

Many organizations are involved in the construction of new homes in Ontario. Each one has specific roles and responsibilities, which are outlined below.



Provincial Government

- Has ultimate jurisdiction.
- Under the Canadian constitution, provinces take responsibility for “property and civil rights,” which includes the ability to legislate for land use planning, the Ontario Building Code, the Condominium Act and any other legislation affecting residential dwellings.

www.ontario.ca/ontario-government



Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- Administers the Building Code Act and the Ontario Building Code, which govern the construction of new buildings and the renovation of existing buildings.
- Works with municipal partners and community stakeholders to develop policies and standards that promote and support local governments to plan, manage and invest in their communities’ futures; strengthen Ontario communities by promoting a housing market that serves the full range of housing needs; protects tenants and encourages private sector building; and addresses building safety, including structural soundness, occupant safety and energy efficiency.

www.mah.gov.on.ca



Municipalities

- Appoint building inspectors who are responsible for inspecting new home construction and determining compliance with the Ontario Building Code, such as standards for foundations, framing, insulation and heating and ventilation systems.
- Appoint By-Law Enforcement Officers who are responsible for compliance with zoning and other by-laws.
- Enter into subdivision agreements and site plan agreements which deal with issues of servicing for new homes and grading issues.

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Ministry of Labour

- Through a range of specialized associations, agencies, boards and commissions, advances safe, fair and harmonious workplace practices.
- Sets, communicates and enforces workplace standards in the areas of occupational health and safety, employment rights and responsibilities, and labour relations.
- Develops, coordinates and implements strategies to prevent workplace injuries and illnesses and sets standards for health and safety training.

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ONTARIO'S NEW HOME BUILDING INDUSTRY:

WHO DOES WHAT?



Canadian Standards Association

- Provides consumer product evaluation and education and training services.
- Tests and certifies a wide variety of products used in new home construction including electrical, mechanical, heating and cooling, lighting, and plumbing and certifies the energy efficiency requirements for electrical products.

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Electrical Safety Authority

- Enforces the Ontario Electrical Safety Code that regulates the safe use of electricity and equipment.
- Licenses electrical contractors and master electricians and appoints inspectors who ensure electrical safety in homes as well as commercial and industrial installations.

www.esasafe.com



The Law Society of Upper Canada

- Licenses and regulates Ontario’s lawyers and paralegals. Lawyers provide critical advice and support for the purchase of new homes.
- Governs Ontario’s lawyers and paralegals in the public interest by ensuring that the people of Ontario are served by lawyers and paralegals who meet high standards of learning, competence and professional conduct.

www.lsuc.on.ca



Real Estate Council of Ontario

- Administers the Real Estate and Business Brokers Act and associated regulations designed to protect the public interest and enhance consumer confidence in the real estate profession.
- Enforces standards required to obtain and maintain registration as a brokerage, broker or salesperson and addresses inquiries, concerns and complaints about the conduct of registrants and takes appropriate action to protect the public interest.

reco.on.ca



Tarion Warranty Corporation

- Administers the New Home Warranty Plan, which deems newly constructed homes to have certain warranties given by the vendor /builder and backstopped by Tarion if the builder defaults..
- Licenses new home vendors and builders based upon financial wherewithal, technical competence and honesty and integrity.
- Provides information and educational materials to both homeowners and builders regarding the construction, and purchase and sale of new homes.
- Provides communication, facilitation and conciliation services in connection with warranty claims resolution.

tarion.com



Workplace Safety and Insurance Board

- Provides no-fault compensation for Ontario workplaces covered under the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act.
- Registers contractors/subcontractors and provides them with a clearance number to indicate that they are in good standing.

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