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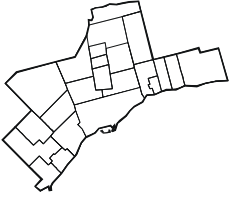
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### York's big plans, but slow budget process

By Moira MacDonald

York Region's ratepayers are likely looking at a 2 to 3 per cent tax increase in next year's yet-to-be-tabled budget, says the chair of the region's finance committee.

"We are trying to keep our budget within a reasonable range of the cost of living," said committee chair **Tim Jones**, mayor of Aurora.

This year's budget was approved last January. But the first draft of estimates for 2003 will not be presented to council until Dec. 19. The budget would then go to the committee level in January with final approval slated for February. Jones said that part of the reason for the slower approval for 2003 is the relatively recent arrival of new CAO **Michael Garrett**. Garrett is "taking meticulous care to go through and understand" York's finances before tabling the budget draft.

Nevertheless, it's clear that top of the budget priority list will be policing and new commitments to improving and expanding public transit in the region.

York's Police Services Board will be seeking an extra \$10 million to \$11 million — or 10 per cent — to its \$106-million budget, said board chair, **David Barrow**, a Richmond Hill councillor. With another 20,000 residents coming into the region in the last six months, the board would like to add an additional 80 people to York regional police — about two-thirds of that being police officers — to bring its officer-population ratio more in line with other areas in the GTA. The force also wants to expand its communications departments as well as its youth crime strategy. As well, a two-year collective agreement with

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### Future Caledon growth to be contested

Last night, Caledon Council held a special public meeting to determine the need for a revision to the Caledon official plan as required every five years under the *Planning Act*. Staff recommended that a growth evaluation exercise and transportation needs study be undertaken, subject to input received at the meeting.

The **Caledon Countryside Alliance** is one group that is planning to attend and is to call for the elimination of existing areas identified for greenfield development, in particular in Mayfield West and most of the development planned for Caledon East and Bolton. With the expectation that the smart growth panel for the central Ontario zone will release its findings in January, the community group contests that greenfield growth is not in compliance with smart growth principles. "We contend, that taken in a regional context, residential growth should not take place on any greenfields. Instead, it should be limited to infill, brownfield and grayfield areas within the region's urban centres."

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**Halton Region Council,**  
1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, 9:30 a.m.

**What does business-as-usual development imply for Toronto region?** sponsored by the **GTA Forum,** Toronto Archives, 255 Spadina Rd., 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Call 416-480-2313.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 12

**Peel Region Council,** 10 Peel Centre Drive, 5th Floor, Brampton, 9:30 a.m.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 13

**GO Transit board meeting,**  
20 Bay Street, 10 a.m.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 17

**GTA Growing Pains: the edible region,** conference sponsored by the **Canadian Urban Institute,** Metro Hall, 55 John St., Toronto, 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call 416-365-0816, ext. 234.

**GTA Environmental Conference,** sponsored by the **Ontario Environment Network** and the **Toronto Environmental Alliance,** North York Civic Centre, 5100 Yonge St., Toronto, 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Call 416-596-0660.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 19

**York Region Council,**  
17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket,  
9:30 a.m.

FRIDAY JANUARY 10, 2003

**Federal-Provincial Housing Program Seminar,** sponsored by the **Greater Toronto Home Builders' Association,** Toronto Marriott, 90 Bloor St. East, 7:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. Call 416-391-3445.

MONDAY JANUARY 20, 2003

**Frank Stronach at Toronto Board of Trade AGM,** Westin Harbour Castle Hotel, Toronto, 6 p.m. Call 416-862-4507.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 22, 2003

**Durham Region Council,**  
605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, 10 a.m.

## Sharing the benefits of immigration

.....OR CREATING A SECOND CLASS OF IMMIGRANTS

By **Elizabeth McIsaac**

It is well recognized that Canada needs immigrants. More specifically, Canadian cities need immigrants. Concerns about labour market shortages dominate senior government policy circles, as well as those of municipalities and the private sector planning economic growth potential and competitive advantages. In June citizenship and immigration minister **Denis Coderre** proposed a "dispersion" strategy for the settlement of skilled immigrants. This strategy is intended to share the demographic and economic benefits that cities like Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver have enjoyed with other cities and communities across Canada – to be a tool for regional development.

