



OHBA ACTIVITY Summary

Keeping Members Informed

DATES TO NOTE

- July 17: OHBA Health & Safety Meeting
- July 23: Stacked Townhouse and Condo Tour
- September 22-24: OHBA's Annual Conference, 50th Anniversary

JULY 2013

PROVINCE RELEASES GROWTH PLAN AMENDMENT #2: POPULATION & EMPLOYMENT FORECASTS

On June 14th the Minister of Infrastructure released Amendment 2 to the [Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2006](#). The amendment extends population and employment forecasts for the Growth Plan to 2036 and 2041. New figures are provided for 2031, however the original 2031 forecasts (referred to as 2031A in the amendment) are to continue to be utilized for all upper- and single-tier municipal official plans, including amendments of requests for an amendment commenced on or after June 16, 2006, but before June 17, 2013. Further details on transition policies are contained in the links.

OHBA is supportive of the Amendment #2 that confirms that the Greater Golden Horseshoe will continue to grow at a strong rate in the decades ahead. OHBA strongly advocated for the release of the 2041 population and employment forecasts and provided a joint submission with BILD to the Ministry of Infrastructure in February supporting the release of the growth plan amendment ([OHBA-BILD Submission](#)). The Ministry of Infrastructure consulted on the forecast methodology and the forecast numbers extensively with OHBA and BILD including consultation with association members at a joint OHBA/BILD Land Development/Land Council meeting in June 2012 and at the OHBA Builders' Council in February 2013.

NEW ENDANGERED SPECIES REGULATIONS

On May 31, 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 industry specific transition provisions and a rules in regulation approach, which includes registering with MNR that applies a risk-based approach to move away from the detailed review and approval of site specific activities. 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](#)
- [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](#)
- The ESA Panel report and the recommendations are available at : mnr.gov.on.ca













JULY 23: OHBA STACKED TOWNHOUSE AND CONDO TOUR

The OHBA Stacked Housing Tour is coming up on July 23rd and will be exploring the region of Etobicoke. Hosted by OHBA's Sales and Marketing Committee Chair, Richard Luciani, this tour will be a fantastic opportunity to explore new innovation in stacked townhouse communities – the tour will also visit a few condo sites. Stacked townhouses will be the next wave of development in the Greater Golden Horseshoe as builders and developers increase densities to comply with Places to Grow Growth Plan.

The tour group will also enjoy a delicious lunch at the Islington Golf Course. To learn more and [to register](#), please contact OHBA or visit us online at: www.ohba.ca.

COLLEGE OF TRADES RATIO REVIEWS

The College of trades Ratio Review Panel has completed rulings addressing the journeyman-to-apprentice ratio for several compulsory and voluntary trades in construction. OHBA has made oral and written submissions for all trades that are involved in residential construction. In our submissions we argued that moving to a 1:1 would provide more apprenticeship opportunities for young people entering the trades.

TRADE	CURRENT RATIO	PROPOSED PANEL FINDINGS	
Architectural Glass and Metal Technician	1:1, 2:1	1:1, 2:1	
Construction Boilermaker	1:1, 3:1	1:1, 3:1	
Heat and Frost insulator	1:1, 3:1	1:1, 3:1	
Brick and Stone Mason	1:1, 3:1	1:1, 2:1	
Construction Millwright	1:1, 4:1	1:1, 3:1	
Ironworker	1:1, 2:1	1:1, 2:1	
Painter and Decorator	1:1, 2:2, 3:2, 4:2, 5:3, 6:3,...	1:1, 2:2, 3:2, 4:2, 5:3, 6:3,...	
*Plumber	1:1, 3:1	1:1, 2:1	
*Refrigeration and air conditioning systems mechanic	1:1, 3:1	1:1, 2:1	
*Residential Air Conditioning Systems Mechanic	1:1, 3:1	1:1, 2:1	
*Residential low rise sheet metal installer	1:1, 3:1	1:1, 3:1	
*Sheet Metal Worker	1:1, 3:1	1:1, 2:1	

*Refers to a compulsory trade

CONSULTATION LAUNCHED ON QUALIFICATIONS FOR HOME INSPECTORS

The province has launched consultations on proposed standards for home inspectors in Ontario. According to the Ministry of Consumer Services, the home inspection market has experienced significant growth recently with over 100,000 home inspections performed annually in Ontario. OHBA will be participating in the consultations as home inspections often interact with the Tarion Warranty process as well as the renovator community.

OHBA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2013 – CELEBRATING 50 YEARS!

The OHBA annual conference preparations are kicking into high gear and we getting more and more excited to welcome you all to Niagara for our 50th Anniversary celebration, conference and Awards! We have been working hard to develop a great schedule for you so this is once event you don't want to miss out on.

Speakers include:

- Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne
- Ontario PC Leader Tim Hudak
- Ramsin Khachi, CTV's design and décor expert
- Mike Strange, Inspirational Speaker
- EnerQuality's new program
- And More!



To register please visit: www.ohbaconference.ca .



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