

Lateral Bracing Policy October 22, 2010

Background:

Recently STANDATA 06-BCI-031 was released addressing lateral bracing of residential concrete foundation walls. The STANDATA document “Guidelines for Lateral Bracing of Residential Concrete Foundation Walls” (September 2009 Version, prepared for AHITC by Bearden Engineering Consultants) was approved as an acceptable guideline in place of project specific engineering, if foundations fall within the scope of the document.

Interpretation:

Upon further review of the Guidelines and discussion with industry, City of Lethbridge Building Inspection Services will **not** be enforcing the requirements of this guideline. This decision will be reviewed occasionally on an “as needed” basis.



Building Inspection Services ensures compliance with the Safety Codes Act and all related Building Codes, Standards and applicable By-laws. We work to safeguard the health and safety of Lethbridge residents through Building, Mechanical, Plumbing and Electrical permits and field inspections.