



OHBA ACTIVITY Summary

Keeping Members Informed

July 2018

DATES TO NOTE

- August 13 – Awards of Distinction finalists announced
- August 13 – AOD People's Choice Award voting begins

After the Election - All MPPs Should Still Be #homebelievers

Ontario has a new majority Progressive Conservative government under Premier Doug Ford. OHBA has been actively engaged with his campaign and team – including an unexpected gathering in Sudbury with OHBA Executive Louie Zagordo at a campaign stop in Sudbury a few weeks ago. Doug Ford also joined OHBA at the BILD Chair's event in January just after he had announced entering the PC leadership race.

Along with directly engaging the Ford Campaign team, OHBA has been out engaging candidates from all parties through the #homebeliever campaign.

To date, 40 elected MPPs support the #homebeliever pledge – 23 of them PC MPPs – and another 40 PC MPPs have been directly engaged by the OHBA #homebeliever team.

The #homebeliever campaign does not end here – we will be working over the summer to meet with as many PC MPPs – to re-engage them because we believe that – **ALL MPPs should be #homebelievers.**

Locals are encouraged to continue to have members and the public sign the #homebeliever pledge.

OHBA will provide a full update at the OHBA Board meeting on June 28. In the meantime, we expect Premier Ford to announce his Cabinet on June 29, and OHBA will begin the process of providing policy advice on a number of key housing and development issues the industry has been raising for many years.



Draft Guidance to Support Implementation of the Growth Plan

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs released two draft technical guidance documents for consultation prior to the election intended to help municipalities implement the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017. The documents are intended to guide municipalities in the region when they carry out the municipal comprehensive review process, and reach the Growth Plan's intensification and density targets. On June 19, [OHBA responded with a number of concerns](#) in a submission to the Ministry.

The first draft guidance document is the [Draft Technical Guidance on the Application of the Intensification and Density Targets](#). Municipalities are required to plan for five types of targets, where applicable. The second draft guidance document is the [Draft Technical Guidance on the Municipal Comprehensive Review Process](#). The municipal comprehensive review ("MCR") is a process that upper- and single-tier municipalities use to ensure their official plans conform with the policies in the Growth Plan.

Wetlands Offsetting

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) finalized the [Wetland Conservation Strategy for Ontario 2017-2030](#) in July 2018, which included the OHBA supported mitigation hierarchy and biodiversity offsetting. OHBA was subsequently appointed by the MNRF onto a "Wetlands Offsetting Working Group" to inform the development of a wetland offsetting policy as a component of a mitigation sequence in Ontario. The Panel met five times between January and May 2018. Despite the relatively short timelines, general consensus was achieved on more than 30 recommendations for the development of a wetland offsetting policy for Ontario. These recommendations "[Report of the Wetland Conservation Strategy Advisory Panel](#)" is available on the OHBA website.

GreenON Update

Premier-Elect Doug Ford has scrapped the GreenON program as part of the PCPO commitment to end Ontario's cap-and-trade program, which funded GreenON and a number of other initiatives. The GreenON rebates previously included: air source heat pumps, ground source heat pumps, insulation, windows, solar and smart thermostats. If you (or a consumer) has already signed up for a rebate, it will be honoured if you have a signed work agreement with a participating contractor for work that will be completed by August 31, 2018 and/or your rebate application is submitted by September 30, 2018.

OHBA 2018 International Housing and Study Tour



Earlier this June, a small group of OHBA members traveled to the Netherlands for the annual OHBA International Housing Study Tour. We spent two days in Amsterdam visiting new communities being developed in the Eastern Docklands and the artificial islands of IJburg as well as visiting The Edge, which is the greenest building in the world, according to British rating agency BREEAM. The tour continued to RijswijkBuiten by one of Europe's largest builders, VolkerWessel, which is an energy neutral suburban development, just outside of The Hague. The tour concluded with a couple of nights in Rotterdam visiting innovative architectural firm MVRDV's office and incredible mixed-use Markthal development (pictured) and a large-scale Net Zero Energy (NZE) retrofit project of a low-rise social housing site by Energiesprong utilizing prefabricated panelized building systems.

OHBA would like to thank our Housing Tour partner EnerQuality, major tour sponsors Cricket Energy and Ozz Electric, as well as a site visit sponsor Sustainable Buildings Canada and lunch sponsor Building Knowledge Canada. Thank you again to our tour delegates – photos from the tour will be available shortly on the OHBA website.

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