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February 2021



Important Dates:

- **Monday, February 1st** - BILD/Enbridge 30-Day Wellness Challenge Begins
- **Monday and Tuesday, February 8th & 9th** - EnerQuality Better Built Homes - Mid & High-Rise (Part 3)
- **Thursday, February 11th** - Consultation: Lake Simcoe Protection Plan 10-year Review
- **Wednesday, February 17th** - EnerQuality Housing Innovator Series

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OHBA 2021 Presidential Address



We have taken the Presidential Address to a new level! Listen to President Bob Schickedanz as he addresses the issues facing our industry in 2021. Thank you for being a #homebeliever - sit back and enjoy!

Industry Representation on Conservation Authorities Working Group

In mid-January, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation & Parks, Honourable Jeff Yurek announced the composition of the Conservation Authorities Working Group. In order to create a practical forum to help the government implement recent changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act* and ensure conservation authorities and other stakeholder groups have a stronger voice at the table, the Minister put together a newly-formed conservation authorities working group. This working group, to be chaired by Conservation Halton CEO Hassaan Basit, was introduced to “better focus” Conservation Authorities as the province works towards the creation of the Regulations related to the December

OHBA is pleased to note that the industry will be very well represented through the appointment of key OHBA members from BILD and the Greater Ottawa Home Builders' Association (GOHBA), who have been vital to CA related discussions. The full list of Working Group members can be found in the Ministry e-mail below, and include the following members:

- Josh Kardish, EQ Homes (OHBA Land Committee Chair & Past President Greater Ottawa HBA)
- Jason Sheldon, Remington Group (BILD Chair)
- Gary Gregoris, Mattamy Homes (BILD member)

The [Working Group](#)'s first task includes looking at the first phase of proposed regulations impacting conservation authorities and their participating municipalities, which will be available for public consultation soon. The proposed regulations will include:

- Details on the programs and services conservation authorities will implement, and how the programs and services may be funded such as:
 - the mandatory programs and services to be delivered by conservation authorities;
 - the proposed agreements that may be required with participating municipalities to fund non-mandatory programs and services with municipal dollars; and
 - the transition period to establish those agreements;
- How conservation authorities will regulate development and other activities to ensure public safety through natural hazard management,
- The requirement for conservation authorities to establish community advisory boards; and
- A Minister's regulation under section 29 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* relating to conservation authority operation and management of lands owned by the authority.

Lake Simcoe Protection Plan

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks is undertaking a 10-year review of the [Lake Simcoe Protection Plan](#) through a 75-day engagement period for the legislated review. As background, the government is required under the [Lake Simcoe Protection Act, 2008](#), to review the plan every 10 years to inform the Minister's decision on whether to

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As part of this review, members are invited to take part in the 75-day public review of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan by completing an [online survey](#) between December 18th, 2020, and March 3, 2021, to share their perspective on the plan's policies. For more information and other ways to get involved in the review, visit the [Protecting Lake Simcoe](#) webpage. The Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks has also scheduled a Virtual Town Hall Even on February 11th that will focus on the highlights of progress made to protect and restore the lake, as well as to hear about other opportunities for engagement. Participants will be encouraged to share their perspectives on the plan and to suggest ideas for the plan that could better protect and restore the health of the lake/watershed. For questions on this event or plan review, please email LakeSimcoe@ontario.ca.

To attend this event, please see the details below:

Date & Time: Thursday, February 11th from 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

RSVP: [Click here](#)

Ministerial Enhanced Authority to Address Certain Matters as Part of an MZO

The Planning Act gives the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing the authority to zone any property in Ontario by issuing a zoning order. Currently, when a zoning order is issued by the Minister, a municipality that uses the site plan control tool in the Act has the authority to address site plan matters for that area. The recently enacted legislative changes to the Planning Act enhance the Minister's authority for zoning orders across the province. This enhanced authority does not apply to lands within the Greenbelt Area. The enhanced authority allows the Minister to:

- Require inclusionary zoning affordable housing (inclusionary zoning),
- Remove municipal use of site plan control and require agreements between the municipality and development proponent (or landowner) concerning site plan matters; and
- Make amendments to Minister's Zoning Orders that use any of these enhanced authorities without first giving public notice

The Ministry is considering feedback from the [Environmental Registry posting](#) (ERO 019-2811) and will determine whether changes should be made to the provisions of section 47 of the *Planning Act* enacted by Bill 197, the *COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020* and,

made a submission to the Ministry on January 27th, 2021, supporting enhanced Ministerial authority for zoning orders with a number of recommendations on the use of such authority.

Health and Safety - Enhancing COVID-19 Protocols on Jobsites

Since the beginning of the pandemic, members have made health and safety a central focus in the sector's efforts to help combat the virus. Members have continued to make adjustments on jobsites to keep workers, trades, clients, suppliers and all other personnel safe and healthy. The residential construction sector has been a leader, quickly adapting to the new environment and stepping up to meet new Ministry guidelines for health and safety requirements.

Members should review the Ministry of Labour guidelines for construction site health and safety [here](#). The OHBA [website](#) also has some key resource that members can utilize to help implement digital contact tracing and more.

