

Keeping Members Informed

September 2018

DATES TO NOTE

- September 24 Annual Meeting of Members (OHBA Conference, Ottawa)
- September 23 25 OHBA 2018 Conference (Ottawa)

AMM Resolutions

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

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

OHBA Working with New Government

OHBA is already working with the new majority Progressive Conservative government under Premier Doug Ford to advance a number of industry issues. OHBA has corresponded directly with all Cabinet Ministers and MPPs in the government caucus. 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 met directly with a number of Cabinet Ministers and MPPs this summer with additional meetings scheduled in September. The most important Minister in Cabinet for OHBA is the new Minister of Municipal Affairs and



Minister Steve Clark outlines priorities to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario on August 22, 2018 – namely "increase housing supply" in the top 5 list.





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 McDonell 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. During August, OHBA met with the new Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry as well as the President of the Treasury Board and over a dozen other MPPs.

OHBA has prepared a robust set of draft resolutions to be voted on at the upcoming Annual Meeting of Members that will confirm industry advocacy positions with the new government going forward. 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 began that advocacy work.

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! <u>Early bird registration ends September 12 at midnight</u>.



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