The proposal includes a conditional welcome to Canada with a temporary work visa for five years that would be rescinded if the immigrant does not remain in the designated destination. After this period, the immigrant becomes eligible for permanent resident status. This strategy will delay integration and political inclusion, and restrict the rights of skilled immigrants who are future citizens and the ones who are being relied upon for the next century of nation building. The strategy effectively creates a second-class immigrant.

From an economic and demographic point of view, the strategy has been compared to the Sifton program of settling western Canada at end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century

when immigrants were granted land to develop the agricultural resources of the prairies. Within twenty years, the population of Canada increased by over three million, with almost 50 per cent of newcomers settling in the west. This made sense. The economy of the day was driven by natural resources that promised economic prosperity for individuals and the nation. One hundred years later, the economic structure of Canada has changed drastically. Today it is the urban centers that are the engine and the lifeline of the nation. Just as the Sifton plan created incentives to draw immigrants to where there was economic opportunity, today's policy initiatives need also to consider where opportunity lies – Canada's cities.

Harvard business professor **Rosabeth Moss Kanter** has framed the challenge of city growth and competitive advantage as cities needing both "magnets and glue." Magnets are the elements that not only attract investment, but also draw people to cities. For immigrants, as well as Canadians, magnets include first and foremost economic opportunities. The other half of the equation for successful cities is the glue that holds them together – the social foundation that fosters health and wellbeing, and builds community. If cities want to retain immigrants who settle there, as well as existing populations, they need to pay attention to the quality of life offered to their residents, and give them reasons to stay.

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# Accuracy and timeliness of property assessments brought into question

By **Moira MacDonald**

Recent revelations about the **Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's** compilation of "sensitive lists" of properties belonging to high-profile owners bring into question just how well MPAC is being managed and the accuracy of the corporation's assessment technology, said a top property tax assessment lawyer.

A story in the *Globe and Mail* this week revealed that MPAC has been picking out properties of high-profile people such as CBC news anchor Peter Mansbridge and former lieutenant-governor Hilary Weston, in order to make sure those properties get a second look. The process is done to ensure those owners' computerized tax assessments are indeed correct. The owners have not been necessarily aware that their properties had been chosen for special treatment.

The need to fine-tune certain assessments suggests concern for the accuracy of property tax assessments generally, said **Peter Milligan**, a lawyer specializing in municipal property tax assessments and taxation for over 20 years.

"I'm surprised and somewhat shocked that (MPAC) would have a sensitive list," he said. "I think it's pretty wild and I think it's wild because I can't understand why it would be needed."

Milligan speculated that cuts in the number of assessors and the switch to mass assessments via computer may be part of the problem.

"Perhaps it's too much to rely on machines instead of people and the experience in their heads," Milligan said.

However MPAC said properties on the sensitive lists were not singled out for any special treatment but went through the very same detailed computerized assessments and follow-up checks and balances as any other property. The only reason the list was put together was to make sure no favouritism was given to influential property owners, said **Larry Hummel**, MPAC's vice-president of property values.

Hummel also pointed out that contract negotiations with its staff union, **OPSEU** and the fact the union has brought its complaints about downsizing the assessor workforce to various municipal councils may have something to do with the quality concerns.

Nevertheless, complaints about MPAC have prompted the **Municipal Finance Officers Association of Ontario** to write a letter to MPAC outlining the concerns and to contemplate a survey of its members on the quality and timeliness of MPAC's service.

"The biggest concern is the supplementary assessments and that they're not coming through," said **John Bech-Hansen**, the association's executive director.