Designation of the Home Construction Regulatory Authority (HCRA) and Tarion - Doors Open Feb. 1st

On February 1st, the Home Construction Regulatory Authority (HCRA) becomes the designated administrative authority for builder registration, renewals, licensing matters, complaints and appeals. These functions were previously held by Tarion. If you were a registrant in good standing with Tarion, prior to Feb 1st, you remain licenced under the HCRA. The HCRA will also host the Ontario Builder Directory.

OHBA has been heavily involved in consultations since the new regulator's framework was brought forward as part of the *New Home Construction Licensing Act, 2017*, reiterating that a smooth transition and business continuity is essential for builders. Members are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the [HCRA website](#) and reach out to either HCRA and/or OHBA with any questions during this transition.

Tarion has been actively communicating with members through the builder portal regarding

MECP Proposed Updates to Records of Site Condition

The MECP is proposing updates to the document *Records of Site Condition: A Guide on Site Assessment, the Cleanup of Brownfield Sites and the Filing of Records of Site Condition (RSC)* to help those involved in brownfields redevelopment projects in Ontario understand the RSC program processes and requirement. OHBA has previously advocated through both the [OHBA Made in Ontario Environment Submission](#) and the [OHBA Housing Supply Action Plan Submission](#) for the provincial government to modernize the RSC process. Specifically, OHBA is supportive of the *Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan* commitment to: “revise the brownfields regulation and the record of site condition guide to reduce barriers to redevelop and revitalize historically contaminated lands, putting vacant prime land back to good use.”

The [MECP has made an Environmental Registry Posting \(ERO 019-2551\)](#) regarding an updated RSC Guide is another way the ministry supports brownfields redevelopment, which generates economic investment, uses existing infrastructure, revitalizes communities and rehabilitates contaminated properties further reducing risks to the environment and protecting human health. OHBA is seeking feedback from members prior to the April 4th commenting deadline. OHBA value member input – please direct your comments to mikecw@westendhba.ca

OHBA Supports BILD's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Program

Members of the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) create communities for diverse and vibrant populations. We believe in order to meet the real estate needs of all GTA residents, to create an industry that is socially responsible, sustainable and successful, it is essential to have a workforce that reflects this diversity.

We recognize differences in race, age, gender, sexual orientation, cultural background, physical and mental ability bring richness to our collective work and living environments. Inclusiveness and equity fuel innovation and allow us to create communities that meet the needs of all GTA residents.

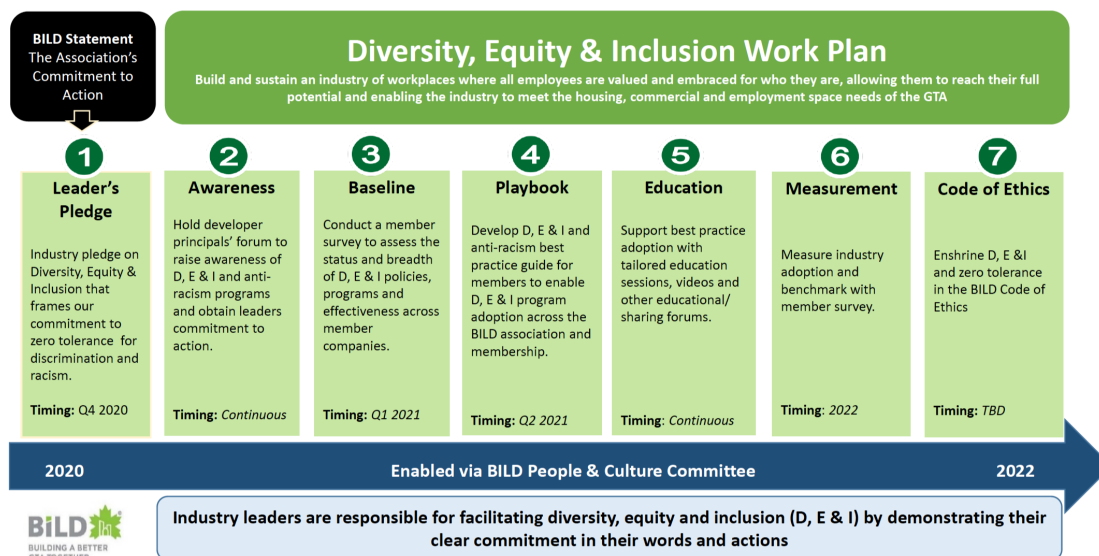
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by a [zero-tolerance policy](#) against discrimination, racism or oppression in any form in our industry, workplaces or jobsites.

The OHBA Board has committed to BILD's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Statement. A link for more information can be found [here](#).

For questions or comments, please contact Danielle Chin at dchin@bildgta.ca or Justin Sherwood at Jsherwood@bildgta.ca.

What is included in BILD's DE&I program?



EnerQuality Upcoming Workshops



Better Built Homes – Mid & High-Rise (Part 3) – Feb. 8th & 9th, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM -
Cost: \$199

Housing Innovator Series Webinar featuring Dorken – Feb. 17th, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM -
FREE!

Our Better Built Homes Online Workshop Series is back! Free to eligible Ontario home builders, take part in our Advanced Building Science, ENERGY STAR for New Homes, and Net Zero Builder Training Workshops, thanks to Enbridge Gas, at no cost!

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