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Keeping Members Informed

Dates to Note

- **October 21-24:** [CHBA Fall Meetings](#) - Ottawa
- **November 21:** OHBA Board of Directors Meeting - OHBA Office

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OHBA WELCOMES THE NEW 2019/2020 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On Monday, September 23 OHBA welcome the 2019/2020 Executive Committee. Voted in by voting members of the OHBA Board of Directors, the

Executive Committee is tasked with ensuring OHBA maintains a strong and functioning Board of Directors and sets the tone for the direction of the association for the upcoming year.

OHBA is pleased to announce the following individuals as the leaders heading up the OHBA Executive Committee:

- Bob Schickedanz, President - member of the Simcoe County Home Builders' Association (SCHBA)
- Louie Zagordo, 1st Vice President - member of the Sudbury & District Home Builders' Association (SDHBA)
- Dave Depencier, 2nd Vice President - member of the Chatham-Kent Home Builders' Association (CKHBA)
- Bob Ridley, 2nd Vice President - member of the Greater Ottawa Home Builders' Association (GOHBA)
- Alexander Callahan, Treasurer - member of 14 local associations
- Christina Giannone, Secretary - member of the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD)
- Rick Martins, Immediate Past President - member of the Brantford Home Builders' Association (BHBA)



On behalf of OHBA, thank you for your service to our industry.

OHBA 2019 ANNUAL RESOLUTIONS

Thank you to all the members who attended the OHBA Annual Member of Meetings (AMM) on September 23, 2019. OHBA members voted on eight resolutions which will help set the tone for work undertaken by the association over the next year. To review the resolutions, [please click here](#).

BEFORE OCTOBER 1

As of yesterday, October 1st, the prompt payment provisions of the new *Construction Act* came into effect

That means that every construction contract on any new project will need to comply with these new prompt payment requirements.



WeirFoulds, on behalf of OHBA, produced a webinar with the relevant information you will need for October 1st. You can access the webinar through the document attached above, or access the [webinar through this link](#). OHBA has also prepared a one-page document explaining the changes to Prompt Payment. You can access that [document here](#).

If you have any questions and/or comments, please consult legal counsel.

BILL 108 – COMMUNITY BENEFITS REGULATION

In June, the province posted three sets of proposed Regulations for consultation related to Bill 108. With respect to the proposed Community Benefits Charges the first set of proposed framework-related Regulations have led to a second consultation which will then be followed by final Regulations. Community Benefits Charges will be designed to increase the certainty of development-related costs by replacing the following three existing municipal tools:

- Density bonusing under section 37 of the *Planning Act*;
- Parkland dedication under sections 42 and 51.1 of the *Planning Act*;
- Development charges for discounted (“soft”) services under the *Development Charges Act*.

Municipalities will have up to January 1, 2021 to do all the policy/by-law work necessary to be in compliance with Bill 108 and bring in the new Community Benefit System. OHBA will be involved directly with the Ministry technical consultations on the new system. [OHBA made a submission](#) responding to the three proposed regulations under Bill 108 on August 6, 2019.

In September, OHBA hosted a number of meetings with the Ministry and members representing the industry provided input at a technical working group meeting. Consultations will continue through October with a regulation with proposed percentages and caps anticipated to be posted by the end of the month.

MODERNIZING THE DELIVERY OF ONTARIO'S BUILDING CODE SERVICES

On September 24th, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing announced that it would be looking to modernize services related to the Ontario Building Code with an aim to speed up the construction of new housing and building projects.

With the release of the discussion paper "[Transforming and Modernizing the Delivery of Ontario's Building Code Services](#)", the province is consulting until **November 25th** on the creation of a new Administrative Authority. This will transfer service delivery from the Ministry, and aim to deliver a suite of enhanced and new user-driven services as a model to promote consistency to building code interpretation and application, and better support the sector. Some examples of additional items the province is consulting on:

- Building code examinations development and delivery
- Pre-qualification training
- Recruiting experienced building code professionals including a discussion around implementing a provisional licence framework
- Promoting a consistent application of code requirements

• A modernized digitally-based suite of building code resources to improve front-line service delivery, e-permitting, and support municipal efforts to reduce building permit approval timelines.

