



OHBA ACTIVITY Summary



Keeping Members Informed

MARCH 2010

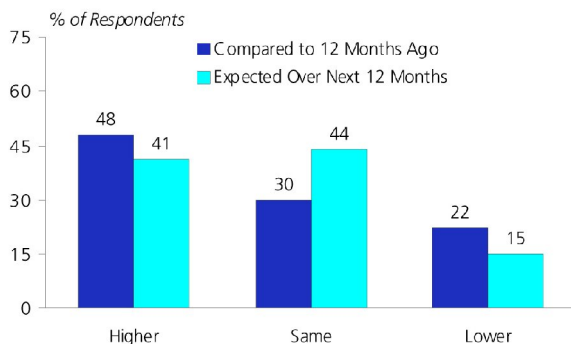
DATES TO NOTE

- March 2 – 7: CHBA Meetings and Conference Victoria, B.C.
- April 29: Renovators HST and Design Seminar
- May 13: OHBA/EnerQuality Green Housing Tour
- March 14 – 20: Spring Break
- May 5: OHBA Board of Directors Meeting

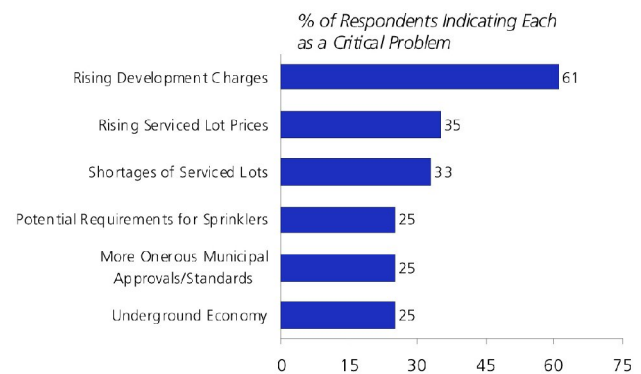
CHBA PULSE SURVEY RESULTS

CHBA released its Winter 2010 Pulse Survey in February. The survey found some significant changes from last year as consumer confidence is no longer the critical problem it was in 2009. Ontario renovators are generally positive about the economic conditions for 2010. However, there was widespread fear that the underground economy will only grow with the implementation of HST and other new regulatory burdens. Home builders identify rising development charges as the most critical issue this year, followed by rising serviced lot prices and shortages of serviced lots.

Change in Renovation Activity Ontario



Top Problems for New Home Builders Ontario



ENERQUALITY AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Industry professionals and builders gathered at the 2009 EnerQuality Awards of Excellence ceremony held at Blue Mountain Village on February 5th. These awards recognize leaders in construction who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to building high-performance and energy-efficient housing.

Green Builder of the Year	Mason Homes
Leaders of the Year	- George Smitherman - BILD
EnerQuality's R-2000 Builder of the Year	Gordon Tobey Developments Ltd.
Best Green Marketing Campaign and Building Innovation & Excellence Award	Monarch Corporation
Energy Star for New Homes Builder of the Year	Mason Homes
Best Green Sales Team	Mason Homes
Industry Partner of the Year	Union Gas
EnerGuide Rating Service Builder of the Year Award	Mountainview Homes



PROVINCIAL POPULATION CHANGES

The most recent data from Statistics Canada shows that Ontario's population growth over the past five years is occurring faster in larger urban areas.

GROWTH TRENDS IN LARGER ONTARIO URBAN AREAS, 2005 - 2009

Urban Area	Population in 2005	Population in 2009	Difference	Percentage Change
Barrie	181,213	190,400	9,187	+5.1
Brantford	134,359	137,663	3,304	+2.5
Greater Sudbury	162,981	165,322	2,341	+1.4
Guelph	130,957	135,863	4,906	+3.7
Hamilton	713,545	739,415	25,870	+3.6
Kingston	157,895	160,723	2,828	+1.8
Kitchener-Waterloo	463,490	489,054	25,564	+5.5
London	472,474	489,274	16,800	+3.6
Oshawa	337,766	361,375	23,609	+7.0
Ottawa	873,807	919,258	45,451	+5.2
Peterborough	119,932	121,428	1,496	+1.2
St. Catharines-Niagara	402,528	404,378	1,850	+0.5
Thunder Bay	128,282	124,816	-3,466	-2.7
Toronto	5,250,163	5,623,450	373,287	+7.1
Windsor	335,393	331,537	-3,856	-1.1
Ontario	12,528,500	13,069,200	540,700	+4.3

Source: Statistics Canada, Compiled by CHBA

MINISTRY OF LABOUR CRACKDOWN ON FALL SAFETY

The Ministry of Labour began a heightened enforcement campaign on falls on January 11. The purpose of the campaign is to have all construction inspectors in the province focus on all fall hazards found on construction projects. Inspectors will use a zero tolerance approach for contraventions found.

WASTE DIVERSION REGULATIONS

The Ministry of the Environment has engaged the construction and demolition sectors regarding potential changes to Ontario's waste diversion framework. The province plans to direct more construction and demolition waste from landfills with a focus on extended producer responsibility. OHBA provided comments in a February 2010 submission in response to a public consultation on: *From Waste to Worth: The Role of Waste Diversion in a Green Economy*.

OHBA's comments are available from Mike Collins-Williams – mikecw@ohba.ca

OHBA AWARDS OF DISTINCTION

OHBA Awards of Distinction categories are being revised. The awards will be presented at the OHBA Conference at Caesars Windsor, September 21st 2010. The submission criteria and new categories will be online at www.ohbaod.ca this spring. Stay tuned for details!

REMINDERS / AVAILABLE FROM OHBA

- ✓ Altus Group – HST and Renovation Report
- ✓ Ontario Housing Issues Status Report: Fall 2009
- ✓ OHBA Conservation Authorities Submission
- ✓ OHBA Affordable Housing Submission
- ✓ OHBA Pre-Budget Submission
- ✓ OHBA Health and Safety Bulletin
- ✓ YOUR VOICE – How OHBA Works For You
- ✓ OHBA Waste Diversion Submission



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