

RCCAO launches new construction podcast

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Vaughan, Ont. — The [Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario \(RCCAO\)](#) has launched the first of nine podcasts intended to cover critical issues in the Ontario construction sector.

The series is titled Conversations About Construction and is hosted by Dave Trafford, a broadcaster at Newstalk 1010 in Toronto.

The first podcast, entitled [Hallway Medicine – Cures for a Pending Crisis](#), features [StrategyCorp](#) senior advisor Michael Fenn, a former deputy minister for Ontario and founding CEO of the [Mississauga Halton Local Health Integration Network](#). Fenn and RCCAO board chairman and developer [Phil Rubinoff](#) will discuss ways to deal with overcrowding in hospitals. The podcast debuted June 29.

“We produced these podcasts to inform people about a cross-section of issues that pertain to the residential and civil construction sectors,” explained RCCAO executive director Andy Manahan in a statement. “Sometimes critical issues are not addressed by the mainstream media, but they are important to ensure the long-term well-being of Ontarians.

“For example, one of the discussions sheds light on why tall mass timber buildings are a cost-effective method of construction which also has environmental benefits.”

Fenn is the author of the report [Rx to Cure Hallway Medicine: Building Targeted Housing for Ontario's Seniors](#) that was commissioned by the RCCAO.

“The coronavirus pandemic has reinforced the basic message in our report,” stated Fenn. “Given the size of the Baby Boom generation, we need to find viable alternatives to relying on more long-term care and expanding hospitals. Investing in a wider range of housing options for seniors would be both good health care policy and good fiscal policy.”