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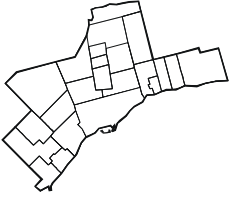
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## NORTH OAKVILLE

### Landowner suspected of illegal tree cutting

There are allegations that a north Oakville landowner has cut down part of a wooded area that has been identified as “environmentally sensitive” by **Halton Region** without the necessary approvals. The site, which straddles the Oakville-Milton boundary in the 16 Mile Creek valley, is part of Halton’s ESA 16.

“From the untrained eye, I would say they were making fareways,” Oakville councillor **Allan Elgar** told *Novæ Res Urbis*. Elgar visited the site soon after he heard about the cutting and took photographs.

The site is reportedly owned by a numbered company.

The future of North Oakville has been the source of conflict in the town, particularly since council narrowly approved *Official Plan Amendment 198* last spring to allow for residential and employment development on what is primarily farmland north of Highway 5. The property where the trees were cut down is north of the study area.

Elgar is part of the group on council that opposes OPA 198, which is headed for an **Ontario Municipal Board Hearing** in July. That group had wanted detailed environmental and hydrological studies of the area to be completed before deciding on whether it should be developed. It is home to woodlots, wetlands and creek valleys that have been identified as environmentally sensitive and also contains part of the Trafalgar Moraine.

Those studies have not been completed. The **Ministry of Natural Resources** has collected detailed data on “natural heritage features” such as wetlands, woodlots, vegetation and animal populations, and will pass them on to Oakville for consideration during the

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## SMART GROWTH

### Panel releases anti-climactic report

**By Karen Wirsig**

A modest set of proposals aimed at putting some meat on the bones of a “smart growth” initiative for central Ontario was dropped off at Queen’s Park last Thursday, even as the long weekend had already begun for many.

The anti-climactic release (orchestrated by the provincial smart growth secretariat) of the document (developed by an advisory panel hand-picked by the government with the support of the said secretariat) reveals the status of the initiative for a government madly scrambling to find pre-election wedge issues. It is not likely that a new revolution in urban development and growth will be part of a Tory campaign.

The next government, Tory or not, will be able to cherry pick among 44 panel recommendations aimed at “balanced growth, transit as the first priority for an integrated transportation network, ... a more collaborative approach to waste management, and optimization of existing infrastructure.”

Critics of the smart growth initiative (among the few who paid attention to it) have dismissed it as an unfocused public relations exercise designed to fill the gap left by the summarily executed **Greater Toronto Services Board** in the fall of 2001, shortly before former premier **Mike Harris** announced his resignation.

It was not a recipe for proposals for strict development controls; for transit funding focused on where transit riders are and where they are likeliest to grow (eg. Toronto); for a serious rental housing program

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## COMING UP

### THURSDAY APRIL 24

**Public Consultation on Highway 7 Corridor Environmental Assessment**, Hillcrest Mall, 9350 Yonge St., Richmond Hill, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Go to [www.region.york.on.ca](http://www.region.york.on.ca).

### FRIDAY APRIL 25

**Public Consultation on Highway 7 Corridor Environmental Assessment**, Chancellor Community Centre, 350 Ansley Grove Ave., Vaughan, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Go to [www.region.york.on.ca](http://www.region.york.on.ca).

### SATURDAY APRIL 26

**Public Consultation on Highway 7 Corridor Environmental Assessment**, Markville Mall, 5000 Highway 7, Markham, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Go to [www.region.york.on.ca](http://www.region.york.on.ca).

### MONDAY & TUESDAY, APRIL 28-29

**Transportation and Human Health Conference**, sponsored by **Pollution Probe** and **York University**, Holiday Inn on King, 370 King St. West, Toronto. Go to [www.pollutionprobe.org](http://www.pollutionprobe.org).

### TUESDAY APRIL 29

**Smart Toronto Annual Dinner**, Yorkville Four Seasons Hotel, Toronto, 6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Call 416-926-8926, ext. 36.

### WEDNESDAY APRIL 30

**Annual Mayors and Chairs Forum**, sponsored by the **Urban Development Institute**, Inn on the Park Hotel, 1100 Eglinton Ave. East, Toronto, 5:30 p.m. Call 416-498-9121.

