



OHBA ACTIVITY Summary

Keeping Members Informed

September 2018

DATES TO NOTE

- September 24 – Annual Meeting of Members (OHBA Conference, Ottawa)

New Cabinet

Ontario has a new majority Progressive Conservative government under Premier Doug Ford. OHBA has already corresponded directly with all Cabinet Ministers who have important files directly impacting the land development, new housing and professional renovation industries. As the most heavily regulated and one of the most significantly taxed industries in the province, it is incredible how many different Ministerial portfolios have an impact on our industry and on our consumers.

OHBA has also already met directly with a number of Cabinet Ministers and MPPs this summer with additional meetings scheduled in August. The most important Minister in Cabinet for OHBA is the new Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark with whom OHBA President Pierre Dufresne and OHBA Director of Policy Mike Collins-Williams met with on July 12 along with MPP Jim McDonnell who is the Parliamentary Assistant (Municipal Affairs). OHBA discussed a number of key issues: housing supply, red tape / approvals, inclusionary zoning and the LPAT/OMB.



Minister Steve Clark previously served as Mayor of Brockville from 1982 to 1991. First elected at age 22, he was the youngest mayor in Canada at the time and he also served as President of Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in 1988 to 1989. He later worked as Executive Assistant for MPP Bob Runciman, and was the Chief Administrative Officer of the township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands. He was elected provincially in a by-election on March 4, 2010. Minister Clark has worked closely with OHBA over the years, including holding an event a couple of years ago with the Greater Ottawa Home Builders' Association and the local realtors' association opposing a Municipal Land Transfer Tax. Most importantly, Minister Clark is a #homebeliever and OHBA looks forward to working with the new Minister to support more housing supply and choice.

Key issues for the new government range from (but not limited to):

- Inclusionary Zoning
- Taxes, fees and charges on new housing & renovations
- Environmental approvals through the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks as well as the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry including Conservation Authorities
- Modernizing apprenticeship ratios
- Ontario Building Code
- The structure of the new home warranty system in Ontario
- OMB / LPAT Land Use Planning Appeals
- Growth Plan Implementation

There are dozens of issues that OHBA will be advancing and working on with the new government and we have already begun some of that advocacy work with the new government.

Legislature Returned July 11

The Legislative Assembly of Ontario returned for a rare, Legislative Session on July 11th. MPP Ted Arnott (Wellington – Halton Hills) was elected Speaker on July 11th and the Speech from the Throne was attended by OHBA President Pierre Dufresne at Queen's Park on July 12th. A regular sitting followed that focused on ending the York University Strike, formalizing the wind-down of Cap and Trade and cancelling a wind energy project in Prince Edward County.

New Government Sworn In

OHBA CEO Joe Vaccaro and Director of Policy Mike Collins-Williams were pleased to be invited and represent OHBA on a beautiful sunny Friday June 29 for the swearing-in of Premier Doug Ford and the new cabinet. It was a great opportunity for OHBA to reconnect with returning MPPs as well as many of the newly elected MPPs during the first transfer of power between political parties in Ontario in 15 years.



Click on the image to view the video of Joe Vaccaro at Queen's Park during Premier Ford's swearing-in ceremony.

As #homebelievers OHBA strongly supports more housing choice and supply across Ontario, and for the people to be able achieve the great Canadian dream of home ownership. We look forward to working with Premier Doug Ford and the new cabinet on a wide range of housing issues.

AMM Resolutions

OHBA has produced a [2017-2018 Resolutions Update package](#) with a status report of the resolutions approved at the September 2017 OHBA Annual Meeting of Members. OHBA invites and encourages local associations to [submit resolutions](#) for the [2018 OHBA Annual Meeting of Members on Monday September 24th in Ottawa](#).

Our 29 local associations have a voice in the policies and priorities of our organization. [Please provide OHBA with your input.](#)

OHBA 2018 Conference Registration



Hosted in Ottawa by the Greater Ottawa HBA, the annual OHBA 2018 Conference is September 23 – 25 held at the Westin Ottawa.

Join industry experts from Ontario's home building and professional renovation community for a program including guest speakers, welcoming the incoming OHBA President, recognizing association leaders, and crowning the 2018 AOD winners! [Register while the early-bird rate and hotel spots are still available.](#)

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