Supplementary assessments are commonly done for new development properties where the property's land has already been assessed but a full assessment must wait until the building being put on it is completed. The supplementary assessment issue is a big one for fast-growing municipalities where finance officers count on the additional revenue new development is expected to bring to add corresponding new infrastructure and services.

"We have certainly recognized that the amount of supplementary taxation we expected would occur has not," said **Sandra Cartwright**, treasurer and commissioner of finance for **York Region**. Cartwright said the latest figures she had seen showed the assessments were about 1.5 per cent lower than had been expected or down by about \$6 million.

The **City of Mississauga** also reported it had had problems earlier in the year with supplementary assessments but that had been cleared up.

Hummel conceded that there had been "a backlog" in supplementary assessments but that "a concerted effort" was being made to improve it. Some \$16 billion in growth revenue alone had been brought in as a result of this year's MPAC assessments, he said. •

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The single most significant indicator of successful immigrant settlement is effective integration into the labour market; that is, finding a job appropriate to an individual's skills, knowledge and experience. Cities need to be able to effectively convene business, education, immigrant groups and other stakeholders to develop and implement the relevant programs and services needed to facilitate labour market integration of immigrants.

As immigration policy focuses increasingly on urban needs and strategies, there is a growing imperative for municipalities to have the capacity for planning and

providing services and the accompanying resources, in order to realize the full social and economic benefits of immigration. The solution for building Canada's cities lies not in coercing part of the population to settle there, and in so doing create second-class members of society, but rather in giving cities the tools they need to be competitive and to create their own magnets and glue.

*Elizabeth McIsaac is manager of policy and research at The Maytree Foundation.* •

## DEVELOPMENT NEWS

### MISSISSAUGA

#### Manufacturing and business uses at Plymouth and Latimer

**Orlando Corporation** has submitted OPA and rezoning applications for a 1.4 ha. lot located at the northeast corner of **Plymouth Drive** and **Latimer Drive**. The applications would permit the redesignation of the site manufacturing and business and employment uses. Consultant for the project is **Michael Goldberg** of **Armstrong, Goldberg, Hunter**.

#### Residential infill at Barbertown and Eglinton

A rezoning application has been submitted by **Vera Brown** to permit the development of nine residential building lots at **1711 Barbertown Road**. The 0.57 ha. site is located at the northwest intersection with **Eglinton Avenue**, west of **Creditview Road**. Consultant for the project is **David Brown Associates**.

### RICHMOND HILL

#### Residential subdivision development on Elgin Mills

OPA and rezoning applications have been submitted by **Frank and Maria Santianni** for Part of Lot 25, Concession 2 on the south side of **Elgin Mills Road East**, on the west side of **Redstone Road**. The proposal is to redesignate the high-density portion of the lands to low and medium density to permit the development of a 66-unit residential plan of subdivision.

#### Commercial designation for High Tech Road

**Yonge Bayview Holdings** has submitted OPA and rezoning applications for a 10.2 ha. site known as Part of Lots 36 and 37, Concession

1 located on the south side of **High Tech Road**, west of **Bayview Avenue**. The applications are to substitute a commercial for an industrial area designation. Consultant for the proposal is **KLM Planning Partners Inc.**

#### Shopping centre development at Leslie and Major Mackenzie

Rezoning and site plan applications have been submitted by **Rowena Development Corp.** for a site at the northwest corner of **Leslie Avenue/Highway 404** and **Major Mackenzie Drive**. The proposal is to permit a single shopping centre on the 4.39 ha. lot developed in two phases. The property is currently vacant. At final build out, the site is proposed to contain five separate buildings including a No Frills grocery store. Consultant for the project is **Malone Given Parsons**. •

### Federal/provincial affordable rental housing allocations

Service Manager	Allocation (units)
City of Toronto	1,000
Peel Region	380
City of Ottawa	300
York Region	300
Waterloo Region	200
Durham Region	200
City of Hamilton	200
Halton Region	140
Simcoe County	140
City of London	140
City of Kingston	100
Wellington County	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,200</b>