**Healthy Communities**, panel sponsored by the **Ontario Professional Planners Institute**, North York Central Library, 5120 Yonge St., 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. RSVP to [dmckay@mhbcpplan.com](mailto:dmckay@mhbcpplan.com).

### SUNDAY TO TUESDAY, MAY 4-6

**Ontario Water Works Association Annual Conference**, Hamilton Convention Centre, Hamilton. Call 416-252-7060.

### WEDNESDAY MAY 7

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

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

## Minister hints at new municipal revenue sources

Praise ran high at the release of the report by Associate Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing **Tina Molinari** last week at a session hosted by the **Canadian Urban Institute**; *The Great Debate: What's in Store for Ontario's Cities*. The report, *2003 and Beyond: A Smart Approach for Ontario's Urban Centres*, is intended to create a framework to facilitate implementation of some of the recommendations by the province's Smart Growth panels.

Molinari met with over 40 individuals and groups in seven cities visited as part of the consultation process, including input from the Toronto City Summit held in

June 2002. A meeting was also held with the Central Ontario Smart Growth Panel in January, which released its final report last week (*see story this issue*).

A number of common themes were consistently heard, including the need for long-term funding to support infrastructure, sustainable sources of revenue for urban centres and effective co-ordination to deliver critical services in an efficient manner.

The report proposes that the province will work with its municipal partners to explore

additional long-term and sustainable funding from sources in addition to the property tax; explore alternative methods of infrastructure financing; identify strategies and measures to ensure local accountability for new revenue sources; identify and implement other measures in consultation with municipalities that can serve to strengthen leadership and governance in urban centres; and, in conjunction with municipalities, continue to urge the federal government to help fund

infrastructure needs.

It is intended that the report will be used for future discussions with the federal government, to address the

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-Ken Boschhoff

“fiscal imbalance between the province and the federal government.”

**Ken Boschhoff**, president of the **Association of Municipalities of Ontario** said, “this is one of the most understanding and progressive messages that municipalities have received in a long time.”

**David Pecaut**, chair of the **Toronto City Summit Alliance** reiterated the need for a broader range of revenue sources for municipalities and the aid of other levels of government to solve municipal financial problems. •

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secondary planning stage. MNR also plans to finalize identification of “areas of natural and scientific interest,” known as ANSIs, this year.

Halton is in the final stages of a five-year official plan review, which has led to clarification of the environmentally sensitive areas in the region. Plan revisions are scheduled to be passed by council at the end of June. Planning director **Jane Clohecy** told *NRU* that the area where the woods were cut down is identified as an ESA and would continue to be so under the

revised plan.

However, there is no legislation specifically protecting ESAs or ANSIs. Clohecy said that the region and local municipalities are reviewing what can be done about the

Trees cleared on woodlot straddling the Oakville-Milton border.



*Photo: Allan Elgar*

alleged tree-cutting infraction. Milton has a by-law governing site alteration while Oakville and Halton have tree-cutting by-laws. There is also a by-law governing what can be done in a flood plane. She said that infractions of these by-laws are “not very common” in Halton. •

## Smart growth continued from page 1

designed to provide affordable alternatives to a variety of household types in urban centres (and not simply at the fringe); or for a moratorium on commuter highways.

Made up of a hodge-podge of current and former local politicians, developers and conservationists from anywhere between Peterborough and Fort Erie, the best-case scenario for the panel, chaired by Mississauga mayor **Hazel McCallion**, was to come up with a consensus on some potentially sticky issues to pave the way for low-risk political action.

After more than a year of closed-door meetings, even that scenario has clearly not materialized. “(D)uring its short mandate, the panel was not able to address in detail every issue relevant to a Smart Growth strategy,” the report states. “While consensus was attained on many aspects of how to implement this advice, many important questions remain to be answered.”

The report recommends “directing” growth into

existing urban and settlement areas, “addressing the issue of affordable housing,” “weighing” highway investments against bumping up funding for transit, and generally “investing” in existing inter-regional and local transit.

There is no specific mention of the **Toronto Transit Commission**, which carries more than 400 million passengers per year and used to carry nearly 500 million, despite the fact that the TTC released a pragmatic (but unfunded) plan last month to increase ridership over the next 5 years.

