



# OHBA ACTIVITY Summary

*Keeping Members Informed*

## **DATES TO NOTE**

- August 8-19: [OHBA's People's Choice Award Voting Opens Online](#)
- August 20: [OHBA Health and Safety Webinar](#)
- August 21: [OHBA Housing Technology Tour](#)
- September 12: [OHBA Toronto Mayoral Debate](#)
- September 22-24: [OHBA's Annual Conference and Awards of Distinction](#)

## **August 2014**

## **AMM RESOLUTIONS**

OHBA has produced a 2013-2014 Resolutions Update package that is a [status report of the resolutions](#) approved at the September 23, 2013 OHBA Annual Meeting of Members in Niagara Falls. OHBA invites and encourages local associations to submit resolutions to the 2014 OHBA Annual Meeting of Members at 9:00 a.m. on Monday September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Ottawa Convention Centre. **Please submit resolutions to OHBA by Friday, August 29th**, this will enable us to circulate the material to all local associations for their review in early September, prior to the OHBA AMM. Our 31 local associations have a voice in the policies and priorities of our organization. Please provide us with your input.

## **MINISTRY OF LABOUR ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES**

The Ministry of Labour (MOL) released the 2014-2015 construction sector plan which establishes the MOL's enforcement focus for the year. The MOL is preparing for an enforcement blitz in July and August focused on two areas, the first focuses that safety equipment is in place, including: guardrails, scaffolds, and personal protective equipment. The second blitz focuses on fall protection. The [Ministry has also published tips](#) on how to prepare for a MOL blitz inspection.

The residential construction sector in Ontario has made significant improvements to health and safety in recent years. According to statistics from WSIB, the residential rate group has lowered its lost time injury rate over 40 per cent over the past four years on record.

## **SPECIES AT RISK IN ONTARIO**

On June 27, 2014, the Species at Risk in Ontario (SARO) List (O. Reg. 230/08) was amended. These amendments resulted in the addition of three new endangered species to the SARO List (Mottled Duskywing, Riverine Clubtail, Eastern Small-footed Myotis (bat)), three new threatened species to the SARO List (Lilliput, Threehorn Wartyback, Bank Swallow), two new special concern species to the SARO List (Eastern Wood-Pewee, Wood Thrush), the change of one species on the SARO List from endangered to threatened (Pugnose Shiner) and the change of two species on the SARO List from threatened to special concern (Eastern Musk Turtle, Crooked-stem Aster). OHBA made a submission to the Ministry of Natural Resources in May supporting an amendment to O.Reg 242/08 in response to the additional species being added to the SARO list that support permit streamlining and transitional policies for these new species.

## OHBA'S HOUSING TECHNOLOGY TOUR

OHBA is excited to announce our Housing Technology Tour on Thursday, August 21, 2014! Hosted by Doug Tarry, Vice-Chair of the OHBA Technical Committee and OHBA Past President, this exciting tour will take participants to several interesting, unique and technologically-advanced sites in the GTA and Hamilton.



Featuring award winning companies, including Great Gulf Homes, Minto and Multi-Area Developments, the tour will allow participants to learn first-hand about new technologies that are being implemented to advance, modernize and simplify the building process.

To register for this tour, please [click here](#) or visit the OHBA website at [www.ohba.ca](http://www.ohba.ca) to learn more.

## OHBA 2014 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND AWARDS OF DISTINCTION

The OHBA 2014 Annual Conference and Awards of Distinction are only two months away and we have an exciting line up this year! Taking place in our nation's capital, Ottawa, at the Ottawa Convention Centre from September 21-23<sup>rd</sup>, this three-day event is jam-packed with gala events, activities and business sessions that are sure to appeal to everyone. Greater Ottawa Home Builders' Association is set to open the much anticipated conference with a *Canada Day* themed opening reception which will showcase delicacies, talent and entertainment that make this country so great.



On Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> delegates will have the opportunity to golf at one of Ottawa premiere golf courses, [Stonebridge Golf Club](#), take a [guided Housing Tour](#) across Greater Ottawa, or relax with a lunch voucher and Spa day. That evening we will be celebrating the best of the best at our *Stars in the Capital* themed Awards of Distinction. Don't forget to vote in OHBA's first *People's Choice Award* and make sure your favourite project is a winner! Voting is online at [www.ohbaaod.ca](http://www.ohbaaod.ca) and will be open from **August 8-19<sup>th</sup>**! On Tuesday we invite all our delegates to join us for our business sessions that will provide insight into the Housing and Economic market in Ontario, offer advice from expert builders on how to handle the planning and appeals process, learn about new marketing strategies for Customer Service Excellence and much more! To see the full schedule of events and to register for the conference, please visit [www.ohbaconference.ca](http://www.ohbaconference.ca). In the evening we will welcome our new president with the inaugural President's gala to end our conference festivities.



**OHBA Conference: Ottawa Housing Tour**

Join us on **Monday, September 22, 2014** as we explore some of the new and exciting housing options in Canada's capital city, Ottawa!

Hosted by Greater Ottawa Home Builders' Association President, Pierre Dufresne, the conference housing tour will focus on the revitalization of Lansdowne Park, new high-rise development, single-family homes and NRCan's housing technology research.

Don't miss out, register today!  
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**Highlights**

- Delicious lunch at the Canal Ritz Restaurant
- Minto Lansdowne: As part of the Lansdowne rejuvenation, Minto is building two high-rise Condos and a collection of Townhomes
- Tartan Homes: Findlay Creek Village
- Tour of NRCan's Canadian Centre for Housing Technology (CHT)

OHBA has also been working hard to provide safe and affordable options to travel to and from Ottawa for the conference. One such option is a [Train to Ottawa](#) – if you are interested please get in touch with Tina Fattore at [tina.fattore@imms-mortgage.com](mailto:tina.fattore@imms-mortgage.com) before August 15th.



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