



# OHBA ACTIVITY Summary

*Keeping Members Informed*

## **DATES TO NOTE**

- February 20: Builders Council and Renovators Council
- February 20-22: [Builder & Renovator Forum](#)

## **FEBRUARY 2013**

### **HONOURABLE KATHLEEN WYNNE SWORN IN AS ONTARIO PREMIER**

Honourable Kathleen Wynne was sworn in as the 25th Premier of Ontario and Minister of Agriculture on February 11, 2013. Along with being the first female Premier of Ontario, she is also the first Premier who has served as a Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.



OHBA met with Premier Wynne in December to discuss issues of concern for our industry including: the College of Trades, the underground economy, land-use planning and development approvals process and allowing 6-storey wood structures in Ontario.

OHBA has a long and constructive record working with Premier Wynne in her past ministerial roles. As the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, she was the [keynote speaker](#) at the 2012 OHBA Annual Industry Leaders' Dinner, addressing over 300 industry professionals.

OHBA looks forward to working with the Premier to build a stronger economy, improve infrastructure across the province, and deliver necessary transit across Ontario while focusing on improving housing affordability and choice.

### **HONOURABLE LINDA JEFFREY: MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING**

OHBA congratulates the Honourable Linda Jeffrey on her new position as Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Chair of Cabinet.

Minister Jeffrey was first elected municipally to the Brampton City Council in 1991 and served four consecutive terms in that capacity; in 2003 she was elected as the MPP for Brampton Centre.

Over the course of her tenure at the Provincial Legislature, Minister Jeffrey served in a variety of roles, including: Parliamentary Assistant to the Ministers of Children and Youth Services, Democratic Renewal, Intergovernmental Affairs, Citizenship and Immigration and Transportation.



In 2005, MPP Jeffrey introduced a Private Members Bill (PMB) changing the Ontario Building Code to require fire sprinklers in all residential homes. OHBA opposed the PMB and presented alternate solutions to fire safety concerns. In 2008 the government introduced an amendment to the Building Code that required all new multi-unit residential buildings exceeding three-storeys to have residential fire sprinklers systems installed.

In January 2010, Minister Jeffrey was appointed Minister of Natural Resources and tasked with delivering one of North America's toughest pieces of conservation legislature, the Endangered Species Act (ESA), initially introduced in 2007. OHBA worked with the Minister to improve implementation of the ESA for our industry.

Most recently, Minister Jeffrey served as the Minister of Labour and Minister Responsible for Seniors, overseeing the creation of the Ministry of Labour Chief Prevention Officer. OHBA looks forward to continued positive dialogue with Minister Jeffrey as Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Minister Jeffrey brings a wealth of practical municipal experience and legislative and provincial experience to the role of Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

## **HONOURABLE GLEN MURRAY: MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

The Honourable Glen Murray has been appointed Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure. OHBA has had a working relationship with the minister prior to his election as an MPP. In 2007, as managing partner of AuthenticITY, a Toronto-based Urban Sustainability consulting and planning firm, Minister Murray addressed industry professionals at the OHBA Annual Forum on the topic of sustainable building through private-public partnerships highlighting his achievements as the former Mayor of Winnipeg.

Minister Murray is an active urban issues advocate and has been supportive of initiatives for urban planning, sustainable development and community health. In 2004 he became a visiting fellow at Massey College for the College of Architecture and Landscape Design, in 2005 was appointed Chair of the National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy (NRTEE) focusing on strategies that would reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and named President and CEO of the Canadian Urban Institute in 2007.



As a liberal leader candidate, Murray met with representatives from OHBA to discuss issues pertaining to the industry including: the College of Trades, the underground economy, land-use planning and development approvals process and allowing 6-storey wood structures in Ontario.

Minister Murray has also served as Minister of Research and Innovation and most recently as Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities. As Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, Minister Murray recognized OHBA's ongoing concerns with the College of Trades and was instrumental in protecting construction employers from paying a mandatory fee to the College.