Source: CMHC

## GTA IN BRIEF

### Clean water acts pass legislature

Yesterday the Legislature passed the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002* and *Sustainable Water and Sewage Systems Act, 2002*. The *Safe Drinking Water Act* provides legislative authority to implement 50 of the 93 Part Two recommendations of the Walkerton Inquiry. The *Sustainable Water and Sewage Systems Act* makes it mandatory for municipalities to assess and report on the full costs of providing water and sewage services, and then to prepare and implement plans for recovering those costs.

At committee amendments were brought forward to Bill 175 to ensure, among other things, that municipalities could also finance activities to protect drinking water at its source including:

- Municipalities would have the authority to recover all costs of protecting water sources, as long as those costs are related to the delivery of water and wastewater services.
- Municipalities would now have control of reviewing and approving their own full cost reports and cost recovery plans.
- The province would retain the authority to cap water and sewer rates but the Minister of the Environment could permit a municipality to exceed that cap in special circumstances.
- The province would be given full and effective regulation-making powers within the act.

### International boundaries waters treaty act comes into force

The **Government of Canada** announced yesterday that amendments to the *International Boundary Waters Treaty Act* introduced announced in December 2001 and related regulations have come into force. Regulations include the prohibition of bulk removal of boundary waters from Canadian

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the force's police officers expires at month's end with the implication that officers will be seeking a salary increase.

On the transit side, the region made a commitment in October to a \$17.3-million contribution in 2003 to its Quick Start capital program, designed to launch the development of the York rapid transit plan. The plan will create a cross-regional rapid transit network over the next 30 years.

Although it should not spell an increase for taxpayers, another "big challenge" will be to absorb the costs of waste disposal transfers, which used to be covered under municipal budgets, said Jones. A decision was recently made to switch the costs to the regional level after municipalities faced overtime costs and extra fees in the summer to send their waste to U.S. disposal sites during the Toronto garbage workers' strike. That change was not anticipated as part of the region's budget forecasts.

The 2002 budget projected a 1.8 per cent tax hike with increases of \$8.3 million for transit, \$10.5 million for debt financing for the region's housing supply strategy and \$300,000 for child care.

Meanwhile the **City of Mississauga** introduced its 2003 budget this week with plans for final approval on January 22. The budget carries a 3.8 per cent tax hike, with \$401 million budgeted for operating expenses and \$87 million for capital costs. •

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Currently, the town's growth is based on a tri-nodal strategy with the bulk of the target population of 84,444 for 2021 being allocated to the three nodes of Bolton, Caledon East, and Mayfield West. The plan was based upon the growth and economic management study, which was concluded in August 1994. This means that more than seven years have passed since the assumptions regarding growth were established. Therefore, the first step is to complete an "holistic evaluation of how the town has been performing relative to the growth related assumptions that have been guiding the town."

Currently, Caledon's mineral aggregate resource policies, cultural heritage policies and much of the environmental policies are before the **Ontario Municipal Board**, and therefore, still under review. As well, the agricultural and rural policies are under review and expected to be before council in spring 2003, and several industrial and residential secondary plans are being or about to be prepared, including most significantly, the Mayfield West Community Development Plan. The Mayfield plan has been delayed largely due to the commitment of resources to the matters before the board.

Despite the concerns of the alliance, the town, since it began its review in 1989, found that while "strong pressure for new growth was expected to continue, this growth should be carefully managed and directed to ensure that such growth was economically beneficial for the town while protecting the natural environment and the rural quality of life." •

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basins for any purpose, including export. In addition, from now on, water-related projects in Canada that affect the level or flow of waters on the United States side of the of the border will require licences that will be granted following approval by both the foreign affairs minister and the International Joint Commission. Canada's border with the United States is formed, crossed or straddled by more than 300 lakes and rivers.