The key moves the panel is asking the government to make is to appoint a new advisory body (eg. reappoint the panel), set up an inter-ministerial working group

and facilitator (eg. extend the life of the secretariat), do some more research and public consultation to come up with master plans for waste management and transportation, and pay for **GO Transit’s** bus rapid transit plan. Hardly the stuff of a new urban regime for central Ontario. •

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## MISSISSAUGA

**Semi-detached houses on Britannia**

**Weldan Properties Inc.** has submitted a rezoning application to permit 34 semi-detached dwelling units at **2268 and 2278 Britannia Road West** and **5952 Rayshaw Crescent**. The 0.96 ha. site is located on the south side of Britannia Road West, east of **Turney Drive**. Consultant for the project is **Rob Freeman** of **John D. Rogers & Associates Inc.**

**Townhouse infill on Dundas W.**

A rezoning application has been submitted by **Legend Creek Homes** for **1142 Dundas Street West** to permit the development of 14 townhouse units on the 0.37 ha. site. The property is located on the south side of Dundas just east of **Old Carriage Way**. Solicitor for the project is **Michael Weir** of **Weir Nelson**.

**Residential subdivision on Ninth Line**

An application for rezoning has been submitted for a 10.47 ha. site including **5247 Ninth Line** on the east side, south of **Tacc Drive**. The proposal is for the development of a 382 residential subdivision including detached, semi-detached and street row dwellings, a park and greenbelt uses. Consultant for the project is **Rob Freeman** of **John D. Rogers & Associates Inc.** •

**New water taking regulations announced**

The province is placing a six-month moratorium on new permits to take water on the Oak Ridges Moraine and the Niagara Escarpment. The moratorium applies to new applications for permits submitted after March 1 for beverage manufacturing (including bottled water), fruit and vegetable canning or pickling, ready-mix concrete manufacturing, and the manufacturing or production of products that contain some or all of the water that is taken. Also the province has posted a draft regulation on the permit to take water process for public comment. The regulation proposes amendments that will increase accountability of permit holders and applicants by requiring them to publicly share information on new and revised permits.

**Municipal leaders to meet on implementing Kyoto**

The **Federation of Canadian Municipalities**, **University of Regina**, **International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives** and the **City of Regina** are hosting a forum April 27 to 29 to facilitate discussion between municipalities and the federal government on the role municipal governments and communities should play in implementing the Kyoto Protocol. Draft recommendations and background information can be found at [www.kn.fcm.ca](http://www.kn.fcm.ca)

**Greenhouse gas emissions down**

As required under the **United Nations** framework convention on climate change, the federal government has submitted its 2001 greenhouse gas inventory. The data show greenhouse gas emissions in Canada were down 1.3 per cent in 2001. This is the first year-to-year decline in emissions since 1991-92 and the first time since 1990 that emissions have dropped during a period of economic growth.

**Sustainable urban transportation project**

The federal Climate Change Action Fund is investing in a project of the **Toronto and York Region Labour Council** to increase the level of awareness of solutions to urban transportation issues in the labour movement and support for sustainable transportation. The project will also develop "green clauses" for sue in collective bargaining.

**Pollution Probe to reduce car trips**

**Pollution Probe** has received a contribution from the federal Climate Change Action Fund for its S-M-A-R-T (short for Save Money and the Air By Reducing Trips), movement program, a workplace-based trip reduction program to help guide large organizations in reducing employee single-occupant vehicle trips. The program is designed to help employers encourage employees to use more sustainable modes of transportation to commute to work, such as public transit, carpooling and biking. Participating companies are given information like the S-M-A-R-T manual and smog primer, technical advice, links to local sustainable transportation organizations and tools to implement and evaluate their programs, such as lunch and learn sessions and transportation fairs. Pollution Probe also provides access to an on-line software program to track participation and GHG emission reduction.

**Making Caledon's schools idle-free zones**

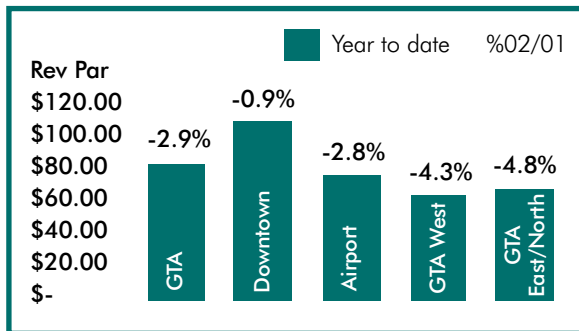
The federal Climate Change Action Fund is investing in a **Caledon Countryside Alliance** anti-idling campaign around primary and secondary schools in rural areas. Over the course of the project, the alliance will have direct interaction between anti-idling teams and parents dropping off their children at school. The project will also involve speaking directly with parents, a sign campaign and in-school presentations.