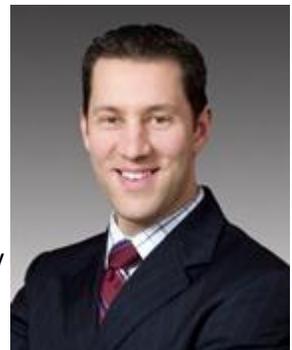
OHBA welcomes the appointment of Minister Murray, a passionate urban issues activist, and the opportunity to unlock Ontario's award-winning Places to Grow Act by utilizing growth plan principles to create complete, livable and sustainable neighbourhoods where Ontarians can live, work and play.

## **MINISTER DAVID ORAZIETTI: MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

OHBA congratulates David Orazietti on his appointment as Minister of Natural Resources.

Minister Orazietti was first elected in 1997 as City Councillor in Sault Ste. Marie and served in that capacity until he was elected as a MPP for Sault Ste. Marie in 2003.

Prior to being appointed Minister of Natural Resources, Minister Orazietti served as a Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier, Chair of the Standing Committee on General Government, member of the Cabinet Committee on Education Policy and member of the Cabinet Committee on Poverty Reduction. He has also served as Chair of the Liberal Caucus, Chair of the Northern Caucus, Chair of the Standing Committee on Education Policy and as a member of the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs.



Minister Orazietti has introduced several Private Members Bills that were adopted as government legislation, including: Reforms to the Northern Health Travel Grant, Reduced Cell Phone Costs for Consumers, Protection of Children in Vehicles from Second-hand Smoke and Increased Accessibility to Breast Cancer Screenings.

The minister is responsible for the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and conservation authorities. OHBA has been actively engaged on both these files for a number of years. MNR has a number of active consultations proposing critical regulatory improvements to the ESA and OHBA looks forward to the government bringing these improvements forward.

## **HONOURABLE YASIR NAQVI: MINISTER OF LABOUR**

First elected as an MPP for Ottawa Centre in 2007, Minister Yasir Naqvi has served as the Parliamentary Assistants to the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, the Minister of Revenue and the Minister of Education. In 2009, Minister Naqvi was appointed Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance and Chair of the Management Board of Cabinet.

Minister Naqvi has been a strong advocate for sustainable and affordable growth and he helped secure funding for the construction of over 350 new housing units, two new buildings at Carleton University and over \$250 million in infrastructure community projects throughout the Ottawa Centre.

Minister Naqvi has introduced a number of Private Member's Bills to aid community development including: the 2009 Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act, the 2009 Independent Public Health act and 2012 Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPP).



OHBA congratulates Minister Naqvi on his new position as Minister of Labour and looks forward to working with him on implementing the recommendations of the Dean Report including the requirement and certification of mandatory health and safety training for construction workers.

## **ONTARIO'S CABINET**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Portfolio</b>
David Zimmer	Minister of Aboriginal Affairs
Kathleen Wynne	Premier and Minister of Agriculture
John Gerretsen	Attorney General
Teresa Piruzza	Minister of Children and Youth Services
Michael Coteau	Minister of Citizenship and Immigration
Madeleine Meilleur	Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services and Minister Responsible for Francophone Affairs
Ted McMeekin	Minister of Community and Social Services
Tracey MacCharles	Minister of Consumer Services
Eric Hoskins	Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Employment
Liz Sandals	Minister of Education
Bob Chiarelli	Minister of Energy
Jim Bradley	Minister of Environment
Charles Sousa	Minister of Finance
Harinder Takhar	Minister of Government Services and Chair of the Management Board of Cabinet
Deb Matthews	Minister of Health and Long-Term Care and Deputy Premier
Glen Murray	Minister of Infrastructure and Minister of Transportation
Laurel Broten	Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister Responsible for Women's Affairs
Yasir Naqvi	Minister of Labour
Mario Sergio	Minister Responsible for Seniors
Linda Jeffrey	Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
David Oraziotti	Minister of Natural Resources
Michael Gravette	Minister of Northern Development and Mines
Reza Moridi	Minister of Research and Innovation
Jeff Leal	Minister of Rural Affairs
Michael Chan	Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport and Minister Responsible for the 2015 Pan/Parapan America Games
Brad Duguid	Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities
John Milloy	Government House Leader



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