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September 2020



Important Dates:

- **Wednesday, September 9th, 2020** - Enbridge Gas Savings by Design: Deep Energy Retrofit Webinar
- **Friday, September 18th, 2020** - Tarion Builder Roundtable - Auditor General Consultation (GTA)
- **Tuesday, September 22nd, 2020** - Tarion Builder Roundtable - Auditor General Consultation (London/Ottawa)
- **Tuesday, September 22nd, 2020** - EnerQuality Virtual Awards Live Broadcast
- **Monday, September 28th, 2020 @ 10 AM** - OHBA Board of Directors - Virtually
- **Monday, September 28th, 2020 @ 1 PM** - OHBA Annual Meeting of Members - Virtually

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Growth Plan Amendment 1 and Land Needs Assessment

On August 28th, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing updated the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and the Land Needs Assessment methodology. This follows a June 30th [proposed Amendment 1](#) and Environmental Registry postings to which [OHBA and BILD made a joint submission](#) on July 30th. The joint OHBA/BILD submission was generally supportive of the Ministry proposals with a number of specific recommendations to enhance both Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan and the Land Needs Assessment. The announcement also responds directly to an OHBA Resolution from the 2019 OHBA AMM that the Growth Plan Schedule #3 be updated with 2051 forecasts and the Land Needs Assessment methodology to be updated. The Growth Plan conformity deadline is July 1st, 2022.

Key resources and links:

- **A Place to Grow - 2020:** <https://www.ontario.ca/document/place-grow-growth-plan-greater-golden-horseshoe>
- **A Place to Grow ERO Decision Notice:** <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-1680>
- **Land Needs Assessment 2020:** <https://www.ontario.ca/page/land-needs-assessment-methodology-greater-golden-horseshoe>
- **Land Needs Assessment ERO Decision Notice:** <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-1679>
- Hemson has [released additional technical background work on the 2051 growth forecasts](#) to break out population by unit type.

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- Growth Plan Schedule 3 is updated with 2051 forecasts
- Growth Plan language is adjusted to confirm 2051 as the conformity requirement
- Growth Plan language is adjusted to clearly state 2051 forecast as “minimum” numbers
- Growth Plan Schedule 7 (Simcoe) has been removed (Simcoe numbers are in Schedule 3)
- Government has adopted “mid-point” reference scenario for Growth Plan forecasts
- July 1st, 2022, is confirmed as the conformity date with no additional transition, although municipalities will be able to phase in conformity through multiple Official Plan Amendments should they choose to do by until July 1st, 2022
- Government is not proceeding with initially proposed amendments regarding mineral resources
- The Land Needs Assessment has been streamlined from a 100+ plus document to approximately 25 pages and is now a “market-based” methodology, which differs from the previous approach and will support more appropriate housing supply in the planning process

OHBA notes that 11 local home builders’ associations are impacted by the Growth Plan (BILD, Niagara, West End, Brantford, Haldimand-Norfolk, Waterloo Region, Guelph & District, Greater Dufferin, Simcoe County, Peterborough & the Kawartha and Durham Region).

OHBA would like to thank our local HBAs and volunteer members that have been heavily engaged through the consultation process. OHBA, BILD, DRHBA and a number of members from other impacted local HBAs participated in Ministry working groups over the past year. OHBA would like to thank our members from BILD and DRHBA that volunteered on the various working groups including Tiago Do Couto, Matthew Cory, Jeannette Gillezeau, Gary Gregoris, Robyn Brown and others that have provided support, advice and assistance. With over 5 million more #homebelievers forecast to join Greater Golden Horseshoe communities by 2051 – we are going to need approximately 2 MILLION new homes to make their [#homebeliever](#) dreams a reality.

