

OHBA **ACTIVITY** SUMMARY

This monthly Association summary is distributed to the OHBA Board of Directors as well as all local Presidents and Executive Officers



March 2007

HOT TOPICS

- Special Committee on Delayed Closings
- CA Liaison Committee
- Paul Cardis Seminar
- OHBA Housing and Condo Tours
- Brownfields Training
- Membership Database

DATES TO NOTE

- OHBA Board of Directors: March 7
- Provincial Legislature Resumes: March 19
- Federal Budget: March 19
- Greater Barrie Industry Luncheon: March 28
- Tarion Board of Directors: March 29
- GTHBA-UDI Industry Luncheon: April 13

TARION SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DELAYED CLOSINGS

OHBA's response to the Tarion Special Committee on Delayed Closings is available at www.ohba.ca. The OHBA and GTHBA-UDI Executives met extensively to establish a fair and balanced response to the proposed framework laid out by the Special Committee on Delayed Closings report. The findings will be reported in March. The Tarion Warranty Corporation Board of Directors will determine the next course of action.

CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES LIAISON COMMITTEE

OHBA has been invited to participate on a provincial Conservation Authority Liaison Committee to discuss Conservation Authority involvement in the development process. If you have specific examples of concerns with Conservation Authorities overstepping their responsibilities in the development process please contact Mike Collins-Williams at mikecw@ohba.ca

PAUL CARDIS SEMINAR – OHBA, GTHBA-UDI

On April 10th Paul Cardis will present 'Operations that Shine' at the Westin Prince Hotel. Paul Cardis of Avid Rating Co. is a partner to builders ranging from large publicly traded companies to smaller custom builders. Whether you are a small or large builder, Paul has a formula for you to succeed. Improve your pre-sales, sales, construction, closing and warranty follow-up processes. For more information, please visit www.ohba.ca or call 1-800-387-0109.

OHBA HOUSING AND CONDO TOURS

Circle your calendars for an upcoming condo tour on April 26th and a housing tour on June 14th. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

HOUSING ISSUES STATUS REPORT

Twice a year, the OHBA produces a status report on the major external provincial housing issues that are currently being addressed or monitored by the Ontario Home Builders' Association. For a copy of the March 2007 report, please contact OHBA at 1-800-387-0109 (report available March 7) or visit the website at www.ohba.ca.

NATIONAL BROWNFIELD ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES TRAINING

In conjunction with the Province of Ontario, NBA Canada is excited to announce the session "Making Brownfield Transactions Work!" Are you interested in minimizing cost and maximizing return on your next brownfield project? If so, this half-day session is for you!

This half-day interactive session has been designed to equip industry professionals with the practical knowledge to move these unique transactions forward.

Immediate offerings will be available on:

Wednesday March 21 Kitchener / Waterloo Wednesday March 28 Toronto

For a complete schedule, or to register, please visit:

http://www.brownfieldassociation.org/html_files/education.html

OHBA MEMBERSHIP DATABASE

OHBA has completed the testing of an on-line member database and is pleased to announce that the database is fully operational and now in service. This exciting new data portal will better connect Local Associations and OHBA easily allowing local EOs to manage their membership data using their internet browser. The new system will also simplify member record and payment transfer from the member to the local association to OHBA.

OHBA DIRECTORY

The Annual OHBA Membership Directory is currently being compiled. It contains a listing and contact information of every current member company in the association. The Membership Directory will be mailed directly to each member in April.

OHBA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2007

In 2007 OHBA will be headed to an all new destination in Collingwood for the 2007 Annual Conference in partnership with the Greater Barrie Home Builders' Association. The OHBA Annual Conference will be held September 25, 26 and 27, 2007.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 73,417 Housing Starts 2006
- 3.4% Ontario Vacancy Rate
- 194,619 Ontario Resales in 2006
- 4,020 OHBA Members (February 28, 2007)
- 4,133 Ontario Rental Starts 2006
- \$16.7 Billion Ontario 2006 Reno Spending

REMINDERS / AVAILABLE FROM OHBA

- ✓ Ontario Housing Issues Report: March 2007
- ✓ OHBA/GTHBA Delayed Closings Report
- ✓ OHB Magazine – Winter Issue
- ✓ How OHBA Works For You
- ✓ *New* Engine That Drives The Economy
- ✓ OHBA Pre-Budget Submission
- ✓ WSIB Mandatory Coverage Submission
- ✓ Summary of Building Code changes (Part 9)



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