IN REALITY, SO**

# FIRST – YOU HAVE TO HAVE THE TECH

### THEN – YOU CAN CHANGE THE LAWS TO REQUIRE HIGHER PERFORMANCE

### NEW TECH *ENABLES* MORE STRINGENT REGULATIONS

#### ENERGY EFFICIENCY

#### New York City Set to Pass Ambitious Energy Efficiency Mandate

The city's biggest buildings would be forced to dramatically curb their carbon emissions by 2030 or face penalties under legislation heading for the mayor's desk.

#### JEFF ST. JOHN

APRIL 18, 2019



Buildings account for about 40 percent of U.S. energy consumption, according to the EIA.

### THE TALE OF TWO CITIES

How do current BEPS differ from previous performance metrics?



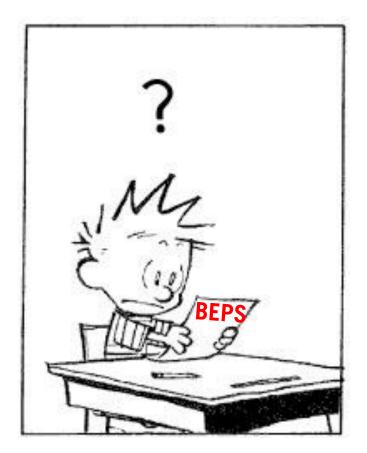
### **UNDERSTANDING TWO NEW CODES**





### **SCOPE OF OUR REVIEW**

- There are limits to the depth of our review today
- I'm not suggesting that you will learn to be an energy modeller in the next 30 minutes
- Compliance with energy codes is achieved through multiple measures
- But every project starts somewhere
- We will explore what is the <u>most efficient starting</u> <u>point</u> to end up with energy code compliance



### THESE CODE ARE DIFFERENT

PREVIOUS ENERGY CODES



NOW (BC ENERGY STEP CODE EXAMPLE)



SEPARATE ASSEMBLY R-VALUES

**ONE ENERGY USE LIMIT** 

# THESE CODES ARE DIFFERENT

- Where have we already seen a whole-building outcome-based target work?
- Passive House
- It is impossible to develop enough prescriptive detail to account for all influential factors (e.g. thermal bridging), while also being simple enough to actually follow and achieve
- Designing for results
- Flexibility and responsibility



Passive House Institute US



### **BC STEP CODES**

• What are steps?

PATHWAY TO 2032: PART 9 (HOMES)



### **BC STEP CODES**

- Steps = tighter limit on energy use per square-foot
- Creates continuity across the region one energy code for BC, but...
- Also provides local flexibility cities can choose any step (at, or above the current building code requirement) and may offer incentives on higher steps
- Cities just can't *modify* the steps



#### PATHWAY TO 2032: PART 9 (HOMES)

### **BC STEP CODES**

- Value of knowing future targets for industry participants (manufacturers, builders, architects)
- Save money: re-tool or re-train just once or twice; not five times
- To be clear, <u>we will be building Net-Zero-Ready</u> construction in 12 years or less, as a built-to-minimum-code building
- You might as well get used to the necessary tech and methods before it's the legal minimum



- Still has multiple compliance paths, including a prescriptive path and total building performance path (a trade-off path)
- And a newly-introduced <u>outcome-based</u> energy budget compliance path
- Also has future targets
  - 2018 (the "now" for this code) and
  - four future increments out to 2030



- Building enclosure in the total-building-performance (trade-off) path
- Uses math to compare design to a prescriptive building
- Washington (except Seattle) your envelope can be 20% worse than the prescriptive model
- THE PRESCRIPTIVE MODEL DOES NOT ADDRESS THERMAL LOSSES BETWEEN ASSEMBLIES
- Seattle you cannot use energy modelling to make your envelope any worse than the prescriptive model



- Why model?
  - Increase glazing area
- Prescriptive limit is 30%
  - some conditions permit up to 40% with improved windows and/or daylighting
- Energy modelling permits variable glazing percentage



- The modeled comparison to a prescriptive building has relaxations for certain fenestration types:
  - Curtain wall
  - Storefront
  - Any AW-class window
- If AW-class windows are used (of any frame type), your model's prescriptive building can use the relaxed fenestration U-value, thus increasing the beneficial difference that better U-value fenestration brings to your calculation
- Find some AW-class high-performance windows, and your model becomes *very* flexible

