



OHBA ACTIVITY Summary

Keeping Members Informed

DATES TO NOTE

- November 15: College of Trades Roundtable & OHBA Board of Directors
- November 23: OHBA Land Development Committee (Toronto)
- December 3: OHBA Land Development Committee (Burlington)

NOVEMBER 2012

2013 WSIB PREMIUM RATES ANNOUNCED

The WSIB has announced premium rates for 2013. The maximum insurable earnings ceiling for 2013 is \$83,200. This is an increase of 1.8% from \$81,700 in 2012. Changes to the Maximum Insurable Earnings Ceiling are directly linked to changes in average earnings in Ontario as measured by Statistics Canada, and provisions under the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Act*. The premium rate amount has increased 2.5% across-the-board for all rate groups. WSIB has also announced a new rate for non-exempt partners and executive officers in construction. This category was created because of the new requirements created as a result of Bill 119, Mandatory WSIB Coverage. For more details on the exemption and who will need to be covered, visit: www.beregisteredbeready.ca

Rate Group	Description	2013 Premium Rate (\$)	2012 Premium Rate (\$)
723	Industrial, Commercial & Institutional Construction	4.55	4.44
728	Roofing	14.80	14.44
732	Heavy Civil Construction	7.03	6.86
737	Millwrighting And Welding	6.90	6.73
741	Masonry	12.70	12.39
748	Form Work And Demolition	18.31	17.86
751	Siding And Outside Finishing	10.25	10.00
755*	Non-Exempt Partners and Executive Officers in Construction	0.21	N/A
764	Homebuilding	9.10	8.88

OHBA DEVELOPMENT CHARGES SEMINAR - DECEMBER 3

The OHBA Land Development Committee will be hosting a special Development Charges Seminar at 10:00 on December 3rd at the Holiday Inn Conference Centre in Burlington. Members attending will receive a primer from industry experts on how development charges are calculated and what key factors should be reviewed when municipalities prepare their DC by-law. They will also receive information and education to help better understand how DCs work and how to better advocate industry positions.

OHBA's expert DC panel will include:

- Audrey Jacob, IBI Group
- Gary Scandlan, Watson & Associates Economist Ltd
- Craig Binning, Hemson Consulting Ltd.

OHBA's volunteer member panel will include:

- Adi Irani - Hamilton-Halton HBA - A.J. Clarke & Associates
- Peter Armbruster - Waterloo Region HBA - Activa Group
- Jon Whyte - Niagara HBA - Mountainview Homes
- Kevin Fergin - Brantford HBA - Stantec

PROVINCIAL POLICY STATEMENT: LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) is the statement of the government's policies on land use planning. The Provincial Government is in the process of reviewing and updating the PPS. OHBA has been very involved in this process and has participated on two Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing working groups as well as providing a written submission of recommendations.

The Provincial Government has subsequently released draft policy statements for additional consultation. OHBA will be hosting representatives from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for an industry consultation at the OHBA Land Development Committee meeting on Friday November 23rd at 2:00 at the Westin Prince Hotel (900 York Mills Road, Toronto). OHBA strongly encourages members to attend and provide direct industry input to the government.

The draft policy document is available from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - OHBA is seeking input from members and local associations to incorporate into the OHBA submission – feedback from members to support OHBA's advocacy efforts would be most appreciated. Please send comments or RSVP for the November 23rd Land Development Committee to OHBA Director of Policy, Mike Collins-Williams: mikecw@ohba.ca

RENOMARK LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

Say hello to the new and improved renomark.ca – home of the national RenoMark™ program, which was officially launched last week.

BILD started the RenoMark™ program back in 2001 to help GTA homeowners find professional renovators online. It has since grown to a national scale and is currently administered across eight provinces in more than 38 regional areas. OHBA has purchased licenses for all provincial local associations to use the brand.

The new website features a modern, simplified design that fully integrates social media, allowing visitors to find professional RenoMark™ renovators, read tips on the renovation process and download the RenoGuide – the complete guide to a successful renovation.

To see the new design, visit www.renomark.ca.



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