

February 20, 2015

Chair David Shiner and members of the Planning and Growth Management Committee
City of Toronto
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON
M5H 2N2

RE: PG2.3 - Wood-Frame Construction Fire Safety Practices

Dear Chair David Shiner and members of the Planning and Growth Management Committee,

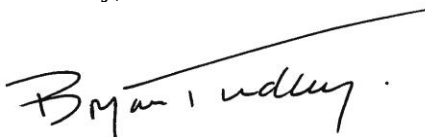
The Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) and the Ontario Home Builders' Association (OHBA) is in receipt of the City's Staff Report on Wood-Frame Construction Fire Safety Practices and our respective associations would like to take this opportunity to provide you with the following comments.

We acknowledge that the purpose of this report is to respond to the committee's direction to the Chief Building Official to report on the need for City Council to request that the province move forward with a framework to mitigate the risk of fire during the construction of six-storey wood buildings. We also note that this report recommends that City Council request the province to proceed with stakeholder consultation on site safety practices during the construction of these building in Ontario, similar to the program in place in British Columbia.

Our respective associations applaud the City of Toronto for its on-going leadership in bringing six-storey wood frame construction to the forefront of new building opportunities, as a method to support affordable housing, especially for infill and transit-supportive development in Ontario. We are supportive of the City's request to develop a collaborative approach to improving site safety. As experts in execution, our members would be happy to participate the creation of a framework and safety practices, as this process unfolds.

We thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments and should you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Danielle Chin, Senior Planner, Policy & Government Relations, BILD at 416.391.1997 or the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Bryan Tuckey
BILD President and CEO



Joe Vaccaro
OHBA CEO

CC: Ann Borooah, Chief Building Official, City of Toronto
BILD Toronto Chapter Members