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OHBA ACTIVITY Summary

Keeping Members Informed

Dates to Note

- **April 1:** OHBA 2019 Awards of Distinction Static Site Opens
- **April 15:** SAVE-THE-DATE - OHBA Presidents and Executive Officers Seminar Day
- **May 1:** OHBA 2019 Awards of Distinction Site Open for Submissions
- **May 6:** OHBA 2019 Conference Website Open for Registration
- **May 8-10:** CHBA [76th Annual Conference](#) - Niagara Falls
- **May 28:** OHBA Queen's Park Day and Reception

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OHBA Housing Supply Action Plan Submission

In November, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) released a *Housing Supply Action Plan* consultation to address the barriers to creating more housing. Since the announcement, OHBA has held numerous meetings with MPPs and Cabinet Ministers on the *Housing Supply Action Plan* and a number of OHBA's local home builders' associations have also held and are continuing to schedule locally focused meetings with MPPs and members of Cabinet on how the provincial government can make policy changes to deliver more housing supply and choice for **#homebelievers** across Ontario. OHBA is anticipating a very busy legislative and housing policy schedule this coming spring as the final plan is set to be released soon.



OHBA applauds the provincial government for recognizing constraints on

announcements already made by the government to address housing supply and support Ontario's economic competitiveness including, but not limited to: eliminating rent control from new units, proposed amendments to the Growth Plan, apprenticeship reforms including a modernized 1-to-1 apprentice-to-journeyman ratio and significant reductions in WSIB premiums. OHBA looks forward to working with the government on our recommended course of action to address the housing supply challenge – Please follow this link for a copy of the [OHBA Housing Supply Action Plan Submission](#) delivered to the government on January 25, 2019.

Encouraging Housing Supply and Choice Through Research-Based Reports: First Report in Three-Part Series

Last month, OHBA, along with the Ontario Real Estate Board (OREA) released a jointly-commissioned report, through Ryerson University's Centre for Urban Research and Land Development, calling on the Provincial Government to take bold action to bring more housing supply and choice to **#homebelievers** along transit corridors. The report notes that implementing as-of-right zoning along Ontario's 200 major transit hubs would create room for four million new homes in the marketplace.

As-of-right zoning creates a greater range of permitted uses and pre-approves developments up to a certain height. If implemented beside these hubs, it would eliminate an onerous and often political

process to build transit-oriented development. Mandating as-of-right zoning along transit corridors would reduce red tape and increase housing supply across the province, creating more supply and choice for Ontario families, **#homebelievers** and first-time home buyers.

OHBA held a media event at Queen's Park announcing the release of this report as part of a three-part series on bringing housing supply and choice to Ontarians. You can watch the full media announcement and press conference on the [OHBA YouTube Channel](#).

The CUR Report can be found on [Ryerson University's Centre for Urban Research and Land Development's reports page](#).



[#homebelievers](#). Stay tuned for information on the unveiling of the next joint OHBA/OREA Report with Ryerson.

Growth Plan Amendment #1 - 2019

On January 15, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) released a proposed amendment to the *Growth Plan* for the Greater Golden Horseshoe which impacts 11 of OHBA's local home builders' associations. During the fall OHBA and impacted local associations participated in five working group sessions as well as a stakeholders forum. OHBA is pleased that the new government has recognized industry and municipal concerns regarding key implementation challenges from the *2017 Growth Plan* for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and has proposed amendments that will support more housing supply and choice for Ontario [#homebelievers](#). A press release supporting the announcement from OHBA is [available here](#).

Last fall OHBA submitted recommendations to the government specific to [Agricultural System and Natural Heritage System Mapping](#) and [Employment Area Conversions, Settlement Boundary Expansions and Density and Intensification Targets](#). The government listened to OHBA concerns and the proposed amendments represent a positive step in updating the *Growth Plan* for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. The proposed amendment was posted to the [Environmental Registry](#) for feedback until February 28th. The February [2019 OHBA Growth Plan Submission](#) generally supporting the approach taken by the government with a number key recommended improvements to the proposed amendments. OHBA has continued to remain engaged with the provincial government on the proposed Growth Plan amendments and anticipates a final package of amendments to be released soon.

Reducing Litter & Waste in Our Communities

The provincial government launched a consultation in the fall of 2018 on a *Made-in-Ontario Climate Change Plan* to which [OHBA made a submission](#) in November 2018 with our recommendations. The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) subsequently released a proposed [Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan](#) which OHBA responded to with the [OHBA Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan Submission](#) on January 29, 2019.

The Ministry is now expanding on the Environment Plan and is currently seeking feedback on the [Reducing Litter and Waste in Our Communities: Discussion Paper](#). The discussion paper provides a road map for the next few years to enable the province to move forward with an approach to reducing litter and waste in our communities.

The discussion paper proposes eight key areas for action:

3. Make producers responsible for the waste generated from their products and packaging.
4. Reduce and divert food and organic waste from households and businesses.
5. Reduce plastic waste going into landfills and waterways.
6. Provide clear rules for compostable products and packaging.
7. Recover the value of resources in waste.
8. Support competitive and sustainable end-markets for Ontario's waste.

The discussion paper has been posted on the [Environmental Registry](#) for a 45 day public review and comment period to April 20, 2019.

OHBA is specifically seeking feedback from members in three areas as we prepare an OHBA submission to the government:

1. Updating O/Reg's 102/94 & 103/94 (waste audits + source separation programs – OHBA is seeking advice from members as to how these regulations are working for you and how they can and should be modernized)
2. OHBA will be advising the MECP that an extended producer responsibility framework should not include builders as we aggregate and assembly products on site generated by our supply chain.
3. Making it easier and safer to reuse excess soils

Please contact [Mike Collins-Williams](#), Director of Policy, with any recommendations, questions and/or concerns.

Endangered Species Act

The Ontario government is currently undertaking a review of the *Endangered Species Act* (ESA) to improve protections for species at risk, as well as to look for ways to streamline approvals and provide clarity to support economic development. OHBA continues to support appropriate protections for species at risk. As outlined in the [Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan](#), the government is ensuring protections for species at risk, while improving the effectiveness of the program. As a first step, the province is undertaking a review of the [Endangered Species Act](#).

A discussion paper was posted on the [Environmental Registry \(013-4143\)](#) for consultation until March 4th on how the province can achieve positive outcomes for species at risk while reducing burden and increasing efficiencies for businesses. OHBA has been engaged with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and has also prepared a [detailed and comprehensive ESA submission](#).

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IMPORTANT DATES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 AoD Submissions Open!

FRIDAY, MAY 31 Early Bird Deadline

FRIDAY, JUNE 21 Final Submissions Deadline

NEW

Lobby Entrance



NEW

Innovation Award

Do you have what it takes to be the best in Ontario?

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