[Click here](#) for additional information regarding the proposed changes found on the Environmental Registry of Ontario, where the province is welcoming written comments. Public information sessions will be held in October across Ontario where members can learn more about what is being proposed between 5:30 and 7:00 PM at open house session locations listed below:

- **Belleville:** Friday, October 4, 2019 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM
Belleville Lions' Club - 119 Station Street, Belleville.
- **North Bay:** Monday, October 7, 2019 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM
North Bay Memorial Gardens Arena - 100 Chippewa Street West, North Bay.
- **Chatham-Kent:** Wednesday, October 9, 2019 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM
Chatham Cultural Centre - 75 William Street North, Chatham.
- **Vaughan:** October 16, 2019 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM
Vellore Town Hall - 9541 Weston Road, Woodbridge.

If you are interested in participating in one of these sessions, you will need to email and RSVP to buildingtransformation@ontario.ca.

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 land use policy direction. The *Planning Act* requires that decisions on land use planning matters be "consistent with" the Provincial Policy Statement policies.

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 Environment 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 Director of Policy, [Mike Collins-Williams](#).

ONTARIO ESTABLISHES CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY PANEL

On September 26, the Ontario government is partnering with the construction sector by establishing a special advisory panel to provide advice on a broad range of workplace issues.

The Construction Advisory Panel will provide input on issues of interest in the construction sector to the Minister of Labour. Issues could include labour and employment law, the rise of new equipment and technologies, workplace health and safety, and injury prevention. The panel will provide an opportunity for the Minister to hear the different perspectives and concerns from construction industry partners.

The panel will complement the work of other construction-related initiatives, including the Construction Health and Safety Action Plan Advisory Group, which developed and implemented an action plan on construction health and safety. The panel will be made up of between 8-12 members, with the following composition:

- At least one employee or employer representative from the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) sector.
- At least two employee or employer representatives from the six other sectors of the construction industry.
- At least two employee or employer representatives from industry labour groups/employer groups or associations.

For more information on the panel and how you can get involved, please visit the [Ministry of Labour website](#).

GUIDE ON SECONDARY SUITES

As part of the Housing Supply Action Plan, the province has released a guide for homeowners building secondary suites. "[Adding a Second Unit in an Existing House](#)" is a useful tool for translating the often complex language in the Building Code. It clearly sets out the minimum construction standards for second units and includes a check-list summarizing the important items to consider. OHBA encourages local home builders' associations to share the guide with members and consumers considering adding a second unit in an existing home.

ACTIVE THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THE 2019 OHBA CONFERENCE AND AWARDS OF DISTINCTION "BUILDING GROWTH TOGETHER"

On September 22-24 at the Blue Mountain Village and Conference Centre, the Ontario Home Builders' Association (OHBA) celebrated its annual Conference and Awards of Distinction.



Bringing in attendees from across Ontario, over 500 people joined members, industry leaders and government delegates to help determine the future direction of the association and to discuss and strategize on issues and topics pertinent to the home building/development and professional renovation industry.

OHBA launched its "Building Growth Together" conference with an opening reception presented by Enbridge and hosted by the Simcoe County Home Builders' Association. Monday included the OHBA AMM and, for the first time, introduced two streams of business sessions - one relevant to the building and development side of the industry, and the other focused on marketing and sales

That evening OHBA welcomed Bob Schickedanz as the 2019/2020 OHBA president. The President's Gala was also an opportunity to pay tribute to industry leaders in our association. Bob Ridley from the Greater Ottawa Home Builders' Association took home Member of the Year, the Hamilton Halton Home Builders' Association took home Local Association of



of the year and Roy Nandram from the Greater Ottawa Home Builders' Association took Home the Rooftopper of the Year Award. This year, OHBA also paid tribute to association champion Frank Giannone from the Building and Land Development Association (BILD) and Principal of FRAM Building Group and presented him with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

The President's Gala pre-reception was presented by the Ontario Real Estate Association (OREA), the gala was presented by COGECO and the post-reception was presented by Enercare.

The conference concluded with the much anticipated OHBA Awards of Distinction with Tridel taking home Builder of the Year and Amsted Design-Build taking home Renovator of the Year. For a full list of winners, [please click here](#). The Awards of Distinction pre-reception was presented by MASCO, the Awards celebration was co-presented by Rogers and Federated Insurance, dinner wine was presented by Reliance Home Comfort and Moen closed things down with the Awards of Distinction post-reception.

A big thank our sponsors for helping to make this event a success: Sunbelt Rentals – Registration, My Design Studio – Delegate Bags, CMHC – Board of Directors Meeting, WSIB – Coffee Break and 180 Marketing – Graphic Designer.

Mark your calendars for the 2020 OHBA Conference and Awards of Distinction taking place at the Niagara Fallsview Casino September 20-22, 2020.

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