Location	U-value for windows	U-value for curtain wall, storefront and AW-class windows
Washington state	U-0.30	U-0.38
Seattle	U-0.26	U-0.30

### **ENERGY CODES NEED COMPONENTS**



# cool, temperate climate \* CERTIFIED COMPONENT Passive House Institute

(LEFT) GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

### TARGETING THE WEAKEST LINK

Exploring design flexibility offered under BEPS



# **DESIGN FLEXIBILITY**

- Flexibility
- Responsibility
- Start with getting the building enclosure performing well
- Everything else is so much easier after that
- "Easier" = less cost and more options

### IMPACT OF WINDOWS ON BUILDING PERFORMANCE

### **PROJECT EXAMPLE**

- Mid-rise, MURB rehabilitation
- Window-to-wall ratio of roughly 2:1
- Overall building energy performance target of > R-8





Jervis Street Vancouver, BC

### **RUNNING PERFORMANCE NUMBERS**

ASSEMBLIES	F	R-Value (effective)	Area (%) 🔻	
Walls				
Windows				
ADD NEW ROW +				
	Results	area total>	0.00	
		Total U-value:	0.00 (imp)	0.00 (metri
		Total R-value:	Infinity (imp)	Infinity (met

### **DESIGN FLEXIBILITY**

- Exterior insulation yes or no?
- Mechanical system size; type
- A bigger home?
- Glazing area more?

### **GLAZING AREA - MORE**



# WHAT DOES INCREASED GLAZING AREA LOOK LIKE?

### **GLAZING AREA - MORE**



















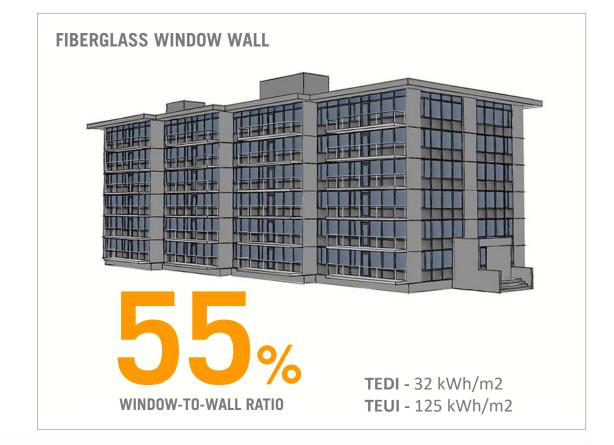












### UNDERSTANDING MODERN WINDOWS

Intro to high-performance fenestration options



### **TYPICAL WINDOW FRAMES**



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VINYL / UPVC

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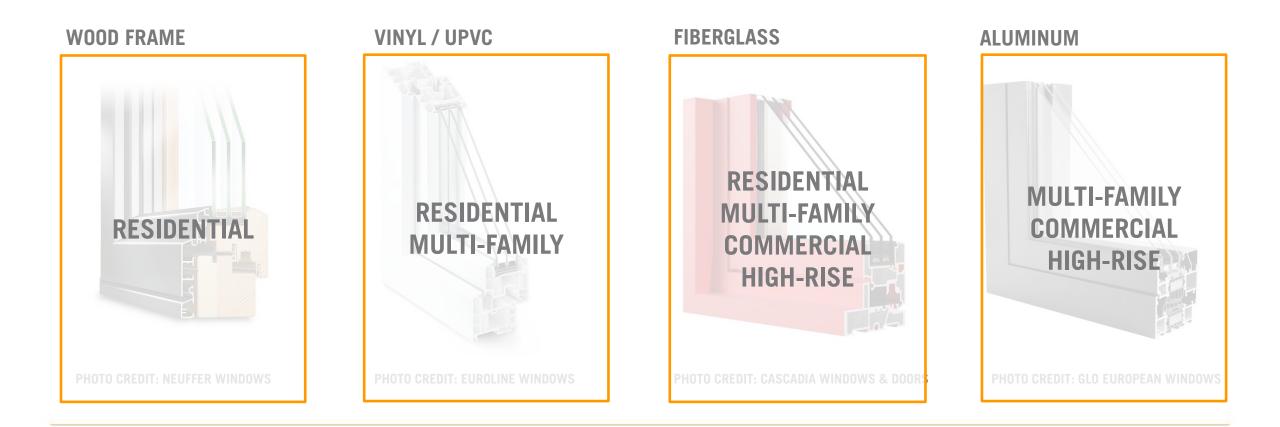
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ALUMINUM



