



OHBA ACTIVITY Summary

Keeping Members Informed

DATES TO NOTE

- September 22: Annual Meeting of Members
- September 22: President's Gala /OHBA Awards of Distinction, "Reach Great Heights With OHBAir"



OHBA HUMANITARIAN BUILD
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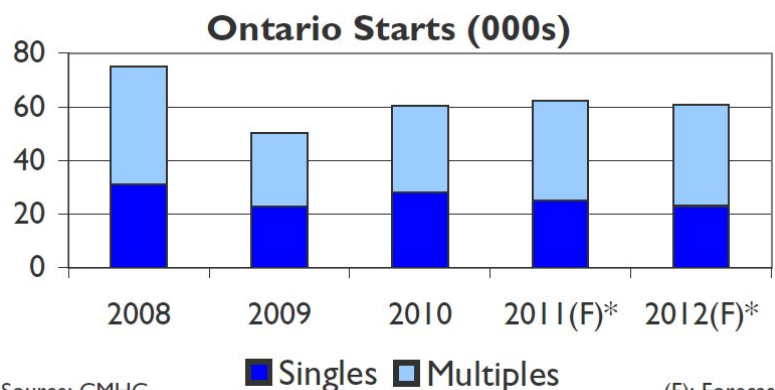
At the AMO Meetings this year, the Premier, the Leader of the Official Opposition and the Leader of the Third Party were presented with 12 formal 'asks' from the association representing municipalities across the province. The most notable as it relates to residential construction is their 'ask' for candidates to commit to "review the Development Charges Act". The Premier stated that he would not review the DC Act but was open to suggestions. This comment is consistent with the statement the Premier made at the 2008 BILD Industry Leader Dinner, in which he stated that reopening the Act was not something the government is considering.

Mr. Hudak did not specifically discuss this item, but his address did repeat the commitment he has made in Changebook (PC official Platform) that he would restore municipal and local decision making. Mr. Hudak has addressed the OHBA a number of times in the past year, and he continues to make the point that new home ownership needs to be affordable, and that housing is not a commodity to be taxed but to be supported. Hudak has stated publicly in the past that he would not re-open the Development Charges Act.

Leader of the Third Party and NDP Leader Andrea Horwath also addressed the AMO delegates and focused on building a strong relationship with municipalities and committed to continued uploading of social services to the provincial level so municipalities can provide the services that property tax should be covering

CMHC PUBLISHES RENOVATION STATISTICS AND REVISES HOUSING START NUMBERS

Ontario renovation spending in 2010 grew at the fastest rate since 2007. With real estate transactions remaining strong in 2010, renovation activity grew by 8.1%. However, the report anticipates that 2011 will see a small decline in renovation expenditures as the expiration of the federal *Home Renovation Tax Credit* likely pulled a number of projects forward in order to qualify. Upward price pressures and rising interest expenses will also damped growth in home equity, an important source of financing for renovation expenditures.



CMHC has increased the forecast for housing starts in Ontario, as stronger momentum in Ontario's labour and housing markets during the first half of 2011, has prompted a slight upward revision to the outlook for the year. Prices are expected to moderate as shifting demand to less expensive housing will support lower growth in the average price.

AWARDS OF DISTINCTION FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

OHBA announced the finalists for the 2011 Awards of Distinction. The winners will be announced on September 22nd at ExecAir in Toronto. Visit www.ohbaaod.ca for more info.



OHBA DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

It is important to ensure OHBA policy objectives are delivered to the government following the provincial election. OHBA intends to forward not only new 2011 OHBA resolutions to the government, but will also deliver relevant resolutions passed at the OHBA Annual Meeting of Members in 2010 and 2009.

Resolutions will be voted on at the AMM at 2:00 p.m. at the Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel and Suites (5875 Airport Road, Mississauga) on September 22, 2011. Please click the attached link for the current set of 4 draft resolutions for consideration and review by all local associations prior to the OHBA AMM. OHBA invites and encourages local associations to submit resolutions in advance of the OHBA AMM and resolutions are welcome from the floor of the AMM.

Our 29 local associations have a voice in the policies and priorities of our organization. Please provide us with your input.

ONTARIO'S DEFICITS LOWER THAN ESTIMATED

Ontario's deficit for the 2010-11 fiscal year was \$5.7 billion lower than projected in the fiscal plan set out in the 2010 Budget. The spending was lower than planned as well as stronger than anticipated economic growth which supported higher government revenues. The 2010-11 deficit came in at \$14 billion.

The Government's plan continues to use 2017-18 as the fiscal year where the deficit will be eliminated.

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

The Endangered Species Act, 2007 (ESA) requires the government to publish statements summarizing and prioritizing the actions it intends to take in response to recovery strategies to protect and recover species at risk. The Government Response Statements (GRS) are the government's policy response to the scientific advice provided in the recovery strategies. In developing GRS, the government considers the advice and input from the recovery strategies, stakeholder consultations and species experts. On August 12, eleven Draft GRS were posted on the Environmental Registry for a 45-day consultation period.

OHBA is requesting that members including environmental consultants notify OHBA of any potential concerns regarding impacts on the local home building and development industry in your respective jurisdictions. Should any concerns arise, OHBA will respond accordingly to the provincial government within the consultation period.

To view the notice, please visit and www.ontario.ca/environmentalregistry and enter 011-2480 in the search to view the 11 draft

REMINDERS / AVAILABLE FROM OHBA

- ✓ OHBA Growth Plan Amendment Submission (Simcoe County)
- ✓ Ontario Housing Issues Status Report: Spring 2011
- ✓ OHBA Magazine Summer Issue
- ✓ OHBA Endangered Species Act Submission
- ✓ OHBA 2011 Membership Directory
- ✓ YOUR VOICE – How OHBA Works For You
- ✓ OHBA 10-Year Capital Plan Submission
- ✓ OHBA/BILD Joint 2011 Brownfield Submission



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