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Visionary Plan Removes Barriers to Providing Housing in Ontario OHBA Applauds Province's Housing Supply Action Plan

Toronto, May 2, 2019 – Home builders, land developers and renovators across the province applaud the Minister of Housing Hon. Steve Clark's Housing Supply Action Plan, released today, and are hopeful the visionary plan will remove barriers to providing more housing for the current and future residents of Ontario.

"A healthy housing system exists when a city or region has the right mix of housing choice and supply. The province's Housing Supply Action Plan lays the groundwork for more homes to be built, which leads to more choice and affordability," said Joe Vaccaro, CEO of the Ontario Home Builders' Association (OHBA).

Over the next 30 years, more than 4 million new homebelievers will call the province of Ontario home. They will need homes, business space and vibrant communities built in the cities and regions across the province.

"The Housing Supply Action Plan announced by the provincial government today is a very comprehensive plan with legislative, regulatory and policy actions for numerous ministries. Here's what's important: this government wants to address barriers, reduce red tape and streamline the approvals process to create more housing choice and supply for homebelievers in Ontario," said Rick Martins, 2018/19 OHBA President, member of Waterloo Region, Brantford and Haldimand Norfolk Home Builders' Associations.

The Housing Supply Action Plan supports the creation of complete communities where people can live, work and play, while encouraging transit-oriented development and community planning without taking a one-size-fits-all approach. It also supports Ontario families who want to renovate their home to make it there forever home by reducing wait times for permits, secondary suites and innovative housing solutions.

“As a renovator, we want to be able to tell our clients how long it will take to get approvals and what it will cost. Streamlining the process will help us do that,” said Jamie Adam, OHBA executive board member and member of the Waterloo Region Home Builders’ Association.

“The Housing Supply Action Plan is a practical step toward making the changes needed to improve the health of Ontario’s housing system. A well-functioning housing system provides stability to both owners and renters, and allows for a mix of housing at prices people can afford in places that meet their needs,” said Vaccaro.

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About OHBA:

As #homebeliever champions, the Ontario Home Builders’ Association (OHBA) believes in the great Canadian dream of home ownership by supporting more housing choice and supply across Ontario. OHBA is the voice of the residential construction industry in Ontario, representing 4,000 member companies organized into 29 local associations across the province.

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