# GTA IN BRIEF

## Clean air guide to hit street

The federal Climate Change Action Fund is investing in the *Clean Air Consumer Guide* to be widely distributed throughout the **Greater Toronto Area**. In conjunction with the printed guide, the **Clean Air Partnership** will develop an on-line resource that will provide consumers with up-to-date information, as well as links to other relevant sites. This edition will cover motor vehicles, fuel efficiency ratings, as well as other transportation-related issues such as fuel options and sustainable transportation choice.

Revenue per room decreased less in downtown than in the rest of the GTA. GTA East/North registered the highest decrease in 2002.



Source: Toronto Convention and Visitors Association

## DURHAM

### Two minister's zoning orders for Pickering

Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister **David Young** has signed a Minister's Zoning Order under *Ontario's Planning Act* to protect the Duffins Rouge Agricultural Reserve in the **City of Pickering**, in response to the recommendations of the North Pickering Land Exchange Review Panel, headed by **David Crombie**. The zoning order covers about 4,900 acres north of Pickering's urban area. The lands are prime agricultural lands, designated in the Durham Official Plan as "Permanent Agricultural Reserve."

At the same time, the minister made an order under the *Ontario Planning and*

*Development Act* to establish a development planning area covering the agricultural reserve and the **Seaton** lands, which are owned by the provincial government. A provincial plan will be developed for these areas. As part of its strategy to protect environmentally sensitive lands in the **Oak Ridges Moraine**, the government intends to trade some of the Seaton lands, which are suitable for development, for privately owned lands on the Oak Ridges Moraine in **Richmond Hill** and **Uxbridge**.

## PEEL

### Brampton adopts growth management plan

For the first time, **Brampton** Council approved a growth management program to respond to challenges resulting from high rates of growth. The program is intended to co-ordinate infrastructure and growth in a way that maintains service levels and is financially sustainable. Public input gathered at a town hall meeting today will be considered for future changes to the program, which will be revised annually.

### Region approves Mississauga Plan

The **Region of Peel** issued a Notice of Decision April 14, which modified and approved Mississauga Official Plan, which had been adopted by Mississauga council July 10, 2002. The city found the regional modifications to be acceptable and that they do not result in any significant

departure from the intent and direction of Mississauga Plan as adopted by city council. The last day for appeal of the plan is May 4, 2003.

## YORK

### Public meeting for Wismer subdivisions

**Arrowdale Developments Limited/Bonnydon Limited, 1039954 Ontario Limited (Wismer Commons)** and **Linvest Wismer Commons Limited** have submitted applications for rezoning and draft plan of subdivision for lands bounded by **McCowan Road, Major Mackenzie Drive, Highway 48** and **Sixteenth Avenue** in the **Town of Markham**. The site is about 18.27 ha. in size. The proposal is to construct 401 residential units, comprised of 316 single-detached and 85 semi-detached units and two parks. A public meeting regarding the applications will be held May 6.

### Rezoning for Woodbine property

A public meeting will be held May 6 regarding the application for rezoning submitted by **1237777 Ontario Inc.** to rezone the southern portion of the 1.39 ha. property, **7500 Woodbine Avenue** to be in keeping with the northern portion of the property at which is zoned business corridor. The site is located at the northwest corner of Woodbine Avenue and **John Street** in the Town of Markham.



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## DURHAM

### Temporary use for contractor's yard permitted

In a decision issued April 17, board members **Robert Beccarea** and **Robert C. Kay** allowed the appeals by **1373377 Ontario Limited** and **Sentrex Communications Company** for an OPA and rezoning for **1501 Harwood Avenue North** in the **Town of Ajax**. The applications would permit a site-specific amendment to allow a temporary use by-law for the continued use of the property as a contractor's yard for a period of three years. Ajax council refused the applications. The appellants purchased the property in September 1999 and relocated the business from elsewhere in the Town of Ajax. Sentrex is fulfilling a contract with **Rogers Communications** to install below ground television cable, within the **Region of Durham** from the subject property. The use was on a temporary basis in order to complete contractual obligations with Rogers for the Durham Region, at which time they intend to cease the television cable installation operations at the site.

