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## October 2021



### Important Dates:

- **Monday, October 4th, 2021** - Wrap-Up Board of Directors Meeting (10 AM) and Annual Meeting of Members (1 PM) - via Zoom - \*\*New Board Meeting after AMM\*\*
- **Wednesday, October 13th, 2021** - Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority Excess Soil Registry Consultation Webinar 1 @ 11- 12 PM - [Register Here](#)
- **Thursday, October 14th, 2021** - Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority Excess Soil Registry Consultation Webinar 2 @ 2- 3 PM - [Register Here](#)
- **Monday, October 25th, 2021 @ 10-3 PM** - OHBA Annual Conference - Virtual

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### October 7 at 12:01 AM - Municipal Construction Noise Bylaws are Coming Back into Effect

In response to COVID-19, the province made regulations under the City of Toronto Act,

projects. These temporary measures will end at 12:01 am on October 7, 2021, which is when [Ontario Regulation 131/20](#) and [Ontario Regulation 130/20](#) will be revoked. Members should therefore be aware that this means that municipalities will again have the authority to regulate construction noise in their communities at all times of day and night and any municipal bylaws that are limited by these regulations will be back in effect on October 7, 2021. With this change, members should check with their municipalities on the construction noise by-laws that will come into force at 12:01 am on Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

## All Aboard...Next Stop, Transit-Oriented Communities!

In September, OHBA, and members from BILD, West End HBA and Niagara HBA [met with the Associate Minister of Transportation, Stan Cho](#). A great deal of dialogue was shared on the significant opportunities that transit-oriented communities have for provincial housing demands and the economy more broadly. The association is looking forward to continuing working with MTO on future transit-oriented community projects to help address the over 2 million people that will join our province in the next ten years.

## Builder-Meter Location Benchmark Survey - Enbridge Gas

The Residential New Construction team at Enbridge Gas is requesting assistance from OHBA by sharing their [Natural Gas Meter Location Survey](#) with members. With the residential construction world experiencing issues regarding densification, vertical growth and smaller building envelopes, Enbridge is interested in gaining the builders' perspectives on the challenges of finding a location for the natural gas meters. Survey responses will be used

If your members are interested in participating in the Webinar and reviewing meter placement options for all forms of construction including detached, townhomes, laneway developments, multi-res mid-rise and hi-rise options please have them send a request for involvement to [susan.cudahy@enbridge.com](mailto:susan.cudahy@enbridge.com) or [michelle.vestergaard@enbridge.com](mailto:michelle.vestergaard@enbridge.com).

## Next Steps for the Seniors' Home Safety Tax Credit

[OHBA President Bob Schickedanz joined MPP Andrea Khanjin and the Simcoe County Home Builders' Association](#) Paul Meredith, first vice-president and John Tom, (SCHBA Board member), owner of Superior Home Health Care, to announce the continued availability of the Seniors' Home Safety Tax credit. The tax credit provides up to \$2500 to make accessibility and comfort renovations to their homes so Ontario seniors can age comfortably in place.

"The provincial Seniors' Home Safety Tax Credit is an important grant that is helping seniors age in place and comfort within their own homes," said OHBA President Bob Schickedanz. "I am glad to hear that seniors and their families across Ontario are utilizing this program to make their homes more accessible, while also providing an important boost to the professional renovation sector who make these transformative changes happen."

OHBA is supportive of the Seniors' Home Safety Tax Credit program and sees it as a great first step towards a more fulsome broad-based Home Renovation Tax Credit (HRTC) program that would have positive economic impacts in communities big and small across Ontario.

## Methodology Guideline - OHBA Submission

In last month's Activity Summary, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) [posting on the Environmental Registry of Ontario \(ERO\) # 019-2346](#) a proposed approach to support the review and update of the *Projection Methodology Guideline* to reflect the current land use planning policy framework in Ontario was highlighted. The existing guideline was issued by the province in 1995 and requires updates. The guideline is used to forecast and determine land needs during municipal Official Plan updates.

