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OHBA ACTIVITY Summary

Keeping Members Informed

Dates to Note

- **August 22:** [OHBA's Housing Study Tour: Frank Lloyd Wright](#)
- **September 2:** [OHBA 2019 Conference - Early Bird Pricing ends](#)
- **September 22:** Launch of the [2019 OHBA Conference and Awards of Distinction](#) - Collingwood
- **September 23:** OHBA Annual Meeting of Members and Annual Conference Begins
- **September 23:** OHBA's Presidents' Gala
- **September 24:** OHBA Awards of Distinction



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Bill 108 – Community Benefits Regulation and Transition Regulations

On June 21st, the province posted three sets of proposed Regulations for consultation related to various elements of Bill 108, which received Royal Assent on June 6th. As a reminder, the majority of significant changes, including amendments to LPAT, the *Development Charges Act* and the *Planning Act*, will not effect until the related Regulations are finalized and various component of the Bill are proclaimed.

With respect to the proposed Community Benefits Charges the first set of proposed framework-related Regulations have been posted and will lead to a second consultation with a proposed set of formula-related Regulations which will then be followed by final Regulations, with this work to be wrapped up by March. If they are in a position to do so, municipalities may use the new Community Benefits Authority system as of January 1, 2020. Municipalities will then have until January 1, 2021 to do all the policy/by-law work necessary to be in compliance with Bill 108, including having a Community Benefits Authority in place – unless otherwise stated (ie. through various pieces being proclaimed).

The current three posted regulations for consultation are as follows:

- A [proposed new regulation](#) pertaining to the community benefits authority under the *Planning Act* (ERO 019-0183) for 63 days until August 23.
- A [proposed a new regulation and regulation changes](#) under the *Planning Act*, including transition matters, related to Schedule 12 of Bill 108 (ERO 0181) for 45 days to August 6.

OHBA made a submission responding to the three proposed regulations under Bill 108 on Tuesday August 6, 2019. OHBA thanks the members and local associations that provided input and feedback in support of our recommendations to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. To review a copy of the submission please [click here](#).

A link to the provincial government's press release can be [found here](#).

Provincial Policy Statement Review

As part of the [More Homes, More Choice: Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan](#), the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has launched a consultation on proposed changes to the [Provincial Policy Statement](#) (PPS). The PPS is an important part of Ontario's land use planning system, setting out the provincial policy direction. The *Planning Act* requires that decisions on land use planning matters be "consistent with" the Provincial Policy Statement policies.

The government is consulting on draft policy changes to:

- Encourage the development of an increased mix and supply of housing
- Protect the environment and public safety
- Reduce barriers and costs for development and provide greater predictability
- Support rural, northern and Indigenous communities
- Support the economy and job creation

The proposed PPS policy changes support the implementation of the OHBA supported *Housing Supply Action Plan*. The [OHBA submission to the Housing Supply Action Plan](#) included a number of recommendations to streamline the PPS and OHBA subsequently participated in consultations and provided feedback. Recommendations for amendments to the PPS to reduce red tape while encouraging new housing supply. The proposed PPS changes are intended to work together with other recent changes to the land use planning system – including to the *Planning Act* through *Bill 108, More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019* (proclaimed) and *A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe*.

For more information about the consultation, please visit <http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page215.aspx> where you will find a link to the posting on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO #019-0279), including the proposed Provincial Policy Statement and questions to consider. The consultation is open for 90 days and closes on October 21, 2019. OHBA will be preparing a submission to the Ministry and is seeking comments from members – please contact OHBA Direct Policy, [Mike Collins-Williams](#).

Construction Act

On July 18th, Attorney General Doug Downey announced a next step to the full implementation of a first-in-Canada Prompt Payment regime. The government stated that this regime is intended to cut through red tape, help create and protect jobs and attract investment to the province.

The implementation of these changes will prevent payment disputes from delaying work on construction projects, speed up the payment process and reduce the time and money spent on litigation for businesses.

Following an open selection process, ADR Chambers was selected as the successful candidate to serve as the Authorized Nominating Authority. This new body will oversee the adjudication process for construction disputes, including the training and qualification of adjudicators.

