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PRESENTATION FROM THE INSTITUTE FOR CATASTROPHIC LOSS REDUCTION (ICLR) CONCERNING EXTREME WIND RISK REDUCTION MEASURES FOR NEW BUILDS IN BARRIE.

Paul Kovacs, Founder and Executive Director, Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction, provided a presentation concerning the following topics:

- An overview of motion number 21-G-285 adopted by Barrie City Council in 2021;
- Statistics concerning the financial and other impacts resulting from the July 2021 tornado in the City of Barrie;
- Simple and low-cost adjustments that can reduce damage from an EF2 tornado;
- The minimal changes to construction practices over the past 35 years;
- Support for the City of Barrie's Chief Building Official submission to the Province of Ontario concerning proposed reforms to the Ontario Building Code;
- Encouraging the City of Barrie to express its support to the Province of Ontario for changes to the Ontario Building Code and request other municipalities to support these changes;
- The various prevention programs and mechanisms in place in other Canadian provinces and countries; and
- Support for implementation of a rebate or financial incentive program to outfit homes with wind protection straps or clips.