OHBA has forwarded its submission in response to the ERO posting. The submission was prepared following receipt of comments from members and information provided at a webinar meeting on the topic held on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021, with OHBA members and MMAH staff. Please refer to the OHBA submission [here](#). OHBA's submission includes several key areas requiring attention. These are highlighted below.

- Need for MMAH to mandate municipalities to address age-specific propensities within a market-based projection of affordable housing needs for current and future residents in their Official Plan reviews.
- Need for MMAH to ensure that the projections of the provincial *Growth Plan* are being met by municipalities for population and housing type.
- Need for municipalities to provide for mixed uses within employment areas to provide for residential intensification opportunities.
- Need for clarification by the MMAH regarding the appeal mechanism pertaining to Municipal Comprehensive Reviews and Official Plan updates that is fair, reasonable, and necessary to stakeholders.

atalogue with metadata from the projection methodology, is finalized and available for comment. Should members have any related questions in the meantime, please email Larry Kotseff at [lkotseff@ohba.ca](mailto:lkotseff@ohba.ca).

## Ontario Extends Accessibility Compliance Report Deadline to June 30, 2021

Businesses and non-profits with 20 or more employees now have until June 30, 2021, to file an accessibility compliance report with the Ontario Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility. The original deadline was December 31, 2020. The purpose of the report is to confirm all applicable accessibility requirements under the [Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005](#) have been met.

The accessibility compliance report is [submitted through a standardized form](#) that asks organizations to answer a series of “yes or no” questions and certify they have met applicable obligations. Failing to submit a report could result in enforcement action, such as a compliance order or administrative monetary penalties.

There is also a new obligation under the AODA's [Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation](#). As of January 1, 2021, private-sector organizations with 50 or more employees in Ontario are generally required to ensure that all of their internet websites, and web content posted after January 1, 2012, conform with the World Wide Web Consortium [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0](#) (WCAG 2.0) at Level AA, other than the success criteria for live captions and pre-recorded audio descriptions.

For more information, please visit Blake's website [here](#).

## Release of Online COVID-19 Safety Plan Builder

The Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development (MLTSD) has launched a free online and interactive platform that will make it easier and faster for employers to create a plan to address the risks of exposures to workplace hazards like COVID-19 in their workplace. The workplace safety plan builder was developed with small business owners in mind and included small business owners in its design. With the input of users, the platform will continue to evolve to better meet the needs of business owners across Ontario. In developing the builder, MLTSD reviewed the requirements in the [Reopening Ontario \(A Flexible Response to COVID-19\) Act, 2020](#) (ROA) and tested the builder with several small businesses to make a product that can address the needs and concerns of employers across Ontario.

By signing up with the platform, business owners can receive updates about important health and safety topics. Use of the workplace safety plan builder is not mandatory, but a safety plan is required under the [Reopening Ontario \(A Flexible Response to COVID-19\) Act, 2020](#) (ROA). Employers who use it can create customized safety plan(s) by:

- answering a series of questions about risks in their workplace
- indicating what control measures they have already taken and will take by choosing from suggestions and adding their own specific control measures
- saving their plan to come back and update it as needed

The workplace safety plan builder can be found at [Ontario.ca/COVIDSafety](https://Ontario.ca/COVIDSafety), along with the existing safety plan guide and other helpful resources for businesses.

Effective Oct. 1, 2010



### Call to Action - Ontario Builders and HVAC's

Builders will see **new internal Enbridge forms and labels** that will now be affixed during inspections. Our goal through this communication is to provide you advanced knowledge of what forms/labels are changing so that you are aware and informed as they begin to appear.

