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## September 2021



# OHBA ACTIVITY Summary

*Keeping Members Informed*

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### Important Dates:

- **Tuesday, September 14th, 2021 @ 3 PM** - OHBA and MMAH Webinar: Projection Methodology Guideline Update
- **Friday, September 17th, 2021 @ 2 PM** - OHBA & BHBA Virtual Information Session - [Register Here](#)

### Save the Date:

- **Monday, October 4th, 2021** - Wrap-Up Board of Directors Meeting (10 AM) and Annual Meeting of Members (1 PM) - via Zoom
- **Monday, October 25th, 2021 @ 10-3 PM** - OHBA Annual Conference

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## OHBA Profiles Surety Bonds with Eastern Ontario Municipalities

# OHBA'S SURETY BOND TRACKER

This tracker displays the municipal momentum towards utilizing Pay-on-Demand Surety Bonds as an alternative form of financial security in development agreements.

## 2019

**MARCH:** [The City of Calgary accepts the use of Surety Bonds](#)



## 2020

**MARCH:** [The City of St. Albert accepts the use of Surety Bonds](#)

**APRIL:** [The City of Edmonton accepts the use of Surety Bonds](#)

**JUNE:** [The City of Airdrie accepts the use of Surety Bonds](#)

**AUGUST:** [The City of Kelowna accepts the use of Surety Bonds](#)

**OCTOBER:** [Strathcona County accepts the use of Surety Bonds](#)



## 2021

**APRIL:** [The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville accepts the use of Surety Bonds](#)

**JUNE:** [The City of Hamilton approves the use of Surety Bonds](#)



On August 20, OHBA had the opportunity to join the Quinte and Kingston HBAs along with 8 Eastern Ontario Municipalities in a virtual session to discuss the many benefits of Pay-on-Demand Surety Bonds for municipal agreements. OHBA along with MARSH Canada profiled the numerous financial security advantages that Pay-on-Demand Bonds provide for municipalities while unlocking millions more of private investment that can use to accelerate the delivery of more housing supply. Members can keep track of the momentum towards this important initiative by following our OHBA Surety Bond Tracker [here](#).

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## Improvements to Ontario One Call and Utility Locates

Both OHBA and BILD were glad to join officials from the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services on August 18 to discuss the Ontario One Call system and utility locates. Ministry officials shared important updates with the membership on what initiatives are already underway to make Ontario One Call more responsive and easier to navigate.

Both OHBA and BILD members outlined various issues, including the shelf life of utility locates and other timelines throughout the system that could be adjusted to create a more timely and response system that developers can rely upon when scheduling other works. OHBA and BILD look forward to future conversations with MGCS on improvements to the Ontario One Call system.

## OHBA Responds to Proposed GGH Transportation Plan 2051

[OHBA's submission](#) was finalized following input received from our members and a webinar session attended by OHBA members and staff of the MTO. In its response to the *ERO* posting, OHBA emphasized its support for provincial infrastructure initiatives related to an efficient and interconnected transportation system within the GGH. The various actions advanced by the MTO in the proposed plan are key and support the principle that it is critical for the right transportation system to be in place 'for the housing market to deliver accelerated housing options where future Ontario families want to live'. In addition, OHBA highlighted that 'getting ahead of rapid growth is critical to ensuring Ontario's economy and families can prosper'.

[Our submission](#) also emphasized the importance of and need for further dialogue between OHBA and MTO staff in the setting of priorities and the implementation of the strategic initiatives outlined in the proposed plan. The need to focus on improving transit connectivity, reducing congestion on the road network, and managing freight movement on the highway system were highlighted as requiring immediate attention by the province. In addition, the necessity for the province to address aspects related to the phasing and financing of the initiatives presented were deemed most relevant to our industry in providing appropriate housing supply on a timely basis.

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## the LNAM and MCR's Pursuant to the Provincial Growth Plan

The OHBA network of local home building associations and members across the GGH continue to participate in the MCR process where the LNAM does not reflect the market-based approach approved by the province in 2020. [Correspondence from OHBA](#) including BILD's letter to Durham Regional Chair has been submitted to Minister Clark requesting his immediate assistance to provide clarity and direction to the heads of Regional and Municipal Council across the GGH regarding the conformity requirements of the *Land Needs Assessment Methodology (LNAM)* as they complete their *Municipal Comprehensive Reviews (MCR's)*. Without this direction, OHBA feels that the MMAH would be placed in the unnecessary position to refuse any MCR submitted for approval.