### Significant number of urbanites growing food

Forty per cent of people in Greater Toronto and 44 per cent of people in Greater Vancouver live in households that produce some of their own food, according to recent polls by **Ipsos-Reid** on behalf of **City Farmer**, 25-year-old non-profit society based in Vancouver. "These figures represent more than two and one half million people in Greater Toronto and Vancouver who live in households growing vegetables, fruit, berries, nuts or herbs in their yard, balcony or community garden," says executive director **Michael Levenston**.

### Summit REIT purchases two industrial properties

**Summit REIT** announced this week that it has signed agreements to purchase two light industrial/flex space properties located in the **City of Vaughan** and the **Town of Oakville**. The two properties total approximately 336,000 square feet. The purchase price for the two properties will be \$19.4 million, funded from proceeds of the recently completed equity offering. The transactions are expected to close in mid-December, 2002.

The Vaughan property is a 145,180 square foot multi-tenant light industrial building constructed in 1987 and fully leased at rates approximately 15 per cent below current market in the area. The purchase price of \$8.1 million generates a going-in capitalization rate of approximately 10 per cent.

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The Oakville building is a brand new 190,629 square foot light industrial property that is fully leased to 2 tenants on 10-year leases with 74 per cent of the space leased to one multi-national tenant. The purchase price of \$11.3 million generates a going-in capitalization rate of approximately 9.1 per cent.

## DURHAM

### Durham elementary teachers vote overwhelmingly for strike

**Durham Region** elementary school teachers this week voted overwhelmingly for strike. "The latest wage offer is zero. The benefits package does not compare to those from surrounding boards and the working conditions are subject to excessive grievances," according to **Emily Noble**, president of the **Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario**. ETFO Durham represents 2,400 elementary teachers.

### Oshawa lakefront west park plan

A report was considered at the December 9 meeting of Oshawa Development Services Committee regarding the final version of the Lakefront West Park waterfront open space corridor and trail system master plan. The report recommends that council endorse the linear pedestrian park concept as the basis for the phased development. The concept includes a 1.9 km. asphalt trail, a viewing pavilion at Gold Point, a

bridge and interpretative viewing platform at the mouth of the marsh and a butterfly garden. Once the park is fully developed it will cover an area of about 45 ha. Municipal budgets and donations will determine the phasing for the park. The total cost for completing all four phases is over \$2.2 million. Consultant for the project is **John Vieira** of **JVF Consultants**.

## PEEL

### Banquet hall at Derry and Cardiff

A report will be considered at the December 11 meeting of Mississauga Council recommending approval of the rezoning application by **1393215 Ontario Limited** for **1233 Derry Road East** and **1380 Cardiff Boulevard** on the north side of Derry Road East, west of Cardiff Boulevard. The proposal is to permit a 1,898 sq. m. banquet hall in addition to industrial and commercial uses on the 1.65 ha. lot. The minimum number of permitted parking spaces will be 283, with a cap on the maximum G.F.A. of 270 sq. m. for all restaurants. There is currently an industrial building on the Cardiff Boulevard site, and the other site is vacant. Consultants for the project include **Greg Dell and Associates** and **Trans-Plan Limited**.

### Caledon firm switches to green power

**Husky Injection Molding Systems** has decided to buy green power from **Ontario Power Generation** for its Bolton manufacturing plant and phase out its purchase of coal-fired electricity. OPG's green power is generated exclusively from environmentally-friendly facilities that have received Environment

Canada's EcoLogo certification or the equivalent. While more than tripling in size over the past 12 years, Husky's net carbon dioxide (global warming and climate change) emissions from its Canadian operations were 15 per cent lower than in 1990.

### Mississauga begins 2003 budget review

The **City of Mississauga** began its review of the recommended 2003 capital and current budget this week. Public comment is being sought through a special cable show December 9. Council will consider the budget for approval January 22, 2003.