This adjudication system brings into force a new process that will give people and businesses an alternative to settling payment disputes in court. Starting October 1, subject to applicable transition rules, parties to construction contracts and subcontracts will be able to receive a binding decision from an experienced construction adjudicator in approximately six weeks, a process that could take months or even years in the court system.

For more information on the changes to the *Construction Act*, please visit:

https://www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/english/construction_law_in_ontario.php

Key Information for OHBA members: Construction Act

As an OHBA member's service WeirFoulds has produced a Information Sheet and Webinar to help members prepare for the October 1 changes scheduled through the *Construction Act*.



[Click here](#) to view the webinar.

[Click here](#) to access the OHBA/WeirFoulds *Construction Act* Document.

The Wright Kind of Tour: OHBA Summer Housing Study Tour

Sponsored by [My Design Studio](#), and hosted by OHBA Sales and Marketing Chair Richard Luciani, OHBA is excited to announce an August 22 architectural housing tour that will bring delegates across the border to Buffalo to explore the architectural genius of Frank Lloyd Wright. If you were to ask the average person to name a famous American architect, it would probably be Frank Lloyd Wright. Wright gained such cultural primacy for good reason: he changed the way we build and live.

Designing 1,114 architectural works of all types — 532 of which were realized — he created some of the most innovative spaces in the United States. With a career that spanned seven decades before his death in 1959, Wright's visionary work cemented his place as the American Institute of Architects' "greatest American architect of all time."



OHBA is pleased to be hosting a full day tour leaving the GTA with stops to pick up additional members in Halton and Niagara Region on Thursday August 22 and visit and tour two spectacular Frank Lloyd Wright homes across the border in Buffalo.

One week left to register, [click here to register](#).

Building Growth Together at the 2019 OHBA Conference and Awards of Distinction Early Bird Runs until September 2 - Book Soon before Space Runs Out!



Taking place September 22-24 at the stunning Blue Mountain Village and Conference Centre in Collingwood, the 2019 OHBA Conference and Awards of Distinction has a new look and feel this year that we know you will enjoy!

Focusing on collaboration, smart/innovative technologies and shared learning/growth initiatives, the 2019 conference, Building Growth Together, consists of days of business programs as well as the opportunity for learning in specific areas of interest through the new concurrent session streams this year.

Just a taste of what you can expect this year:

In addition to the business and professional development sessions, OHBA is offering a variety of fun activities to help break up some of the day. This year we are pleased to announce a new local Brewery tour, a local housing tour as well as the much anticipated Scandinave Spa trip.

- Preparing for Climate Change: Simple and Cost Effective Solutions
- Universal Communication Protocols: Managing the Raw Material of the Business Day
- Don't Get Floored: Build it Better and Faster
- Chasing Unicorns: Attracting and Retaining Talent in the Skilled Trades

There is more!

That's right...we have even more to offer this year! Kicking things off this year is the Simcoe County Home Builders' Association (SCHBA) with the opening reception themed Grease! Presented by Enbridge, 'well this reception is automatic, it's systematic, it's hydromatic.... it's SCHBA Lightning!'

The OHBA conference is also our opportunity to give thanks and say goodbye to the 2018/2019 OHBA president, Rick Martins, while we celebrate and welcome the OHBA incoming president, and SCHBA member, Bob Schickedanz.

And of course - it would not be the OHBA Conference without the highly-coveted OHBA Awards of Distinction celebrating the best of building, development and renovation in the home building industry in Ontario.

The list of activities goes on and on, so why not explore it for yourself? Visit <http://conference.ohba.ca> to learn more and to save your spot at Ontario's premier event for the home building industry.

Early Bird pricing ends on September 2 and the Blue Mountain Village books up quickly so don't delay!

A BIG thank you to the 2019 OHBA Conference and Awards of Distinction Sponsors

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REGISTRATION:



CONFERENCE DELEGATE BAGS:



Ministry of Government and Consumer Services Survey

The Ministry of Government and Consumer Services is conducting a short online survey to help them improve their services. The focus of the survey is on how the Ministry informs and educates businesses in Ontario about business regulations and consumer protection. OHBA is encouraging home renovators and construction members to participate in the five-minute online survey: <https://www.ontario.ca/form/seeking-feedback-about-consumer-protection-and-business-regulations>

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