With Ontario expecting over 2.4 million more people to join our communities in the next decade, the decisions that municipalities make through their MCR's today will determine the housing supply and choice in Ontario for the next 30 years. We need to get it right, and with provincial clarity and direction, we can bring more housing supply and choice for #homebelievers across Ontario.

### A Proposed Approach to Update the Projection Methodology Guideline

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has [posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario \(ERO\) # 019-2346](#) a proposed approach to support the review and update of the *Projection Methodology Guideline* to reflect the current land use planning policy framework in Ontario.

The existing guideline was issued by the province in 1995 and is in need of an update. The guideline is used to forecast and determine land needs during municipal official plan updates.

The proposed approach subject to this ERO posting is applicable to municipalities outside the GGH. The update is needed to reflect provincial priorities and support the implementation of the new *Provincial Policy Statement (PPS)*. The ERO posting poses a number of questions regarding the guideline update. The comment period regarding this ERO posting is open to September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021. The OHBA's submission approach would be similar to the current GGH market-based [Land Needs Assessment Methodology \(LNAM\)](#) applicable to GGH

OHBA member feedback would be appreciated by September 10<sup>th</sup> to allow for the finalization of the OHBA submission by the date specified in the posting - please email [lkotseff@ohba.ca](mailto:lkotseff@ohba.ca).

## OHBA & BHBA Virtual Information Session



# BHBA & OHBA VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION



**Hon. Steve Clark**

Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing - MPP for Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands & Rideau Lakes



**MPP Will Bouma**

Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance - MPP for Brantford-Brant



**Hon. Stan Cho**

Associate Minister of Transportation - MPP for Willowdale



**Mayor Kevin Davis**

City of Brantford



**Mayor David Bailey**

County of Brant



**Mike Moffatt**

Senior Director, Smart Prosperity Institute - Assistant Prof, Ivy Business School

BHBA with the support of OHBA is pleased to invite you to a virtual information session to discuss how our communities will address the big push for new housing supply in order to meet population demand with special guest speakers.

**Join us - Friday, September 17th @ 2:00 PM!**

**Register Here!**

Effective Oct. 1, 2010



Call to Action - Ontario Builders and HVAC's

Builders will see new internal Enbridge forms and labels that will now be affixed during inspections. Our goal through this communication is to provide you advanced knowledge of what forms/labels are changing so that you are aware and informed as they begin to appear.

The Inspection Status Report will be replaced with a labeling process that identifies the inspection status of each appliance as follows:

**THIS APPLIANCE INSTALLATION HAS BEEN INSPECTED AND APPROVED.**

Date:

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Address:

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EGI technician's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**DO NOT REMOVE LABEL**  
IS\_L\_008.2101 

**Black Label - Appliance passes inspection:** Enbridge will affix a black 'This Appliance Installation Has Been Inspected and Approved' label on all approved appliances.

**DO NOT ACTIVATE APPLIANCE**

Ontario regulation 212/01 requires that this appliance installation be approved by Enbridge Gas **BEFORE** being put into use.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please visit [enbridgegas.com/buildwithgas](http://enbridgegas.com/buildwithgas) to have this appliance inspected prior to occupancy.

**DO NOT REMOVE LABEL**  
IS\_L\_009.2101 

**Red Label - Appliance not ready or fails inspection:** When an appliance is not ready for inspection or an immediate hazard is identified, Enbridge will affix a red 'Do Not Activate Appliance' Label on the appliance.

**Rejection Notice** 

Residential  Inspection-not ready notice  Temporary/hot not ready notice  
 Commercial (where Enbridge is notified within 48 hours of installation unless the permit or Rejection Notice has already been issued, a notice change the date)

Date (EGM/AM/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_ Work order number \_\_\_\_\_ Meter \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Name of person who called (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Installation address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Call to phone  or Home  Address \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle make/model \_\_\_\_\_ Make/model \_\_\_\_\_ Meter size \_\_\_\_\_

Make/model \_\_\_\_\_ Label \_\_\_\_\_ Fuel/appliance type \_\_\_\_\_ Fuel \_\_\_\_\_ H.S.F. reg. number (PROVIDED) \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned represents all the gas piping with tested, installed and connected to each appliance listed in this notice. This cannot be undertaken without having for a day or the form. If you have any questions, please contact Enbridge Gas (last button for the 416 area code)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Inspector signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Inspector name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Appliance type	Brand	Model	Serial number	Inspected	Not ready	Hot not ready
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				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Instructions/Comments (Use or installation manual page numbers)

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**Rejection Notice:** The Rejection Notice will be used where gas supply piping or an appliance is found to be not ready for inspection resulting in an immediate hazard. The appliance will be left off and this notice will be completed. An HVAC can not clear a Rejection Notice and a new Enbridge inspection will be required.

