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# July 2021



## OHBA **ACTIVITY** Summary

*Keeping Members Informed*

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### **Important Dates:**

- **Friday, August 6th, 2021** - Final Submission Deadline for 2021 Awards of Distinction

### **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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## OHBA Responds to New Regulatory Proposals

In June, OHBA was actively involved in responding to several regulatory proposals by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). These proposals included,

- [A new Land Use Compatibility Guideline](#)
- [Modernizing Environmental Compliance Practices of the MECP](#)
- [A new Guideline to Address Odour Mixtures](#)
- [Regulatory proposals \(Phase 1\) under the Conservation Authorities Act](#)

OHBA made specific initial comments on all three, emphasizing the need for greater consultation, more consistency with provincial planning documents such as the Growth Plan/Provincial Policy Statement, and that new regulations must not add further barriers or red-tape on already complex land use planning processes. The land use compatibility, environmental compliance and odour mixture consultations have all been extended until August 6. OHBA will be making additional comments.

## Environmental Registry of Ontario Proposal

The Ministry of Transportation has posted a proposal on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO # 019-3839) regarding a discussion paper to 'Improve Transportation – Vision for Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH)'. Public feedback and commentary are requested by August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 through the ERO.

The purpose of the proposed transportation plan is to help guide and align decisions and investments over the long term. The intention is that governments, agencies, industry leaders, local businesses, and service providers assist in shaping the transportation system in the GGH through a collaborative approach.

The report outlines a proposed long-term vision for 2051 which includes three key pillars.

These are:

- Getting people moving on a connected transit system,
- Enhancing capacity and performance of congested roads, and
- Efficiently moving goods across the region.

improvements to infrastructure, services, and policies to achieve the long-term vision. A selection of sample actions planned and underway for each goal is provided. The government is seeking stakeholder input in these areas including suggestions for additional actions that may be relevant and comments on the infrastructure priorities identified.

The goals and actions presented are a mix of initiatives intended to deal with infrastructure, safety, and technological enhancements. All seem to be relevant, however, the focus on infrastructure funding will be important to our industry. OHBA is seeking comments from members on this key provincial initiative in formulating our response to the ERO.

## New Heritage Act Amendments

On July 1, new amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act came into force. These amendments were initially part of *More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019*. Key changes that members should be aware of include,

- Mandatory standards for designation by-laws;
- Events that trigger the new 90-day timeline for issuing a notice of intention to designate, with limited exceptions;
- Exceptions to the new 120-day timeline for passing a designation bylaw;
- Minimum requirements for complete applications for demolition or alteration of a protected property;
- Steps for amending or repealing a designation bylaw following consent for demolition or removal;
- Information and materials to be provided to the Tribunal;
- A modified process for amending bylaws, and restrictions for repeal requests;
- Transition rules to provide clarity on matters that are in progress at the time the amendments come into force.

OHBA commented on the initial regulatory proposal in November 2020. OHBA also recently commented on a regulatory proposal by the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries to bring forward a Heritage Act Toolkit. OHBA emphasized that it will be critical for the Ministry to assess and evaluate if this guide actually improves the Heritage Act municipal implementation process, or if it creates more confusion and conflict, in which case the provincial government will need to re-engage with stakeholders.

## HCRA New Code of Ethics in Effect

and Vendors [came into force](#). Members can review the code [here](#).

## OHBA 2021 Virtual Awards of Distinction and Conference



**OVER 40 CATEGORIES TO CHOOSE FROM**

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!

Visit [www.ohbaod.ca](http://www.ohbaod.ca) for new category updates, information on how to enter, and much more!

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## 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!

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