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### **JOHN MEINEN TO BE ELECTED 49<sup>TH</sup> PRESIDENT OF THE ONTARIO HOME BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION**

Toronto September 16, 2015...**John Meinen** will be elected President of the Ontario Home Builders' Association (OHBA) for 2015-2016 at the organization's Annual Meeting of Members being held September 28, 2015 at the Deerhurst Resort in Huntsville. John most recently served as the association's 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and has been a member of the Executive Committee since 2011. John has been a long-time advocate for the association and industry.

Long before joining the Executive Committee, John was a champion for membership and for small businesses. Through his own initiative, John was instrumental in establishing two new local associations, Bluewater HBA and Oxford County HBA, into the OHBA fold earning him two consecutive Roof Topper of the Year awards from the association, an award that recognizes outstanding leadership and membership recruitment for the association. In addition, John has served three terms as President of the Stratford and Area Builders' Association (SABA) and has volunteered on numerous committees at the local, provincial and national level, continuously striving to represent the small business owners at the table.



With over 32 years of experience in the residential construction industry, John began his career at the age of 18 when he established his own house framing company based out of British Columbia. Four years later, John returned to Ontario to continue growing his company and in 1998 John and his wife Arlene established Pinnacle Homes. The award-winning company has built over 200 custom homes throughout the Stratford area.

Pinnacle Homes continues to be a family run affair with John and Arlene's children and spouses actively taking part in the growth and development of the business. The company is also very involved in the community and most recently, John played a monumental role in making the Stratford Splash Pad a reality. To learn more about John, visit the magazine section of our website and view his profile on page 40.

The Ontario Home Builders' Association is the voice of the building, land development and professional renovation industry in Ontario representing 4,000 member companies organized into 31 local associations across the province. Our members have built over 700,000 homes in the last ten years in over 500 Ontario communities. The industry contributes over \$45 billion to Ontario's economy, employing over 300,000 people across the province.

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