\*The BTag Process has not changed.

You can email our technical support team here: [Technical-Desk-VPC@enbridge.com](mailto:Technical-Desk-VPC@enbridge.com)  
Or reach out to your representative at: [Residential New Construction Team Contact Information](#)

## OHBA 2021 Virtual Conference - Save the Date!



For the first time, OHBA will be hosting its Annual Conference virtually and we could not be more excited to share with our association the exciting interactive event we have in store. Join experts from Ontario's home building and professional renovation industry for a day of online learning and networking from **10 a.m. to 3 p.m., October 25 - REGISTER NOW!**

Beyond the star lineup of panellists and speakers, there will be two streams of educational sessions, engaging tradeshow booths, networking opportunities and much more. 'Building Growth Together' is the theme of this year's conference, as we recognize the difficult year that was and how we can all make a difference together as we move forward in the residential housing industry of Ontario.

Please visit [www.conference.ohba.ca](http://www.conference.ohba.ca) and follow [@OntarioHBA](https://twitter.com/OntarioHBA) on social media for updates and stay tuned to the conversation using the hashtag **#OHBA2021Conf**.

## OHBA Awards of Distinction - See you in 2022!





**30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
LIVE IN PERSON 2022  
IMPORTANT UPDATE

Some things are better in person. That's certainly the case with the Ontario Home Builders' Association's Awards of Distinction—particularly when celebrating a notable anniversary.

COVID-19 has required all industries to be flexible. Consequently, and with heavy hearts, OHBA has decided to postpone the much-anticipated 30th anniversary of its annual celebration of the best of the best in the Ontario home building industry until September 2022, when we can celebrate in person.

OHBA pivoted last year, honouring award winners in a virtual format. But the 30th edition of these prestigious awards deserves something special, and that includes face-to-face interaction to honour the fantastic members who make up our association and showcase their amazing work across Ontario.

\*Submissions already received will be eligible for the 2022 Awards of Distinction, should you wish to include them\*

We can't wait to see you in person in 2022!

For more information, please visit [www.ohbaaod.ca](http://www.ohbaaod.ca).

**#OHBA2022AoD**

## OHBA/Ontario Skilled Trades Alliance Survey

The OHBA is working with the Ontario Skilled Trades Alliance and Dawson Strategic to develop a research paper on skilled trade training supports for employers. We encourage members to take a look at the survey that has been created to further refine this research and help identify specific supports needed for employers to take on more skilled trades and apprentices. Please find the link to the survey [here](#).

## Province Seeking Feedback on Workplace Vaccination Rates

The Ontario Government is looking for feedback from the construction sector on workplace vaccination rates. Leading construction associations have been asked to contribute anonymous data that will better assist the province in understanding the rate of vaccination take-up across construction Ontario. [This completely voluntary survey](#) is entirely anonymous and only uses aggregate data to better understand vaccination rates within the construction industry.

## OHBA New Skills Development Program

This Employment Ontario project is funded by the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario.



The Ontario Home Builders' Association (OHBA) and EnerQuality are working together to deliver job-ready, unskilled labourers to qualified OHBA members building in the GTA, Niagara, Hamilton, Kitchener/ Waterloo, Guelph, Simcoe, Durham and Ottawa.

Through this program, OHBA and EnerQuality will manage all aspects of employee recruitment, screening, interviewing and onboarding. We will also provide ongoing weekly program support to participating employers and to employees to ensure success for all parties involved. Please click [HERE](#) for more information and learn how we can deliver job-ready workers!

## EnerQuality Upcoming Workshops



Submissions to this year's EQ Awards are open now! Head to <https://www.enerquality.ca/eq-awards/award-nominations/> to submit to an award today. Don't forget to register for the show – it's **FREE!**

Our education lineup is jam-packed. Please visit [enerquality.ca/education](https://www.enerquality.ca/education) to see all of our workshop offerings!

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