DATES TO NOTE

 September 22-24: OHBA's Annual Conference, 50th Anniversary and Awards of Distinction

August 2013

PROVINCE WILL REQUIRE MANDATORY QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONDOMINIUM MANAGERS

The <u>Ministry of Consumer Services announced</u> that it is working to introduce mandatory qualifications for condominium managers, the first of several anticipated changes to emerge from the province's review of the Condominium Act.

As part of the review, an expert group representing condominium owners, residents and industry is looking at what mandatory qualifications for condominium managers should be, and how an independent, regulatory authority to oversee licensing and standards would be set up. The group will be providing its report to government by the end of summer 2013. OHBA has been an active stakeholder throughout the review process continuing to advocate on behalf of consumers to promote affordability and choice.

OHBA will continue to educate the Ministry through the consultative process to advocate that blanket regulations that cover all types of condos may not be appropriate considering the diversity of building types in the condominium sector. When drafting policies and regulations around condo manager qualifications the Ministry should have consideration for smaller, self-managed condominium corporations with more modest budgets in addition to builder-led property management of the condominium prior to turnover.

NEW ENDANGERED SPECIES REGULATIONS

On May 31st, the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) made improvements to the implementation of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in response to feedback received from the public, stakeholders and organizations including OHBA. The simplified rules include OHBA supported industry specific transition provisions and a rules-in-regulation approach that applies a risk-based approach to move away from the detailed review and approval of site specific activities. The Ministry of Natural Resources subsequently provided detailed overviews of the changes to OHBA members at two information sessions in early July held in conjunction with the Greater Ottawa HBA and BILD – members are encouraged to download a copy of the MNR presentation to OHBA.

You can learn more about the regulatory changes and associated implementation tools through the following MNR information sources and a new species at risk website:

- The new regulation O.Reg. 176/13, which amends existing regulation O.Reg. 242/08, was filed on May 31, 2013 and can be found on e-Laws at the following link: http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca.
- OHBA Builder Advocate on the Endangered Species Act
- New MNR Species at Risk website & toolbox resources for developers
- New online MNR resources specific for planners, developers and resource professionals
- New MNR online approvals and Fact Sheets that describe the regulatory changes

MINISTRY OF LABOUR ENFORCEMENT BLITZ

The Ministry of Labour is targeting safety hazards involving sloped roofing at construction projects. The enforcement initiative begins August 1st and will take place over two months. Inspectors will focus on fall hazards, fall protection training and setup, use of ladders, heat stress and materials hazards that can lead to musculoskeletal

disorders. Click Here to learn more about the enforcement measures for construction.

OHBA HOUSING ISSUES

Earlier this summer, OHBA published the bi-annual Housing Issues Status Report that outlines the current legislative and regulatory issues and challenges facing the residential construction industry — an industry that employs more than 320,000 people in the province and contributes over \$43 billion annually to Ontario's economy. The home building, land development and professional renovation industry is proud of its contributions to the economy and to the creation of complete and healthy communities. The Housing Issues Status Report is your source for the most up-to-date information of current provincial issues impacting the industry and OHBA's advocacy efforts on behalf of our members and local associations.



OHBA'S INTENSIFICATION HOUSING TOUR

On July 23rd builders and sales and marketing professionals from across Ontario, including members from Kingston, Barrie, Niagara, Kitchener and Hamilton, joined OHBA for its *Intensification Housing Tour* which focused on stacked townhomes and condos in the Etobicoke area. Hosted by Cedar Point Real Estate Corp. President, and Chair of OHBA's Sales and Marketing Committee, Richard Luciani, the housing tour explored two condo projects and two stacked townhouse projects with each concept affording a variety of suite configurations to suit different residents' needs. The tour group began its morning by visiting Minto's *South Shore* Stack Towns project and Empire Communities *Eau Du Soleil* Condos. Following lunch at the Islington Golf Club, sponsored by Fortress Real Developments, the group visited Remington Homes' *IQ* Condos and Cityzen/Fernbrook Homes' *W&E* Stacked Towns. Well attended and informative, the intensification housing tour was a huge success.



Visit our Facebook page for photos from the tour and stay tuned for announcements regarding future tours.

AMM RESOLUTIONS

OHBA has produced a 2012-2013 Resolutions Update package that is a <u>status report of the resolutions</u> approved at the September 24, 2012 OHBA Annual Meeting of Members in Collingwood. OHBA invites and encourages local associations to submit resolutions to the 2013 OHBA Annual Meeting of Members at 9:00 a.m. on Monday September 23rd at the Niagara Fallsview Casino. **Please submit resolutions to OHBA by Friday, August 30th**, this will enable us to circulate the material to all local associations for their review in early September, prior to the OHBA AMM. Our 30 local associations have a voice in the policies and priorities of our organization. Please provide us with your input.

OHBA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2013 - CELEBRATING 50 YEARS!

The OHBA Annual Conference and Awards of Distinction are just around the corner and we can't wait to welcome you to the Niagara Fallsview Casino to celebrate with us! This year marks OHBA's 50th Anniversary and we've kicked it into high gear in order to provide the best programming and activities to our locals and members – after all, our success as an association is based on the support and hard work of our network. We have some incredible business sessions planned that will provide insights into the 'ins and outs' of the industry, will give you a sneak peek at some of the new tools and technologies that are available and will provide you the opportunity to mix and mingle with political figures and industry professionals alike. The three-day event will culminate in the much anticipated James Bond themed Awards of Distinction Gala.



Speakers include:

Ontario PC Leader Tim Hudak Ramsin Khachi, CTV's design and décor expert Mike Strange, Olympic Boxer EnerQuality's new program And More!

Tickets are selling out fast and this is one event you don't want to miss! To register please visit: www.ohbaconference.ca.

BETTER BUILT HOMES FORUM: REGISTER NOW FOR EARLY-BIRD PRICING!

On October 31st EnerQuality is hosting a one-day technical builder forum and manufacturer tradeshow at the Old Mill Toronto. The Better Built Homes Forum will be an interactive day packed with practical sessions that will help prepare builders for the next generation of housing programs, future code changes and beyond. This event is a must to examine the future of home building in Ontario!

Highlights this year include:

- Speakers Dr. John Straube, Building Science Corporation and Gord Cooke, Building Knowledge
- Building for the future: building and marketing Net-Zero Energy Homes
- Interactive breakout sessions with leading building science experts that will help builders determine practical building solutions
- Best practices and case studies for the most common high performance building issues
- Advanced technology discussions and manufacturer tradeshow

HBA-member early-bird pricing ends August 30th so register today! For more information on the event or to register please visit www.enerquality.ca or contact Amina at 416-447-0077 or amina@enerquality.ca.