OHBA Welcomes Changes to Streamline Amendments for Phased Condominium Buildings

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Government and Consumer Services, which aimed to simplify the procedure for registering amendments to a phased condominium. OHBA supports improvements to the registration process to allow for faster occupancy within condominium developments. The proposed regulatory changes enable a quicker transfer of ownership and responsibility from the developer to the condo corporation within a single building, while other common areas and residences are being completed. An expedited process would provide benefits to both new homeowners, who can get into their units faster, and developers who are working to accelerate new housing supply. Read the full OHBA submission [here](#).

OHBA Response to the Implementation of a Condo Buyer's Guide

OHBA provided feedback on a second Ministry of Government and Consumer Services regulatory proposal to implement a condominium buyer's guide. OHBA emphasized how our members have the experience and expertise needed to inform the final language of the condo buyer's guide. We reiterated our commitment to continue engaging proactively with the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services, as well as the Condominium Authority of Ontario to share our industry insights and perspectives. Read the full OHBA submission [here](#).

GTA West Transportation Corridor

[The provincial government has announced](#) it has confirmed the [Preferred Route](#) and 2020 Focused Analysis Area for the GTA West Transportation Corridor Route. [Read more](#).

Recognizing the importance of this corridor route to unlocking future housing supply and employment growth to both our members and municipal partners, OHBA and BILD continue to support any expedited advancements of the GTA West Transportation Corridor route especially in light of COVID-19 economic recovery efforts. The Ontario Jobs and Recovery Committee (OJRC) has been made aware of the economic significance of the corridor through a joint submission between, CHBA, OHBA, and BILD, which can be accessed [here](#) and well as a subsequent [OHBA submission in June 2020](#).

OHBA and BILD also made an early June submission responding to ERO 019-1503 supporting advancing a preferred route can be accessed [here](#).

environmental and engineering conditions. The preliminary design of the GTA West multimodal corridor will be developed between 2020 and 2022 as well. This is anticipated to be presented at PIC #3 for public review and comment potentially in the Fall/Winter of 2021.

Streamlining Environmental Assessment Process for MTO Projects

OHBA has consistently supported modernizing the Environmental Assessment to cut red tape, reduce delays and focus Ministry resources on projects with a higher potential for environmental impacts so that the provincial government can help communities get important infrastructure projects built faster while maintaining strong environmental oversight. OHBA is supportive of the provincial proposals for regulations to exempt select Ministry of Transportation projects from the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act* (including *Bradford Bypass & GTA West Corridor*). OHBA looks forward to seeing shovels in the ground soon for these critical infrastructure projects that will support growth and post-pandemic recovery.

On August 22nd, [OHBA made a submission to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks](#) responding to two Environmental Registry postings impacting MTO projects:

- [Environmental Registry 019-1882](#) proposes a regulation to: “update the existing environmental assessment process for the Ministry of Transportation’s GTA West Transportation Corridor. The regulation would create a new streamlined process for assessing potential environmental impacts of the project as well as consulting on it.” OHBA is supportive of advancing the GTA West Corridor in as expedient a manner as possible to relieve congestion, move goods efficiently and to support growth in Peel Region.
- [Environmental Registry 019-1883](#) proposes a regulation to: “exempt select Ministry of Transportation projects from the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act, subject to conditions for environmental protection: the Bradford Bypass and several Ministry of Transportation Provincial Transportation Facilities class environmental assessments (Class EA) projects.” OHBA is supportive of advancing these critical transportation projects in as expedient a manner as possible to relieve congestion, move goods efficiently and to support growth in a variety of jurisdictions.

OHBA has provided the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation & Parks (MECP) with recommendations responding to Environmental Registry postings to move forward with the next phase of environmental assessment modernization. These proposed recommendations will help cut red tape, reduce delays and focus Ministry resources on projects with a higher potential for environmental impacts so that the provincial government can help communities get important infrastructure projects built faster while maintaining strong environmental oversight. The OHBA submissions are supportive of the provincial government's proposals and include additional recommendations for further enhancements. OHBA would like to thank the members of our Environmental Approvals sub-committee and in particular Steve Schaefer, Principal of SCS Consulting for their advice and volunteer time assisting OHBA on these files.

