



OHBA ACTIVITY Summary

Keeping Members Informed

DATES TO NOTE

- November 19: OHBA's Queen's Park Day
- November 26: [MOECC Workshop](#)
- May 4: President's and Executive Officer's Day and Industry Leaders Dinner

November 2014

OHBA AT QUEEN'S PARK

Annually, OHBA organizes a Queen's Park Advocacy Day for the OHBA Board and MPPs. This is a great opportunity to meet with MPPs from local areas and bring ideas and issues forward.

The day allows OHBA to make that face-to-face connection and build relationships with local representatives through a series of meetings and an evening reception.



GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES REVIEW OF COLLEGE OF TRADES

As promised in their election campaign platform, the government has announced a review of the Ontario College of Trades. OHBA issued a [media release](#) responding to the announcement with our expectation that the consultative process will visit communities outside of Toronto in order to provide a complete perspective of the apprenticeship and skilled trades system in Ontario. The Review will be led by Tony Dean, who was the Secretary of the Cabinet and Head of the Ontario Public Service. In 2010, Dean [led a review](#) of Ontario's Occupational Health and Safety Act.

As part of the review of OCOT, there will be no compulsory certification reviews during the consultation period. This means a review of the 'general carpenter trade' which includes renovators is on hold. OHBA has been an active stakeholder group on this file and we will continue to take a leadership role in providing policy recommendations that promote careers in the skilled trades and increase apprenticeship opportunities.

According to the terms of reference, the review is expected to take a year, with a final report submitted to the Minister no later than October 2015.

As the review begins, OHBA will be publishing a regular newsletter, "College of Trades Report" which will update members on our advocacy work and ways members can engage the review to have their voice heard.

[Click Here](#) for the OCOT Review Terms of Reference and the government's media release.

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE WORKSHOP

OHBA and BILD are pleased to host a Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) educational workshop for home builders, land developers and consultants focused on a number of regulatory and approvals processes. The workshop will provide an overview of the Environmental Compliance Approval process and the Brownfield program to assist with future approval applications. This will be an opportunity to learn about the MOECC Modernization initiative, as well as providing clarity about the Approval programs. In addition, this workshop will introduce you to the potential regulatory changes with respect to Permits To Take Water, as well as an e-learning module on the new electronic Environmental Compliance Approvals (eECA).

The workshop also includes a lunch presentation sponsored by Stantec: De-Mystifying the Risk Assessment Process and Demonstrate there is some flexibility in the regulatory process. Parking, lunch, and information hand-outs are included in the workshop fee.

Moderators:

Douglas Stewart: Stantec (OHBA Land Development Committee Chair)
Cheryl Shindruk: Geranium Homes (BILD Executive)

When: Wednesday, November 26, 2014

Location: [Lion Head Golf and Country Club](#)

Time: 9:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

Workshop Fee (*please register no later than November 21, 2014*):

OHBA Member Fee: \$79 + HST

Government: \$79 + HST

Non-member: \$99 + HST

[Click here](#) to access the registration page.

Workshop Presentations Include:

- Environmental Compliance Approvals Process
- Transfer of Review Process
- Brownfield Redevelopment and Records of Site Conditions
- Pilot Program: System-wide ECA for Halton's Burlington Skyway Sewer System
- Permits to Take Water
- E-learning Module on Electronic ECAs

REMINDER! ONTARIO BUILDING CODE AMENDMENTS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015

An amendment to the OBC was released in December 2013, including updated references and barrier-free design (accessibility) requirements effective **January 1, 2015**:

- Requirements for all smoke alarms in all buildings, including houses, to include a visual component.
- Updated 2012 CSA standard (F280) for heating and cooling load calculations.
- Requirements for visual fire alarms to be installed in all public corridors of multi-unit residential buildings and in all multi-unit residential suites.

Click on the link to access the full [MMAH CodeNews](#). The 2012 Building Code can also be viewed free online at [E-Laws](#).