The Inspection Status Report will be replaced with a labeling process that identifies the inspection status of each appliance as follows:

<b>THIS APPLIANCE INSTALLATION HAS BEEN INSPECTED AND APPROVED.</b>	
Date:	
Address:	
EGI technician's name:	Signature
<b>DO NOT REMOVE LABEL</b> IS_L_008.2101	

**Black Label - Appliance passes inspection:**  
Enbridge will affix a black 'This Appliance Installation Has Been Inspected and Approved' label on all approved appliances.

<b>DO NOT ACTIVATE APPLIANCE</b>	
Ontario regulation 212/01 requires that this appliance installation be approved by Enbridge Gas BEFORE being put into use.	
Date:	Address:
Please visit <a href="http://enbridgegas.com/buildwithgas">enbridgegas.com/buildwithgas</a> to have this appliance inspected prior to occupancy.	
<b>DO NOT REMOVE LABEL</b> IS_L_009.2101	

**Red Label - Appliance not ready or fails inspection:** When an appliance is not ready for inspection or an immediate hazard is identified, Enbridge will affix a red 'Do Not Activate Appliance' Label on the appliance.

**Rejection Notice:** The Rejection Notice will be used where gas supply piping or an



Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Name of person who did (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Installation address: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Bill to (owner)  or (tenant)  Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Water location: \_\_\_\_\_ Submeter number: \_\_\_\_\_ Meter size: \_\_\_\_\_

Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Label: \_\_\_\_\_ (Plus Application Fee Total: \_\_\_\_\_ H.S.F. reg. number (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Inspection location: \_\_\_\_\_ Inspection notes (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Appliance type	Brand	Model	Serial number	OK	OK w/ note	NG	NG note
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				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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**Inspection Comments:** Code or installation manual page reference:  
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hazard. The appliance will be left off and this notice will be completed. An HVAC can not clear a Rejection Notice and a new Enbridge inspection will be required.

**\*The BTag Process has not changed.**

**Have questions or need support?**

You can email our technical support team here: [Technical-Desk-VPC@enbridge.com](mailto:Technical-Desk-VPC@enbridge.com)

Or reach out to your representative at: [Residential New Construction Team Contact Information](#)

**OHBA 2021 Virtual Conference - Save the Date!**



For the first time, OHBA will be hosting its Annual Conference virtually and we could not be more excited to share with our association the exciting interactive event we have in store. Join experts from Ontario's home building and professional renovation industry for a day of online learning and networking from **10 a.m. to 3 p.m., October 25 - REGISTER NOW!**

Beyond the star lineup of panellists and speakers, there will be two streams of educational sessions, engaging tradeshow booths, networking opportunities, play-to-win challenges and much more.

'Building Growth Together' is the theme of this year's conference, as we recognize the difficult year that was and how we can ALL make a difference together as we move forward. We need all hands on deck, working collectively, to make the dream of homeownership a reality for #homebelievers across Ontario!

Please visit [www.conference.ohba.ca](http://www.conference.ohba.ca) and follow [@OntarioHBA](https://twitter.com/OntarioHBA) on social media for updates and stay tuned to the conversation using the hashtag **#OHBA2021Conf**.

Thank you to our co-presenting sponsors Moen and Training Ontario, Lunch Sponsor Enbridge, and Event Partner Blueprint Insurance.

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**UberEats voucher\*\* valued at up to \$30.00.** Grab a comfortable seat, order your favourite local Italian lunch and pour yourself a glass of vino. You do not want to miss out on this one-of-a-kind experience.

Snap a picture of your lunch and share it on social media using the conference hashtag **#OHBA2021Conf** – the most creative post will receive a surprise gift valued at \$100.00!

*\*\* Voucher is only valid on October 25 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Restricted to areas Uber serves. Must have an UberEats account to accept and the voucher.\*\**

## 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!



Submissions to this year's EQ Awards are open now! Head to <https://www.enerquality.ca/eq-awards/award-nominations/> to submit to an award today. Don't forget to register for the show – it's **FREE!**

Our education lineup is jam-packed. Please visit [enerquality.ca/education](http://enerquality.ca/education) to see all of our workshop offerings!

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