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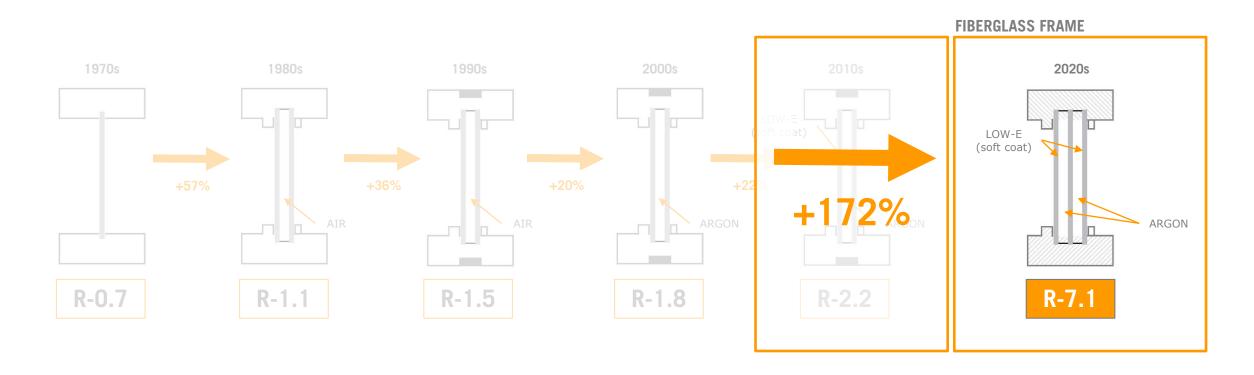
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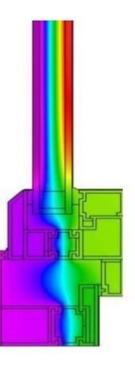


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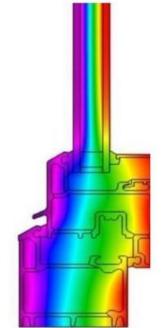


### **A HISTORY OF WINDOW PERFORMANCE**





THERMALLY BROKEN ALUMINUM FRAME



FIBERGLASS FRAME

85% IMPROVEMENT	
REDUCED HEAT LOSS	THROUGH WINDOWS
Low-E USING ACTUAL NFRC CERTIFIED U-VA Argon fill	



# 30-50%

of a building's heating & cooling energy is lost through windows



of a typical window areas is represented by the window frame

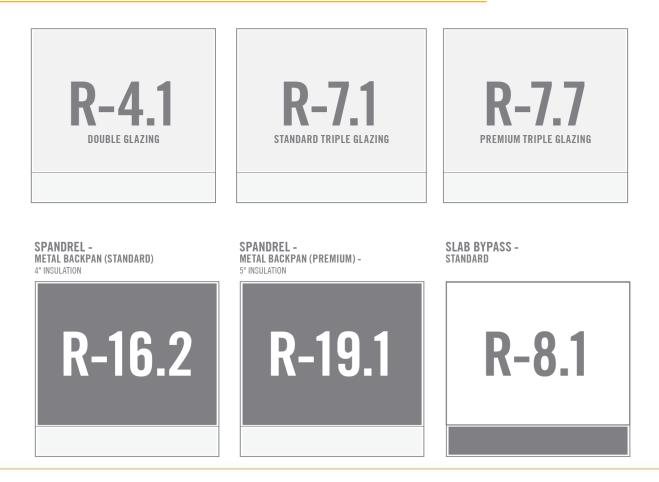
# BY IMPROVING THE FRAME, YOU IMPROVE THE OVERALL PERFORMANCE OF THE ENTIRE WINDOW

