

Ontario Home Builders Ready to Work with Premier Wynne

TORONTO January 27, 2013 – The Ontario Home Builders' Association (OHBA) congratulates Kathleen Wynne on her election as the new leader of the Ontario Liberal Party and Ontario's 25th Premier of Ontario.

"OHBA has a long and productive history with Premier Wynne," said Joe Vaccaro, COO of OHBA. "Premier Wynne, in her various roles as Minister, has always found time to meet with OHBA and discuss issues of mutual concern. We welcome Premier Wynne's plan to govern and believe that in order to build a stronger Ontario we must have a healthy economy and a stable government. We look forward to continued communication and dialogue with the Premier."

OHBA's past President, Doug Tarry, and current President, Leith Moore, were among the first among industry leaders to meet with the Premier following her appointment as the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

It was just over a year ago that Premier Wynne served as the keynote speaker at OHBA's 2012 Annual Industry Leaders' Dinner, addressing over 300 industry leaders as the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

"Together we worked to update the Ontario Building Code and explore opportunities to improve Ontario's land-use planning system," said Vaccaro who added, "OHBA is ready and eager to work on these and other issues including the College of Trades and fighting the underground economy."

OHBA will continue working with the Premier to build a stronger economy, improve infrastructure across the province and deliver necessary transit across Ontario while focusing on improving housing affordability and choice.

The Ontario Home Builders' Association is the voice of the residential construction industry in Ontario representing 4,000 member companies organized into 30 local associations across the province. The industry contributes over \$42 billion to Ontario's economy, employing more than 325,000 people across the province.

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