



# OHBA ACTIVITY Summary

Keeping Members Informed

## DATES TO NOTE

- October 23-26: CHBA Fall Meetings
- November 6: OHBA Board of Directors at Queen's Park and MPP Reception
- February 26-28: OHBA/EnerQuality Builder and Renovator Forum

## October 2013

### PRESIDENT'S GALA AND OHBA ASSOCIATION 2013 WINNERS



On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 Eric DenOuden, owner and president of Hilden Homes in Belleville, was sworn in as OHBA's 47<sup>th</sup> president for 2013-2014. Accompanied by a fife and drummer, Eric and his family received a standing ovation from over 350 industry professionals attending that evening's President's gala. Eric most recently served as the organization's 1st Vice President and has been a member of the Executive Committee for four years. In addition, he is a past president of the Quinte Home Builders' Association and has served on numerous committees at the local association level. In 2004, he was awarded Member of the Year by his local association.

The President's Gala was also an opportunity for OHBA to recognize those in the association who have made a tremendous industry impact within their local HBA, OHBA or CHBA (provincial and federal) industry. This year's top honours went to the Hamilton-Halton Home Builders' Association (HHHBA) who received the 2013

Local Association of the Year Award for their strong growth in membership, innovative communications and awareness campaigns, as well as comprehensive government relations and advocacy efforts.

Lyn Townsend was named 2013 OHBA Member of the Year for her legal assistance and advice on countless development and planning issues through numerous local HBA's across Ontario that affect the association and its members.

Special honours were given to Aggie Tose, Chair of the Executive Officer's Committee who received the David Horton Leadership Award for her outstanding contributions to the industry and her fellow association professionals. For a full listing of winners, [please click here.](#)



### PREMIER WYNNE WELCOMES ERIC DENOUDEN AND ADDRESSES OHBA

Premier Wynne joined OHBA at the President's gala to welcome Eric in as the new President and to address the delegates on several industry issues, including: the Development Charges Act, the land-use planning system and the OMB. Acknowledging her working relationship with the OHBA, Premier Wynne assured the audience that the industry's voice would be heard and the government would work with various panels and discussion groups, who have industry representation on them, in order to come to a solution that was best for the province of Ontario.

OHBA has a long standing relationship with Premier Wynne and will continue to work with her and her caucus to inform, educate and advocate on issues of importance to the home building industry.

### 2013 OHBA APPOINTEES TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

At the Annual Meeting of Members at the Niagara Fallsview Casino on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, members elected their representatives for the OHBA Executive Committee for 2013-2014. OHBA continues to require a strong Executive to represent the extensive interests of its total membership. This year's officers are:

- First Vice President: Vince Molinaro – Hamilton-Halton HBA, Past President HHHBA (President, Molinaro Group)
- Second Vice President: John Meinen – Stratford & Area BA, Past President SABA (President, Pinnacle Quality Homes)
- Second Vice President: Rick Martins – Brantford HBA, Past President BHBA (Vice President, Eastforest Homes)
- Treasurer: Neil Rodgers – BILD/Durham, Chair BILD Urban Land Committee (Vice President of Acquisitions, Tribute Communities)
- Secretary: Diane Murray – Hamilton-Halton HBA, Past Treasurer OHBA (Key Account Manager, Union Gas)
- President's Appointment: Michael Pozzebon – BILD, Chair BILD-York Region Chapter (Vice President, Metrus Development)
- President's Appointment: Lyn Townsend – BILD, DC Expert, OHBA DCA Review Committee (Lawyer, Townsend and Associates)
- President's Appointment: Pierre Dufresne – Greater Ottawa HBA, Current President GOHBA (Vice President, Tartan Land Corporation)

### 2013 OHBA RESOLUTIONS

At the Annual Meeting of Members at OHBA's annual conference, members voted on several [resolutions for 2013-2014](#). Member engagement through Annual Resolutions process is important as the resolutions establish policy which help guide the governance objectives of the association.

