



BUILDER BLUEPRINT

THE OFFICIAL
NEWSLETTER
OF THE OCBA
SUMMER
Edition

NEXT OCBA *Dinner Meeting*

THURSDAY
SEPT. 18

MORE INFORMATION TO COME



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Happy Summer to You!

REGARDING OUR NEXT DINNER MEETING COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER

Date: Thursday, September 18th

Location: Home Hardware Building Centre, Woodstock

PLEASE NOTE: We have scheduled our next OCBA Dinner Meeting for Thursday, Sept. 18th - however due to our Keynote Speaker / Guests (to be announced when finalized) we MIGHT have to change this date.

As soon as this is finalized we will update you accordingly.

It's going to be an EXCITING FALL!

In the meantime, use the summer to work on your Awards of Distinction

Submission(s) - the DEADLINE for ENTRIES is Friday, September 5th at MIDNIGHT!

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SUBMISSIONS NOW OPEN!

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE
TO BE RECOGNIZED!



FINAL DEADLINE
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

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TO
ENTER

RAISE THE BAR

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BOOST IN BUSINESS

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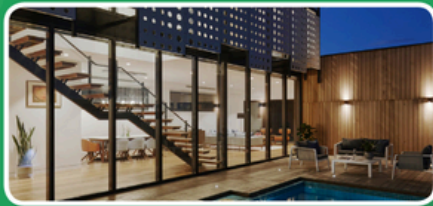
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OCBA AoD Final Submission Deadline: Friday, September 5th - MIDNIGHT

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**NOW
IS YOUR
TIME TO
SHINE!**



FINAL DEADLINE
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY WINDOW
JANUARY 2022 – AUGUST 2025



AWARD CATEGORIES ENTER ONLINE >>>

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Please Note:
Your **SIGN IN**
PASSWORD CAN
NOT have **ANY**
CHARACTERS.
Only **Letters** and
Numbers!

1) CLICK START NEW SUBMISSION

2) SELECT YOUR LOCAL
Oxford County

Note there are 2 Areas to Enter:

APPLY FOR PRESTIGE AWARDS

OCBA Outstanding Plumbing Apprentice OCBA Outstanding Electrical Apprentice OCBA Sub Trade of the year OCBA Supplier of the year

OCBA Outstanding Design Professional OCBA Professional of the year OCBA Energy efficiency award OCBA Builder of the year

PRESTIGE Awards

You will find listed at the top in Purple.

The remaining Award Categories
can then be found below

Click on the category to select and click the "Next" button at the bottom.

- YOU CAN SELECT MULTIPLE CATEGORIES.
- CLICK ON THE CATEGORY AGAIN TO DESELECT.
- CLICK ON THE DOWN ARROW ▼ TO VIEW CRITERIA AND REQUIREMENTS.

OCBA AWARD CATEGORIES

(Any project can be submitted between Jan 2022 – Aug 2025)

APPRENTICES:

OCBA Outstanding Plumbing Apprentice
OCBA Outstanding Electrical Apprentice

BUILDER:

OCBA Energy Efficiency Award
OCBA Best Commercial Project
OCBA Builder of the Year

CONTRIBUTION / CUSTOMER SERVICE / SALES ACHIEVEMENT:

OCBA Outstanding Customer Service / Sales Achievement

DESIGN:

OCBA Outstanding Design Professional

MARKETING / BRANDING:

OCBA Outstanding Project Branding
OCBA Outstanding Digital Presence (Builder or Renovator)
OCBA Outstanding Digital Presence (Supplier or Sub-Trade)
OCBA Outstanding Show Room, Design Centre or Sales Office
OCBA Outstanding Model Home Decor

MULTI-UNIT:

OCBA Outstanding Multi-Unit Residential Project

NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION:

OCBA Outstanding New Exterior (New Home Build)
OCBA Outstanding New Home Bathroom or Ensuite (New Home)
OCBA Outstanding New Home Kitchen
OCBA Outstanding New Home Construction under 1,700 sq.ft. - finished space
OCBA Outstanding New Home Construction 1,701-3,000 sq. ft. - finished space
OCBA Outstanding New Home Construction over 3,001 sq.ft. - finished space

OUTDOOR:

OCBA Outstanding Outdoor Living Space (New or Renovated)
OCBA Outstanding Landscape Design

PROFESSIONAL:

OCBA Professional of the Year

RENOVATION:

OCBA Outstanding Renovated Exterior
OCBA Outstanding New Bathroom or Ensuite Renovation (Reno)
OCBA Outstanding Kitchen Renovation
OCBA Outstanding Renovation under \$150,000
OCBA Outstanding Renovation over \$151,000

SUB-TRADES:

OCBA Sub-Trade of the Year
OCBA Supplier of the Year

**WINNING
ENTRIES FROM
A PREVIOUS YEAR
ARE NOT
ELIGIBLE**

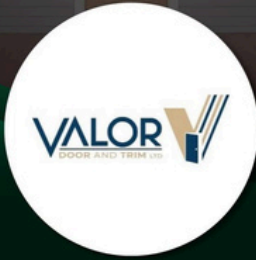


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Parade of Homes SUMMER 2025



PARADE OF HOMES 2025

BE A MEMBER IN THE SPOTLIGHT

DISCOUNTED
**OCBA
RATE**

SPONSORSHIP INVESTMENT

\$1,500

OVERALL PACKAGE VALUE \$4,999

HERE'S WHAT YOU WILL RECEIVE:

- A pre-taped video live stream, with broll editing to feature a project, jobsite, employment opportunity, etc. This could include drone footage if desired.
- Promotion / Exposure showcasing all MEMBERS involved in the Parade of Homes
- Each video will have an advertising budget and is expected to reach views between 5,000 – 10,000 people.
- The MS2 Team will also take stills while on location and promote on OCBA Socials and TAG your accounts

EXCLUSIVE FEATURE!

