



OHBA **ACTIVITY** Summary

Keeping Members Informed

JUNE 2012

DATES TO NOTE

- June 1-3: CHBA Spring Meetings
- June 14: OHBA Technical Committee
- June 19: OHBA /Tarion Liaison Committee
- June 20: Joint OHBA/BILD Land Meeting
- June 20: OHBA Board of Directors
- June 28: OHBA/ Urbanation Condo Tour

WSIB FINALIZES MANDATORY COVERAGE POLICIES

The WSIB has finalized their policies for mandatory coverage in construction. Independent operators, executive officers and partners in partnership working in construction who have no workers will need to have WSIB coverage starting in 2013. As established by legislation, those independent operators, sole proprietors and executive officers in construction that perform exclusively home renovation work and are contracted directly with the homeowner are exempt from compulsory coverage.

One partner or executive officer may apply for an exemption from coverage if the EO does not engage in any construction work. Periodic site visits are permitted, provided that the partner or executive officer is not performing construction work on the site.

For all information related to the new expanded WSIB coverage in construction policies, visit:
www.wsib.on.ca

BOBOLINK AND EASTERN MEADOWLARK: URBAN DEVELOPMENT TRANSITION

An OHBA subcommittee with BILD & Greater Ottawa HBA (GOHBA) members has been engaged with the Ministry of Natural Resources to advocate for a fair and balanced transition policy regarding two threatened grasslands species that supports species protection while respecting existing planning approvals. The transition policy with the following benefits exchange (no Overall Benefit Permit will be required if a project qualifies for transition) was posted on the Environmental Registry 011-5372 in May:

- Projects in lands designated as an area of settlement in an official plan of a municipality approved before Jan 1, 2013, 1:1 (acre for acre);
- Projects in receipt of Draft Plan Approval or Condominium Act Approval before Nov 1, 2014, 0.5:1 ratio;
- Projects in receipt of Draft Plan Approval or Condominium Act Approval before Jan 1, 2013, 0.1:1 ratio.

The transition policy contains additional conditions – for more information please contact Mike Collins-Williams: mikecw@ohba.ca

CONDO TOUR

Coming Thursday June 28th the annual OHBA / Urbanation condo tour will be focusing on mid-rise boutique condo projects in the city's west-end. Check out innovative projects that fit their neighbourhood context in Toronto's most sought after communities along West Queen West, Ossington, Dundas West and King West and enjoy a delicious lunch at the infamous Drake Hotel.

The OHBA / Urbanation Condo Tour hosted by Urbanation Executive VP Ben Myers will be visiting:

- Streetcar Developments: The Carnaby / 2 Gladstone / 8 Gladstone
- Daz – Abacus Lofts
- Reserve Properties – 109OZ / Motif
- Triwin International Developments – FAD Condos
- BLVD Developments & Lifetime Developments – Victory Condos

Be sure to register soon at www.ohba.ca as space on the tour is limited!

GROWTH PLAN: UPDATE ON POPULATION & EMPLOYMENT FORECAST REVIEW

The Ministry of Infrastructure's Ontario Growth Secretariat has initiated a review to update the population and employment forecasts for the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (Schedule 3) www.placestogrow.ca. The Ministry indicates that the Greater Golden Horseshoe will continue to be one of the fastest growing urban regions of North America and will utilize preliminary results from the 2011 census for the review. To remain accurate, the Growth Plan's current forecasts need to be updated with new demographic information and extended beyond the current 2031 horizon year. The Ministry is consulting with OHBA, BILD and other stakeholders on the methodology, demographic assumptions and planning horizons for the forecast review.

For more information OHBA members are invited to attend a consultation with the Ministry of Infrastructure at the upcoming joint OHBA / BILD Land Meeting at 20 Upjohn Road at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday June 20th. For more information or to RSVP please contact OHBA Director of Policy, Mike Collins-Williams at mikecw@ohba.ca

OHBA AWARDS OF DISTINCTION

OHBA Awards of Distinction categories have been revised. The awards will be presented at the OHBA Conference at Blue Mountain Resort, Collingwood, September 24th 2012. The submission criteria and new categories are online at www.ohbaaod.ca.



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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