## BARRIE

### Barrie fined for illegal sewage discharge

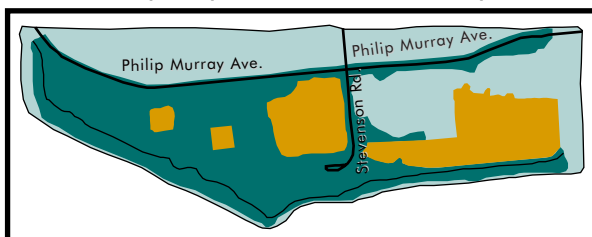
The **City of Barrie** has been sentenced to a \$50,000 penalty for a discharge of 75,000 to 85,000 gallons of untreated sewage from manhole into Bear Creek in August 1998. The **Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority** as awarded \$15,000 of the penalty for stream restoration.

## HAMILTON

### Hamilton enterprise program expanded

The province has approved expansion of the **City of Hamilton** enterprise zone program to now allow developers to pass tax savings on to the first purchaser of a condominium unit. To qualify, the project must be jointly funded under the terms of the Hamilton downtown residential loan program with the grant restricted to five years and equal to 100 per cent of the municipal realty tax increase. The program is now available across the entire downtown Hamilton community improvement project area. •

Waterfront Open Space Corridor and Trail System



Source: JVF Consultants

## PEEL

### Loblaw development permitted on Steeles in Brampton

In a decision issued December 5, board members **Marilyn Eger** and **Gregory Bishop** allowed the appeals by **Loblaw Properties Limited** for OPA and rezoning to permit a large format retail commercial development including a large format supermarket for a 6.1 ha. vacant property located on the south side of **Steeles Avenue**, west of **Hurontario Street** in the **City of Brampton**. The site was designated for high and medium residential development and a neighbourhood park. Applications for the site had originally been submitted by **First Bramten Developments Ltd.**, which sold the property to Loblaw Properties in October 2000. Loblaw revised the applications proposing a 6,967.5 sq. m. retail supermarket, a second building to accommodate 3,809 sq. m. of ancillary retail and 802 parking spaces. In September 2001, Brampton Council received a staff report recommending approval of the applications, but council passed a resolution opposing the Loblaw applications. **Longos Brother Fruit Market** operates a supermarket in the **City South** plaza, which is located 457.2 m to the south of the subject property and opposed the applications. The issues relate to impact, conformity with existing planning policy and principles of good planning. Upon examination however, the board found that many of the issues and the evidence brought forward related to loss of business share. The hearing was scheduled for ten weeks and lasted almost 15 weeks. The board heard evidence in support of the proposal from representatives of lands to the west and the southeast. The city did not call evidence but generally supported Longos and City South.

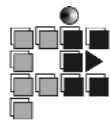
The opponents position was that when there is a fundamental change proposed to an official plan, as in this case from residential to commercial, there must be an examination of the justification for removing the existing planned use, as well as the necessity of the proposed use. The board agrees that the onus is on the party seeking the change, but that needs assessment is not always of the highest importance.

It was shown that the redesignation of the lands to retail would reduce the supply of high and medium-density residential housing by about 250

apartments and 110 street townhouses. The opponents argued that there is a need for the lands to continue to be designated for high-density residential uses. Their evidence suggests that there are really very few prime sites available for high-density residential uses and anticipates that future demand will be greater than historically as the development of high-density residential uses generally lags behind that taken up for lower-density residential uses. An analysis on behalf of Loblaw undertaken by **Clayton Research Associates Ltd.**, found that the potential supply of apartment units in the City of Brampton exceeds the projected demand to 2021 for all types by at least 5,200 to 8,450 units. The opponents argued that the Steeles-Hurontario node represents the most marketable area in Brampton for condominium apartment development from the perspective of "community infrastructure, accessibility, convenience and consumer demand," and that it could become the central hub of high-density development activity in Brampton. The

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board found that this position “was not consistent with Brampton’s historic development pattern and the concentration of high-density residential development in the area of Bramalea or current planning policies which actively promote intensive development of Downtown Brampton and the Queen Street Corridor.” Overall, the board preferred the detailed supply and demand analysis completed by Clayton and found that there is more than an adequate supply of existing units and designated high-density residential lands.