Each VIEW and SHARE means a new opportunity to connect with VIEWERS!

You might be a BUILDER and have a home to feature.

You might be a RENOVATOR and have a project to highlight.

OR you might be a SUPPLIER and want to showcase your showroom.

The possibilities are endless. ANY OCBA Member can be part of the Parade of Homes!

**Please let Melissa know if
you will be participating.
office@oxfordcountyba.ca**

Look for our 1st Episode in the Series to air on Thursday, July 3rd, please let Melissa know if you'd like to be featured in the OCBA Parade of Homes - filming is available this Summer & Fall.

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June 19, 2025

Dear Sir/Madam, I am writing to provide clarity regarding the authority of municipalities in setting building standards, particularly in light of the recently passed legislative changes under the ***Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025*** (Bill 17).

As part of the government's commitment to accelerating housing development and ensuring consistency across Ontario, the amendment to the ***Building Code Act, 1992***, in Schedule 1 of Bill 17 now provides greater clarification that municipalities do not have, and have never had, the authority to pass by-laws that establish construction or demolition standards. Municipalities cannot use provisions in the ***Municipal Act, City of Toronto Act***, and ***Planning Act***, including site plan control, to create and require construction or demolition standards for buildings. This includes, but is not limited to, local green building standards or green development standards as they pertain to the construction of a building, including any energy efficiency requirements for buildings.

The intent of this clarification is to:

- Ensure predictability and consistency for builders and developers across the province.
- Avoid duplication and any differences between municipal by-laws and provincial regulations.
- Support the timely delivery of housing and other buildings.
- Avoid the need for developers and designers to redesign their products for use in different municipal jurisdictions.

Municipalities play an important role in community planning and development, however, it is essential that all jurisdictions operate within the framework established by provincial legislation to ensure a streamlined and effective approach to building across Ontario.



As this clarification is reflected in municipal processes, the ministry has been directed to monitor outcomes to ensure actions are not taken to bypass this, which would erode efforts to ensure standardization of mandatory requirements across the province. If necessary, and considering economic conditions, the government is prepared to take additional legislative action to ensure municipalities are adhering to the provincial framework and reducing red tape in this space.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact David McLean, Assistant Deputy Minister, Housing Policy and Planning Division, MMAH.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Martha', followed by a horizontal line with a small loop at the end.

Martha Greenberg
Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Cc: David McLean, Assistant Deputy Minister, Housing Policy and Planning Division,
MMAH



Industry Update



Reminder - Tarion Launching New Home ID July 14 To Help Fight Illegal Activity

Earlier this year, and after several consultations with industry and other stakeholders, Tarion announced a new change to take effect January 1, 2026, to encourage freehold home buyers to register their purchase agreements with Tarion using a simple online process, to help consumers be more informed about the builder's warranty and combat illegal home sales.

Prior to the purchaser registration changes coming into effect on January 1, new home buyers can register their purchase agreements at [Tarion.com/RegisterToday](https://tarion.com/registertoday).

Supporting this initiative, starting July 14, Tarion is adding a new tool to combat illegal activity with the launch of a unique Home ID number and new Warranty Information Sheets for all home types. The idea of a unique identification number was created based on feedback and discussions with builders, and the new process was developed in consultation with industry.

As communicated this spring through builder updates and industry education, these changes will support the homeowner registration process, help educate consumers, identify illegal activity to Tarion, and support the Home Construction Regulatory Authority (HCRA) to investigate and stop illegal activity.

Below is further information on the new Home ID and Warranty Information Sheets, including a technical guide for builders.

What is the New Home ID Number?

Starting July 14, the Home ID number will be a unique number tied to each home or unit a builder is approved to sell.

This unique Home ID number is generated through BuilderLink, and will be available at the time of Qualification for Enrolment (QFE) or Enrolment confirmation. The Home ID number will ultimately become the enrolment number that Tarion currently uses when a builder enrolls the home in the warranty program.



Industry Update



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This Home ID number will help Tarion to identify any illegal actor who has entered into an agreement with a purchaser - and in partnership with the HCRA - take appropriate action.

We want to thank all those who provided invaluable input over the last year to help develop the new Home ID process.

For more information on the on the changes and how to generate the Home ID and new Warranty Information Sheets, [Tarion has created a technical guide to help you](#) with the new process. Should you have any questions, please contact the Industry Relations Team below or stay tuned to sign up for upcoming webinars.

[Technical Guide For New Warranty Information Sheets and HomeID](#)

New Warranty Information Sheets Required - Starting July 14

As part of this new initiative, Tarion is also introducing new Warranty Information Sheets for purchase agreements signed on or after July 14, 2025. These new Warranty Information Sheets will include information on the importance of a purchaser registering their purchase agreement, as well as the unique Home ID number and purchaser's registration code.

This registration code is used by the purchaser to register their purchase agreement with Tarion as part of the new process.

The new Warranty Information Sheets are generated through BuilderLink and will be available as of July 14, 2025.

[Technical Guide For New Warranty Information Sheets and HomeID](#)

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