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June 2021



Important Dates:

- **Monday, June 7th, 2021** - Awards of Distinction Submissions are now OPEN!
- **Thursday, June 24th, 2021** - OHBA Board of Directors Meeting - Virtual @ 10 AM

Save the Date:

- **Monday, October 4th, 2021** - Wrap-Up Board of Directors Meeting and Annual Meeting of Members - Virtual
- **Monday, October 25th, 2021** - OHBA Annual Conference - Virtual
- **Tuesday, November 16th, 2021** - OHBA Awards of Distinction (AoD) - Virtual

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Modernizing the Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Systems

In May, Minister of Labour Monte McNaughton brought forward Bill 288, *Building Opportunities in the Skilled Trades Act, 2021* (BOSTA) which will modernize the skilled trades and apprenticeship systems in Ontario. OHBA has long called for reform of the skilled trades system and for the government to address the problems with the Ontario College of Trades.

BOSTA will create the Crown Agency, Skilled Trades Ontario (STO), which will be tradesperson focused, a one-stop-shop that provides a clear, linear and transparent direction for how to become a tradesperson from start to finish. STO will also lead the promotion, research and development of the latest apprenticeship training and curriculum standards. STO will be responsible for apprentice registration, issuance of certificates and renewals, and conduct equivalency assessments, with many of these services being offered online. STO will be accountable to the Minister of Labour and the Ministry will directly handle oversight, financial supports, compliance and enforcement and regulatory decisions.

[OHBA spoke in support of the legislation](#) at the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs in May and emphasized how aspiring tradespersons must be at the centre of decision making for the proposed new agency. By establishing Skilled Trades Ontario, the province is helping connect employers with the tradespersons and apprentices they need, particularly as the economy recovers from the impacts of the pandemic. Members know how important it is to reduce the stigma around skilled trades, simplify the system and make it easier to connect with the tradespersons we need to help address the housing needs of Ontario families, now and into the future.

Ongoing Environmental Consultations

In May, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks brought various

- on the following regulatory proposals,
- Regulatory proposals (Phase 1) under the Conservation Authorities Act ([ERO 019-2986](#)): The Ministry is proposing new regulations to focus conservation authorities on their core mandate by prescribing mandatory programs and services they must provide, give municipalities greater control over what conservation authority programs and services they will fund, consolidate “Conservation Areas” regulations and require community advisory boards. – **Feedback due Sunday, June 27**
 - Land use compatibility guideline (D-Series) ([ERO 019-2785](#)): The Ministry is proposing a new land use compatibility guideline as an update to a number of existing D-series guidelines for municipalities to use when making land use planning decisions. The proposed guideline will help ensure certain land uses can co-exist within a community, including major industrial facilities and more sensitive residential land uses. – **Feedback due Saturday, July 3**
 - Guideline to address odor mixtures in Ontario ([ERO 019-2768](#)): The Ministry is proposing guidance on how the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, and the regulated community can anticipate, prevent and address odor issues that could be of concern to local residences. - **Feedback due Saturday, July 3**
 - Modernizing environmental compliance practices of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks ([ERO 019-2972](#)): The Ministry is proposing to update our compliance policy to focus more resources on incidents and complaints from the public that pose a higher risk to the environment and/or human health and on holding polluters accountable. **Feedback due Saturday, July 3**

OHBA encourages members to provide their feedback through the above EROs. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact OHBA Manager of Government Relations, [Alex Piccini](#).

Health, Safety and Sanitation on Jobsites

Throughout COVID-19, OHBA members have been working extensively to ensure that health, safety and sanitation measures are implemented on jobsites across the province. With summer just around the corner, there are some key measures that members should be aware of as the weather gets warmer.

Keeping cool in the summer is a key priority for many employers and employees on jobsites. While this may permit different styles of jobsite clothing, OHBA reminds members that

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measures are maintained on jobsites. Finally, members should also ensure they have an adequate jobsite tracking system in the event that information is required by the Ministry of Health or local Public Health Unit.

We encourage members to visit OHBA's [COVID-19 webpage](#) for more information and resources.

OHBA New Skills Development Program

This Employment Ontario project is funded by the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario.



The Ontario Home Builders' Association (OHBA) and EnerQuality are working together to deliver job-ready, unskilled labourers to qualified OHBA members building in the GTA, Niagara, Hamilton, Kitchener/ Waterloo, Guelph, Simcoe, Durham and Ottawa.