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| Metrolinx Investment Strategy                       | Planning Act – Section 37 (Density Bonus) /<br>Appropriate pre-zoning | Opposition to All Compulsory Trade Application Request<br>through College of Trades |
| Development Charges Act – Historic Level of Service | Planning Act – Section 41 and 51.1 – Parkland<br>Dedication           | Adjustment to approved 2013/14 OHBA Budget – Industry<br>Action Fund                |
| Development Charges Act – Voluntary Charges         | Ontario Building Code – Six-Storey Wood Frame<br>Construction         | EEDS (Energy Efficiency Design Submission) Form Update                              |
| Land-use planning appeals (Ontario Municipal Board) | Proposed Changes to WSIB Rate Groups                                  |   |

## OHBA CONFERENCE: TIM HUDAK AND UPCOMING CONSULTATIONS



At the OHBA Annual Conference in Niagara Falls, members were joined by Tim Hudak, Leader of the Official Opposition, who spoke to the hard work that the association and members have put into helping build the Ontario economy. Hudak also discussed the positive working relationship between his party and OHBA. Hudak also commented specifically on several policy items that affect the industry. If elected he reiterated that he would abolish the Ontario College of Trades and mandatory WSIB coverage for independent operators and executive officers.

The association also launched two ad hoc committees to respond to provincial consultations on the planning decision making process including appeals to the OMB and a second consultation evaluating the Development Charges Act and associated taxes as fees such as sec 37 and parkland dedication. The two committees were launched as a session entitled *Fighting for Affordability and Fairness* which included a context presentation on how the provincial government arrived at its decision to launch these consultations

as well as discussions on what the industry expects during the consultation process and how OHBA plans to organize a committee structure to respond to the consultations.

OHBA member of the year, Lyn Townsend will chair the development charges committee, while OHBA Past President Leith Moore and OHBA Executive Committee member Neil Rodgers will co-chair the committee responding to the OMB consultation. While the provincial government has indicated that there will be consultations on these critical issues, an official consultation has not as of yet been launched. OHBA is providing both the Premier's Office and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing with detailed information, facts and OHBA resolutions to assist in determining the scope of the consultations and identifying key issues and resources to be included in the consultation process. If you are interested in participating in the development charges committee please contact Stephen Hamilton [shamilton@ohba.ca](mailto:shamilton@ohba.ca); alternatively, if you are interesting in participating on the OMB committee please contact Mike Collins-Williams [mikecw@ohba.ca](mailto:mikecw@ohba.ca).

## THE 2013 OHBA AWARDS OF DISTINCTION WINNERS

The 2013 OHBA Awards of Distinction were a huge success with its James Bond themed Gala Event. Hosted by past-president Danny Gabriele, the industry's very own 'man of mystery', the event was attended by over 400 industry professionals there to share in the success of their fellow members.

Reid's Heritage Homes (RHH), captured top honours when it was named 2013 Ontario Home Builder of the Year. Great Gulf Homes took home four awards including the 2013 Project of the Year for low-rise. Also taking home four awards was MOD Development Inc. who received the 2013 Project of the Year for High or Mid-Rise. For a full list of award winners, [please click here](#).



## OHBA & BILD HOST MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING

On Friday September 20th, OHBA in conjunction with BILD co-hosted a *Live and Interactive an*



*Industry Conversation* in front of 400 association members with special guest, the Honourable Linda Jeffrey, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The industry panel conversing with Minister Jeffrey consisted of OHBA President Leith Moore, BILD Chair Steve Upton and BILD President and CEO Bryan Tuckey. The discussion revolving around a variety of topics, including the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), development charges, and parkland policies was moderated by BILD First Vice Chair Steve Deveaux.

The event offered an opportunity for the new housing and land development industry to provide Minister Jeffrey our perspectives and concerns prior to the provincial government officially kicking off public consultations on the role of the OMB in the planning decision making process and evaluating the Development Charges Act. Minister Jeffrey stated that she welcomes information, evidence and recommendations from the building and land development industry and that she looks forward to further consultation and discussion with the OHBA.

## TARION BUILDER UPDATE

Tarion Builder Updates are an important opportunity to learn more about Tarion policies, meet with senior staff, and interact with other vendor/builders.

During the update, Tarion representatives will discuss policy updates including Tarion's Builder Education proposal, the implementation of Performance Based Pricing, changes to the Builder Arbitration Forum, and Tarion's Honesty and Integrity Guidelines. You'll hear about service improvements, the top ten warranty claims and customer service issues, and the always popular *Warranted or Not* session. There will also be plenty of opportunity to ask questions and speak one-on-one with Tarion staff.

### Tarion Builder Update – Toronto

Tuesday, 22 October 2013

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Tarion Customer Centre

5160 Yonge St

Toronto, ON M2N 6L9

Registration is mandatory and must be made in advance by visiting: <http://tarion.eventbrite.ca/>



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