### HIGH-PERFORMANCE, COST-NEUTRAL

Cost-optimizing high-performance fenestration options

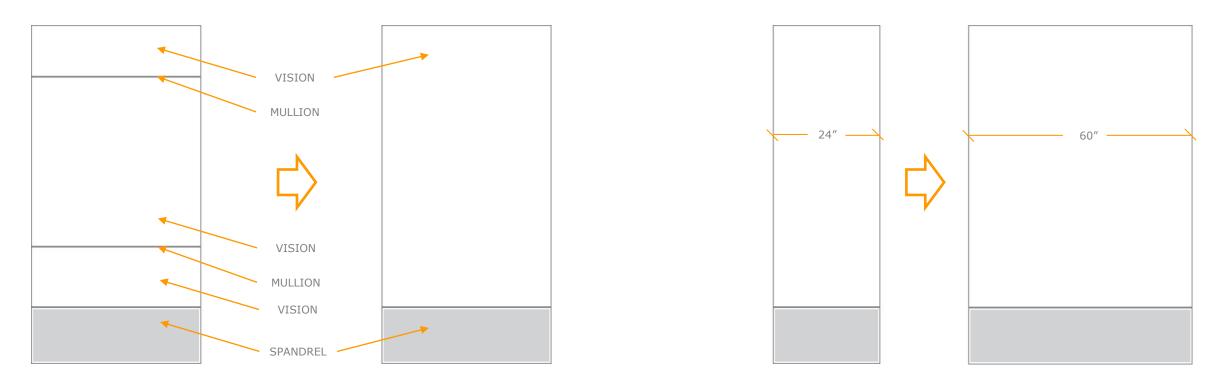


#### **HIGH-PERFORMANCE**



### FOR HIGH-PERFORMANCE WINDOWS

Cost savings options when designing window configurations?



#### **KEY TAKE-AWAYS**

**BC ENERGY STEP CODE & SEATTLE CODE UPDATE-2018 INVOLVES A WHOLE BUILDING APPROACH: ONE ENERGY USE LIMIT** 

THE PASSIVE ELEMENTS OF THE BUILDING ENCLOSURE OFFER THE MOST SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITY FOR COMPLIANCE

IMPROVE THE WEAKEST R-VALUE COMPONENTS TO MAKE THE BIGGEST WHOLE-BUILDING GAIN







### ABOUT CASCADIA WINDOWS & DOORS

# FIBERGLASS PUNCH WINDOWS & DOORS



# FIBERGLASS STRIP WINDOWS



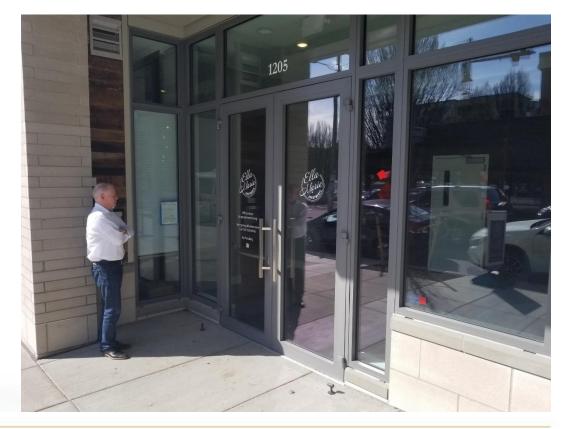




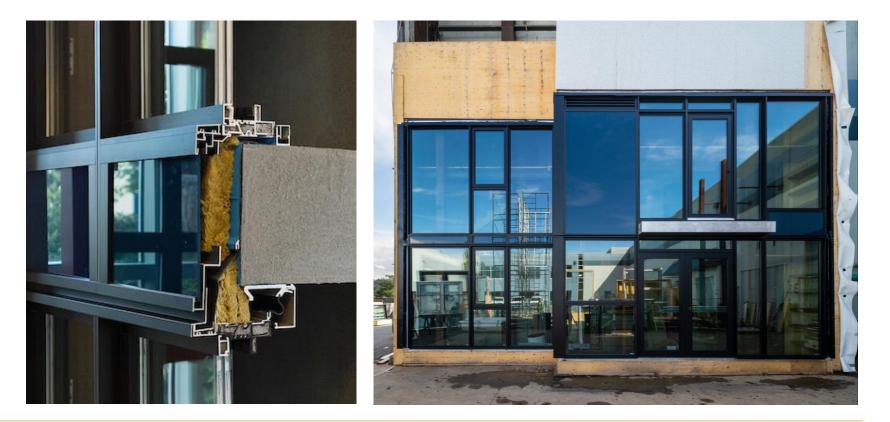
## FIBERGLASS Storefront Glazing







- Aller



# FIBERGLASS WINDOW WALL



### FIBERGLASS THERMAL SPACER – CASCADIA CLIP®



