



OHBA ACTIVITY Summary

Keeping Members Informed

DATES TO NOTE

- September 23-25: OHBA Conference
- September 24: 2012 Awards of Distinction
- September 25: OHBA Renovators' Council
- September 25: OHBA Builders' Council

AUGUST 2012

PROVINCE ANNOUNCES CONDO ACT REVIEW

The province has announced it will be reviewing the Condominium Act. In the information released by the Ministry of Consumer Services, they state that there is a need to review the Act due to the significant changes in the market and condominium products available to consumers since the Act was last amended in 1997. The Ministry has identified five broad categories for review:

- Condominium board governance
- Dispute resolution
- Condominium finances and reserve fund management
- Consumer protection for buyers
- Expertise/accreditation of condominium managers

OHBA has met with members from BILD and is planning on engaging other local home building associations in the fall. For more information on the review please contact Stephen Hamilton shamilton@ohba.ca

GREAT LAKES STRATEGY

The Provincial Government is consulting on a Draft Great Lakes Strategy and has introduced a Great Lakes Protection Act. Ministry of Environment is currently engaging with stakeholders in setting priorities for action to protect, conserve and restore the Great Lakes. The draft strategy and proposed act would establish Ontario's direction on Great Lakes and create new tools to:

- Empower communities
- Improve water quality and
- Protect wetlands, beaches and coastlines

OHBA is generally supportive of some of the long-term objectives contained in the draft strategy, but is concerned by additional layering of provincial legislation, policies and regulations that may impact housing affordability and choice. OHBA recognizes that population growth is a contributing factor to stresses placed on the Great Lakes Ecosystem, but notes that new communities have significantly increased standards dealing with storm-water over the last two decades and that development charges already cover growth related costs for storm and water-water servicing. OHBA is in the process of preparing a submission to the provincial government regarding the draft strategy and proposed legislation (please visiting EBR Registry 011-6418 and 011-6461 for more information). If OHBA members have any questions, concerns or recommendations to be included in the OHBA submission, please contact OHBA Director of Policy Mike Collins-Williams mikecw@ohba.ca.

OHBA AWARDS OF DISTINCTION

Thank you to everyone that made submissions! OHBA received another impressive number of entries this year. We will be posting the finalists online shortly. Please visit www.ohbaaod.ca for updates.



OHBA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2012

Mark Your Calendar! The 2012 Conference will be hosted by the CHBA Simcoe County Home Builders' Association, at Blue Mountain Resort in Collingwood September 23-25. Register today at www.ohbaconference.com



REMINDERS / AVAILABLE FROM OHBA

- ✓ Engine That Drives Ontario's Economy
- ✓ NEW Ontario Housing Issues Status Report: Spring 2012
- ✓ OHBA Magazine Trends Issue
- ✓ OHBA 2012 Membership Directory
- ✓ YOUR VOICE – How OHBA Works For You
- ✓ OHBA Endangered Species Act Submission



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