On August 21st, [OHBA made a submission on Amendments to Class Environmental Assessments \(Class EAs\)](#):

- The [MECP Environmental Registry posting 019-1712](#) sought input on proposed amendments to 8 Class EAs (including Municipal Class EAs).
- These proposed changes would support the MECP modernization initiative as they would exempt low-impact projects from the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, eliminate duplication and find efficiencies in the planning process.
- OHBA is generally supportive of amendments to the Municipal Class EA and made a number of specific additional recommendations.

MECP has proposed to modernize Ontario's EA process for low-risk municipal sewage works by implementing a Consolidated Linear Infrastructure Permissions Approach:

- The [MECP Environmental Registry posting 019-1080](#) (impacting both Storm Water & Sewage) deadline has been extended to September 6th.
- The proposed approach will consolidate and update the approvals process for these types of works and incorporates measures that will enhance environmental protection. [OHBA Resolution #1](#) (Modernization of Approvals) passed at our AMM in September 2019 and, the [OHBA Modernizing Ontario's Environmental Assessments \(ERO 013-5101\) submission](#) the [OHBA Made in Ontario Environment Submission](#) have supported streamlining the redundant ECA process for SWM facilities and in particular, SWM ponds that require sign off by the MECP following municipal approvals
- OHBA has prepared a DRAFT comprehensive submission with detailed technical recommendations.

EnerQuality's First Virtual EQ Awards



Announcing EnerQuality's first [Virtual EQ Awards](#) on **September 22nd, 2020, from 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM** via an interactive live video broadcast with a virtual networking lunch taking place from 12 PM-1 PM. The EQ Awards are where the best in Ontario's building industry come together to celebrate their profession.

Join us in celebrating the positive impact our builders are making through their commitment to constructing energy-efficient homes. Please don't forget to use the hashtag #EQAwards to help spread the word!

DATE: Tuesday, September 22nd, 2020

TIME: Networking Lounge 12:00-1:00 PM

EQ Awards 1:00-2:30 PM

DETAILS:

Award Finalists are now live! Visit the EnerQuality [website](#) to see who the finalists are in each category, as voted by our Jury. Your vote counts! People's Choice voting begins Tuesday, September 8 – stay tuned for details on how to participate! And finally, don't forget to opt-in to our Networking Lounge taking place before the Awards with host Connie Carras, President CEC Enterprises.

EQ Awards Page:

<https://www.enerquality.ca/eq-awards/>

We're excited to announce a new Charitable Partner for this year's EQ Awards Gala: [Second Harvest](#). As Canada's largest food rescue charity, Second Harvest helps to recover food from across the supply chain to benefit those most vulnerable.

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Following the webinar, a link will be sent out on how to access the information that is presented. Also, we’d love to hear from you as we will be doing a live Q&A after the webinar. Don't miss the chance to participate and share your feedback! For more information please visit, www.savingsbydesign.ca.

Date and Time:

Wednesday, September 9th, 2020 | 1:00-2:00 PM

AMM Resolutions

OHBA has produced a [2019-2020 Resolutions Update package](#) with a status report of the resolutions approved at the September 2019 OHBA Annual Meeting of Members. OHBA invites and encourages local associations to submit resolutions for the 2020 OHBA Annual Meeting of Members on Monday, September 28th.

Our 27 local associations have a voice in the policies and priorities of our organization. Please provide OHBA with your input.

OHBA Awards of Distinction



A big thank you to all our members who took the time to participate and enter a submission to our 2020 Awards of Distinction virtual conference this year! Despite 2020 throwing us a curveball, OHBA received over 440 submissions and we could not be more appreciative! Judging is currently in progress and will run until Friday, September 4th, and our finalist list is scheduled to be posted by Monday, September 21st.

The 2020 Awards of Distinction will be held virtually on Tuesday, November 10th, broadcasted live from a Toronto studio and will include networking, tradeshow, gamification

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