2012 OBC CHANGE: BEST PRACTICE – EXTENSION OF SEWER LATERALS AS PROVIDED BY THE ONTARIO CONCRETE AND DRAIN CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION (OCDCA)

The OPIA and the OCDCA strongly support the 1.5 meter best practice extensions of sewer laterals.

The 2012 Ontario Building Code, which came into effect January 1, 2014, recognizes sewer lateral extensions:

Division A - 1.4.1.2. Defined Terms: *Sewer lateral extension* means the portion of a storm building sewer or sanitary building sewer that extends from the public sewer up to 1.5 m into the property.

Division B - 7.3.6.1. Tests and Inspection of Drainage or Venting Systems: (6) A *sewer lateral extension* need not be tested and inspected if the sewer lateral extension was constructed, tested and inspected at the time of the installation of the public sewer.

The main purpose of extending the laterals is safety. The unstable ground at the lot line is subject to cave-ins, placing anyone working in the trench in danger. Although not as high a priority as the aforementioned threat to life, it is also advantageous to extend the sewer laterals to prevent costly damage to other services also located right at the property line (gas, hydro, cable etc.). Furthermore, it can give the inspectors a level of comfort knowing they are not asking someone to go into a possible unsafe trench condition to perform the required tests.

The sewer lateral extensions are to be extended 1.5 meters onto the private property by the sewer and water main contractor and are to be inspected and tested at this time in conjunction with the public sewer. As per Sentence 7.3.6.1. (6), there is no need for a municipality to issue permits or conduct tests for the sewer lateral extensions.

OPIA and OCDCA's Best Practice:

The purpose of this article is to achieve uniformity throughout Ontario regarding the extension of sewer laterals 1.5 meters beyond the property line in new subdivisions. Currently, several municipalities have adopted the OCDCA's "Best Practice – Extension of Sewer Laterals".

To achieve uniformity in Ontario municipalities, and to prevent possible cross connections between the storm and sanitary sewers, OPIA recommends as part of the "Best Practice" program, that white pipe be installed for storm and any other colour for sanitary. Most municipalities are currently using this colour code system.

PARLIAMENTARY ASSISTANT MANDATE LETTERS

For the first time ever, the Ontario Government has publically posted the 2014-15 Mandate letters each Minister wrote to their Parliamentary Assistant(s), outlining key priorities for the year ahead. To review the mandate letters, please see the link: <http://www.ontario.ca/government/parliamentary-assistant-mandate-letters-2014-15>

Yesterday, OHBA released a Builder Advocate with further details and policy updates regarding the key issues contained in the mandate letters that will impact OHBA members.

OHBA SEEKS SAVE-THE-DATE: OHBA PRESIDENT'S AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S DAY AND INDUSTRY LEADERS DINNER

The OHBA Industry Leaders' Dinner and President's and Executive Officer's Day will be held on May 4, 2015 this year at the International Convention Centre. Please save the date in your calendar.

Note: If you require accommodations for the event please contact Sajida Jiwani at 416-443-1545 or sjiwani@ohba.ca.

TORONTO WOOD SOLUTIONS FAIR – NOVEMBER 25, 2014

Register today for the Toronto Wood Solutions Fair! Admission is **FREE** when you pre-register by November 18, 2014.

On January 1, 2015 the Ontario Building Code will permit the construction of mid-rise wood-frame buildings throughout the province. The Wood Solutions Fair is your opportunity to equip yourself with the tools and knowledge necessary to begin implementing this innovative and affordable building practice. The Fair is a one-day educational event that focuses on wood products and their use in construction. Suppliers and technical experts are on hand to answer your questions about wood. You will be able to apply "on the job" what you've learned from the seminars and the information you will take with you.

[Click here](#) to be directed to online registration or go to the event information page on our website for more details including the program schedule, presentation abstracts and speaker bios: wood-works.ca/ontario/wsf

Date: Tuesday, November 25, 2015

Location: Metro Convention Centre

Pre-Register by Tuesday, November 18, 2014 for FREE admission.



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