Further evidence indicated that if the new shopping centre was opened, the Longos store would be one of the strongest performing supermarkets in the local area and therefore less susceptible to closure than most of the other local stores. The board found that although there may be impacts on individual supermarkets, the proposal would not significantly alter the planned retail hierarchy or viability of any existing or planned centre in southwest Brampton.

The board found that the impact of the proposal is acceptable and that the applications conform to relevant provincial and municipal planning policy and represent good planning.

Solicitors **Dennis Wood (McCarthy Tétrault)** and **Steven Zakem (Aird & Berlis)** represented Loblaw Properties Limited with evidence from **Tyrone Gan (iTRANS Consulting Inc.)**, **Ronald Webb** and **Maria McDonald (Davis, Webb, Schulze & Moon)** and **J. Thompson** represented Longos Brothers Fruit Market Inc. and City South Limited with evidence from **Warren Sorensen (Sorensen Gravely Lowes Planning Associates Inc.)** and **Ralph Bond (BA Consulting Group Ltd.)**. Solicitors **Brigida Colangelo** and **Michael Kitagawa** represented the City of Brampton. (*See OMB Case No. PL001367.*)

## YORK

### Further hearings set for appeals against Vaughan’s OPA 600

In a decision issued November 29, board member **Richard Makuch** set a further pre-hearing regarding the appeals by **The National Golf Club of Canada**, **Helmharst Investments Ltd.**, **Janet Mazur** and others against a decision of **York Region** to approve in part OPA 600 for the **City of Vaughan**. A further pre-hearing was set for February 3, 2003 for the Helmharst Investments Limited appeal. April 11, 2003 was set as the date for a further pre-hearing conference for the **Quinto Annibale**, National Golf Course, the Block 33 and Block 11 appeals.

Solicitor **Jane Pepino (Aird & Berlis)** represents the City of Vaughan for the **Rizmi Holdings** appeal, otherwise **Olivio Fatigati** represents Vaughan. **Harold Elston (Elstons)** is the solicitor for Rizmi Holdings Limited and **Lucia Milani**. **Rick Coburn (Borden, Ladner, Gervais)** is the solicitor for the National Golf Club of Canada. Solicitor **Julia Ryan (Goodmans)** represents the **Block 33 West Landowners**. **Leo Longo (Aird & Berlis)** is the solicitor for **Janet Mazur**. Solicitor **Barry Horosko (Bratty & Partners)** represents **Block 11 Properties Inc.** **Cynthia MacDougall (McCarthy Tétrault)** is the solicitor for Helmharst Investments Limited. Solicitor **Quinto Annibale (Loopstra Nixon)** is the solicitor for **1234239 Ontario Limited**. **Colin Grant** is the solicitor for the **Region of York**. **Ira Kagan (Kagan, Zucker, Feldbloom, Shastri)** is the solicitor for the **Toronto and Region Conservation Authority**. Solicitor **Andrew Salem (Bratty & Partners)** represents **Senang Investments Limited**. **Chris Barnett (Davis & Company)** is the solicitor for the **Block 12 Landowners**. (*See OMB Case No. PL010732.*) •

## GTA PEOPLE

**Mark Bales** has been appointed project manager by **Mattamy Development Corporation**. Formerly, Bales was a senior planner with Walker Nott, Dragicevic Associates Limited.

The **Hon. Charles Lapointe** has been appointed chairman of the board of directors of the **Canadian**

**Tourism Commission**. Formerly, Lapointe was president and CEO of Tourisme Montréal.

**Clare Burns**, a partner at **Torys LLP**, has been appointed Ontario’s new **Children’s Lawyer** (formerly official guardian), effective January 13, 2003. Burns replaces retiring Willson McTavish. •