Through this program, OHBA and EnerQuality will manage all aspects of employee recruitment, screening, interviewing and onboarding. We will also provide ongoing weekly program support to participating employers and to employees to ensure success for all parties involved. Please click [HERE](#) for more information and learn how we can deliver job-ready workers!

#homebeliever Series Webinar: Is Home Ownership Still a Reality? with RBC

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Webinar Series:
'Is Home Ownership Still a Reality?'

Join OHBA as we discuss what the RBC poll tells us about #homebeliever aspirations and what they need from Ontario's housing supply in the future.

The 2021 RBC Spring Housing Poll:

- 39% of Ontario non-homeowners under 40 have given up on the dream of owning a home
- 71% of Ontarians saying most people will be priced out of the housing market in the next decade

Special Guest: Tonya Currie, Senior Director, RBC Royal Bank

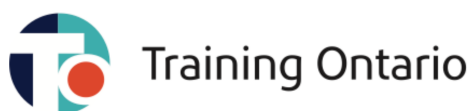
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1:00-2:00 PM
ZOOM REGISTRATION

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On May 20th, the Ontario Home Builders' Association was thrilled to present the [second session of our #homebeliever Webinar Series](#). It was a fantastic presentation and discussion with special guest Tonya Currie, Senior Director of Home Equity Distribution with RBC. Tonya shared some important insights from the 2021 RBC Spring Housing Poll which shows why almost 40% of Ontarians under the age of 40 are giving up on the dream of home ownership. The session provided a key outlook for members on the long-term horizon for the homebuilding sector and outlined future needs for housing supply to meet demand. OHBA will have more #homebeliever sessions in the future so be sure to follow us on Twitter [@OntarioHBA](#) to stay up to date with the latest details!

To watch the webinar please click [here](#).

OHBA New Training Providers



OHBA has partnered with two new training providers - Training Ontario and buildABILITY for our members to access approved educational courses. Learn your way, online or virtually, from anywhere!

[Training Ontario](#) is the leader in education and training for Ontario's new home building

for Ontario Home Builders' Association members. Fulfill your licensing requirements with Training Ontario's [Home Construction Regulatory Authority](#) approved courses and professional development courses to sharpen your skills.

buildABILITY and OHBA have partnered to bring you the live training that Ontario builders need and have requested. buildABILITY is proud to present our full suite of builder workshops and HCRA-approved training to members of OHBA. At buildABILITY, we have served the housing industry for over 30 years. Our company offers training to builders, designers, and building officials. We also offer a variety of industry workshops to further your professional development and skill.

Please click [here](#) for more information on OHBA Training Providers.

OHBA 2021 Virtual Awards of Distinction and Conference



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AoD

2021 Awards of Distinction

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2021 AoD Submission Timeline

Submissions Open: June 7, 2021

Early Bird Deadline: June 25, 2021

Final Deadline: July 23, 2021 - @ 5 PM EST

The time is finally here! Since 1991, OHBA Awards of Distinction (AoD) recognizes the creativity, innovation and talent of land developers, builders, renovators, designers and marketers within our dynamic industry. This year, OHBA 2021 Awards of Distinction and Conference will BOTH be held virtually and we could not be more excited to find out who will be crowned this years winners as well as enjoy an exciting virtual conference day!

Whether you are an OHBA member, an industry colleague, or just a fan of the outstanding work of Ontario Home Builders', we invite you to take part in this exciting and interactive event. Please stay tuned and follow [@OntarioHBA](#) for more information and don't forget to save the dates!

EnerQuality Upcoming Workshops



Join us June 3rd, from 11:00-12:00 PM for our Housing Innovator Series featuring the Owens Corning team to learn about creating the ultimate basement living space!

Registration is FREE! Details can be found [HERE](#).

Join us on June 15th, from 1:00-3:00 PM for our Housing Innovation Lounge! Following our Keynote Speaker Sam Rashkin, connect with colleagues, homebuilding leaders and industry experts for an exciting and thought-provoking discussion.

Registration is FREE! Details can be found [HERE](#).

For more information on our workshops or to reserve your spots in upcoming workshops, please email adrian@enerquality.ca or visit enerquality.ca/education.

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