

Home Builders' Associations supports Ontario government's Emergency Order to combat COVID-19 and increase health & safety requirements

Toronto, January 12, 2021 — The Guelph & District Home Builders' Association (GDHBA) and the Ontario Home Builders' Association (OHBA) believe the new COVID-19 restrictions announced by the Ontario government today are necessary. COVID-19 infections in the province have reached a point where these actions are required to get the province to where mass vaccinations can take place. The measures announced today will return the construction industry to operating requirements similar to those in place in April 2020.

"We are all in this together. Our members will continue to take the necessary steps to fight the spread of COVID in our community as they continue to deliver keys to waiting families," said GDHBA President, Tom McLaughlin.

"We need to pull together. We all want to be safe at home and at work," said Joe Vaccaro, CEO of OHBA. "With these new restrictions, the Ontario government continues to make public safety the priority. While the new restrictions will slow the delivery of new housing for some projects, case levels have gotten to the point that all sectors and residents must be part of the solution."

The Guelph & District Home Builders' Association (GDHBA) is the voice for the residential construction industry in the Guelph and Wellington County area. We represent members from a wide range of businesses, including home builders, developers, renovators, trade contractors, product suppliers, service professionals, realtors, financial specialists, and more. GDHBA strives to improve new housing affordability and choice for new home purchasers and renovation consumers by positively impacting legislation, regulation, and policy that affect the industry.

The Ontario Home Builders' Association is the voice of the residential construction industry in Ontario, representing 4,000 member companies organized into 27 local associations across the province. The residential construction industry contributes over \$51 billion dollars to Ontario's economy, employing more than 330,000 people across the province.

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