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FACTORY-BUILT HOUSING IS AN IMPORTANT SOLUTION FOR CANADA'S HOUSING CRISIS

To reach Ontario's bold goal of 1.5 million homes by 2031, we need to be building more homes significantly faster than currently. Luckily, we have a proven solution – and much of what we need, from innovative building techniques to mass timber and Canadian steel, is right here in Ontario's backyard.

Today, the Ontario Real Estate Association (OREA) released a new policy report, titled Building More, Building Faster, outlining the importance of embracing factory-built homes as a key part of the solution to address Ontario's ongoing housing supply and affordability crisis. This approach would save time and money during construction, without compromising quality or neighbourhood aesthetics.

Factory-built, or prefabricated housing, is a fast-growing

area of homebuilding where homes are constructed in a factory – often using prefabricated 3D components – and assembled at their final address. The recently re-elected Government of Ontario recognizes the significant potential of this approach, as highlighted in their 2025 Ontario election campaign commitment to invest \$50 million into prefabricated homes and innovative homebuilding technologies.

The cost of building, supply chain issues, and economic uncertainty brought on by tariffs are impacting housing construction across the province and beyond. There is a dire need to get more homes to market faster. To fully embrace the benefits of factory-built homes and speed up construction, regulatory barriers need to be addressed.

OREA's new report highlights five policy recommendations that would cut red tape and create favorable conditions for investment to significantly boost factory-built housing construction with "Made-in-Ontario" solutions that can eventually scale nationally:

Create a standardized, province-wide definition of factory-built housing;

Engage partners in pursuit of cross-country collaboration; Reduce red tape and regulatory burdens, including at the municipal level; Encourage and invest in the expansion and adoption of factory-built homes for housing; and Exempt factory-built housing from archaic "spring thaw" restrictions under the Highway Traffic Act.

"Now more than ever, housing affordability needs to be the top priority for the Government of Ontario to address, and with precise policies and legislation, we can help scale the housing construction industry and get more families into great, affordable new homes," said OREA President Cathy Polan. "It will take strong collaboration with all levels of govern-

ment and industry to get it done, and the policy recommendations on factory-built housing put forward by Ontario REALTORS® in this report provide the path to getting more homes built, faster."

If implemented, we can build a stronger, more resilient housing system – faster, smarter, and made right here in Ontario.

Unlock Oshawa's history: Explore hidden gems during Doors Open

The City of Oshawa invites community members to celebrate Oshawa's rich history with free admission during Doors Open. Join the community on Saturday, May 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., to celebrate and explore the architecture and heritage of Oshawa by visiting unique buildings and sites across the city.

This free event offers residents a chance to discover and learn more about the buildings and sites that shaped Oshawa's history and culture. Many of these locations are not typically open to the public, so take this opportunity to explore the city! With over 18 sites throughout Oshawa, there's something for everyone.

This year, we are excited to introduce a lineup of new locations, which include: City of Oshawa, Howden Operations Depot. Club Carib of Oshawa. Public art installation Turning The Wheel by Dani Crosby In addition to the variety of popular in-person venues: 420 Wing Oshawa Inc. Alexandra's Bounty Garden Bond|St Event Centre Camp X / Intrepid Park, Automotive Museum Canadian Tank Museum, City of Oshawa, Parks Horticulture Greenhouse, Colonel R. S. McLaughlin Armoury, Hamilton Oshawa Port Authority, Oshawa location, McLaughlin Bandshell, Oshawa Museum, Henry House and Guy House, Oshawa Public Libraries, McLaughlin Branch, Oshawa Second Marsh and McLaughlin Bay Wildlife Reserve, Regent Theatre, The Robert McLaughlin Gallery Additionally, don't miss Oshawa Tourism's Hometown Tourist Challenge, kicking off with the Great City Sprint on May 3, where you can solve clues, complete challenges and visit Doors Open sites. .

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