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ACTIVITY Summary

Keeping Members Informed

Dates to Note

- **September 16-17:** [Active House Symposium](#)
- **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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THE OHBA 2019 CONFERENCE IS ONLY THREE WEEKS AWAY!

We are only three weeks away from the **2019 OHBA Conference and Awards of Distinction - Building Growth Together** - at Blue Mountain Village and Conference Centre.

conferences yet, make sure to book soon in order to join us September 22-24 - visit

<http://conference.ohba.ca> to find out more!

Understanding the needs of the industry for more education across a broader array of topics, OHBA is launching two concurrent session



streams on Monday, September 23. One stream will focus on builder/developer and renovator interests while the other will focus on marketing and sales. Both streams have been curated and developed to hone in on some of the hottest topics related to our industry so make sure to take the time to review all the session descriptions prior to the conference. We are also thrilled to announce that for the first time, OHBA will also be offering business/education sessions on Tuesday, September 24!

With even more to offer this year, the OHBA 2019 Conference and Awards of Distinction is your 'one-stop-shop' for the latest and most relevant information pertaining to our industry!

This year's conference is shaping up to be one of the best ones yet and we want to ensure all our delegates get the most out of their participation. With options for Full Conference Registration or One Day - Monday and One Day-Tuesday passes, there is more opportunity for everyone!.

Don't delay - register now before space fills up: <http://conference.ohba.ca>

Be part of the conversation at **#OHBA2019Conf** and **#OHBA2019AoD**

AMM RESOLUTIONS

OHBA has produced a [2018-2019 Resolutions Update package](http://conference.ohba.ca) with a status report of the resolutions approved at the September 2018 OHBA Annual Meeting of Members. OHBA invites and encourages local associations to submit resolutions for the 2019 OHBA Annual Meeting of Members on Monday September 23rd in Blue Mountain. Learn more and register at: <http://conference.ohba.ca>.

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

KEY INFORMATION FOR OHBA MEMBERS: CONSTRUCTION ACT

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

Please take the time to review as the impact to **ALL NEW CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS** will be significant.



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

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

PROVINCIAL POLICY STATEMENT REVIEW

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.

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

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](#).

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 take 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

final Regulations, with this work to be wrapped up by March 1, 2020. 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 up to 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). OHBA will be involved directly with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing technical consultations on the new Community Benefits Authority system in September.

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](#).

LPAT TRANSITION REGULATIONS

The [transition regulations](#) under Bill 108 for the Local Appeals Tribunal (LPAT) have been released and can be viewed online.

EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CHARGES

The provincial government has [a proposal to amend Ontario Regulation 20/98](#) (Education Development Charges - General) made under the *Education Act* relating to the calculation of education development charges (EDCs) as well as matters relating to "Alternative Projects".

A new regulation is also being proposed to be made under the Education Act to specify the time period in which school boards would be required to provide notice to the Minister of Education regarding any proposed acquisition or expropriation of land. Additionally, the ministry is currently developing EDC Guidelines which will provide further supporting operational details regarding

The [consultation document](#) outlines seven proposed amendments:

1. Rate Increase Restrictions
2. Notice of Public Meetings
3. Existing School Space to be included in the calculation of EDCs
4. Changes to an Alternative Project
5. Education Development Charge-Exempt Institutions
6. Holding Students
7. Notice to Acquire or Expropriate Site

These proposals would impact business by lowering the education development charges rates that are paid, or in the case of a Localized Education Development Agreement, may entirely eliminate the requirement for a land owner to pay education development charges. The financial impact of these changes will vary widely according to each school board, the size and type of development and local economic factors.

These proposals would impact school boards, by requiring additional administrative steps, specifically with respect to the providing advance notification to the Minister of Education of a proposed acquisition of land. School boards could also be impacted where they choose to pursue alternative projects or localized education development agreements, as significant due diligence, planning and comprehensive project development could be required. The financial impact of these changes will vary widely, ranging from a single administrative request to a multi-year planning and construction project.

ACTIVE HOUSE SYMPOSIUM - SEPTEMBER 16 & 17

The 7th Active House Symposium will be held in Toronto, Canada on September 16th & 17th at Evergreen Brick Works. There will be two full days of exciting eye-opening conversations, presentations, education, and networking.

Active House Alliance is an international non-profit association. The ambition for the Alliance is to create a viable, independent and international influential alliance, which supports the vision of buildings that create healthier and more comfortable lives for their residents without impacting negatively on the climate

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/active-house-symposium-2019-toronto-canada-tickets-59958471402>

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