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### **NEIL RODGERS TO BE ELECTED THE 50<sup>TH</sup> PRESIDENT OF THE ONTARIO HOME BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION**

Toronto September 12, 2016...**Neil Rodgers** will be elected President of the Ontario Home Builders' Association (OHBA) for 2016-2017 at the organization's Annual Meeting of Members being held September 19, 2016 at the Blue Mountain Resort in Collingwood. Neil most recently served as the association's 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and has been a member of the Executive Committee since 2012.

A long-time dedicated advocate for the association and the industry, Neil brings a wealth of knowledge, talent and expertise to this leadership role within OHBA.

With almost 30 years of experience in land development, Neil's career has spanned both the public and private sectors of the industry across southern Ontario, British Columbia and the United States. Currently the Executive Vice President, Acquisitions at Tribute Communities, one of the largest integrated land developer/community builders in Ontario, Neil is responsible for all aspects of land acquisitions, vendor/investor and broker relationships and market research.



Prior to joining the Tribute family, Neil played a pivotal leadership role in the merger of the Urban Development Industry (UDI) Ontario and the Greater Toronto Homebuilders' Association (GTHBA), to form the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) – the largest local home builders' association in Ontario. With an Urban Planning degree from the University of Waterloo, Neil's work with associations and their stakeholders along with his past experiences working closely with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and other government organizations has made him a natural in the political sphere and a knowledgeable representative of the industry.

A focus for Neil's term as OHBA president will be on evidence-based research in order to demonstrate what the future of the marketplace will look like with the current policy models that are in place. With several important files on the go, Neil plans to use this research to help educate, advocate and inform the government on issues like the Greenbelt and Growth Plan, the OMB Review and Building Code changes around Net Zero housing as well as the Climate Change Action Plan.

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 30 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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