The appellants and the town reached a settlement and executed Minutes of Settlement on February 25 and a proposed zoning by-law to permit the appellants to operate until September 30, 2004, with no extension permitted. The Minutes of Settlement call for the applicants to apply to rezone the property to Prestige Employment, in compliance with that designation in the town's official plan. The board was advised that the applicants have already made this application to the town.

Upon evidence given by planner **John McDermott (McDermott & Associates Ltd.)** the board finds the applications to constitute good land use planning and are in conformity with the temporary use provisions of the town's official plan and *Zoning By-law 3037*. However, the board was not satisfied that the Minutes of Settlement, without amendment, addressed the concerns raised by the participants. Therefore, the appellants have agreed to not operate on Sundays. The town agreed to have the proposed use cease if a default occurs with any of the provisions contained in the Minutes of Settlement.

Solicitor **Robert Jarvis (Keyser, Mason, Ball)** represented 1373377 Ontario Limited and Sentrex Communications Company. **Ronald Hawkshaw (Polak, McKay & Hawkshaw)** was the solicitor for the Town of Ajax. (*See OMB Case No. PL020329.*)

## PEEL

### Conditions to resolve traffic issues not to piggyback on variance

In a decision issued April 17, board member **Bruce Krushelnicki** allowed the appeal by **Pizza Pizza Limited** regarding a minor variance to permit the expansion of a pizza outlet at **710 Burnhamthorpe Road East** in the **City of Mississauga**. The proposal is to allow the outlet to expand and re-occupy premises it had previously occupied in a small commercial plaza located on the southeast corner of Burnhamthorpe and Cawthra roads. The city's by-law prohibits restaurants in a commercial facility within 60 metres of a residential zone. The basis of the variance is that the store is located in a part of the plaza that is adjacent to a vacant lot that is under the same ownership as the plaza, but is zoned for residential use. The **Committee of Adjustment** granted the variance on condition of a limited time period and agreement that the owner would be required to re-open a vehicle access that had existed between an adjacent mall to the south owned by **Investex Holdings**.

The conditions were appealed since there is no agreement between the property owners or an easement that requires an access between the properties. The site plan for the Investex property shows an access, but no requirement was ever made against the property owned by **WAB Investments and Development Limited**. The plaza at 710 Burnhamthorpe had been developed in the 1960s and the adjacent commercial site was developed later in the early 1990s, its commercial floor area was expanded by the large addition of a bank adjacent to the WAB property. The owner of the WAB property had concerns that the bank patrons and other uses of the Investex site would use the entrance and parking on the WAB property to gain access to the bank and it was argued that Investex "overbuilt its site and poorly planned its parking and access, with apparent approval of the city, and now wants to solve the problems it created on its site by gaining access through the WAB site."

Therefore, the real issue of the hearing is whether the conditions satisfy requirements of the *Planning Act*. Both the city and the region offered evidence that indicated that traffic movement in the vicinity of this intersection is a matter of concern that is closely monitored. It was agreed that access to the sites is also important and can at times be a problem.

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The location has been of concern to local councillor **Maja Prentice** for many years and she has received many complaints about traffic in the area. The board noted that the traffic evidence confirms that “this commercial location poses some challenges and is apparently an annoyance, but it does not have an especially high traffic accident count, nor is there a current problem with the service provided by the intersection.” The board added that the authority to “grant conditional approvals should not be regarded as an unfettered authority that can be used simply to extract concessions from a land owner or an applicant that are unrelated or irrelevant to...the variance.” The board added that in site planning matters “the practice is well established that reasonable conditions of site plan cannot extend beyond the site, and conditions cannot be set that are not somehow related to planning merit.

On that basis, therefore, the board found no rationale for a time limitation. On the matter of the access between the two properties, the board found no relationship between this condition and the application for variance “other than the fact that the owner of the WAB site happens to be the nominal applicant.” The board agreed that an access between the two sites “would be a suitable solution to the problems that have apparently been created by the bank development on the Investex site,” but extracting the access as a condition of an unrelated variance “is an unwarranted and unjustified expectation.” The board permitted the variance without the conditions.

Solicitor **Adam Brown (Brown, Dryer, Karol)** represented Pizza Pizza Limited. **Wendy Kwok** was the solicitor for the City of Mississauga. Solicitor **James Easto (Keele Cotrelle)** represented **Peel Region**. **Ferdinando Polla** was the solicitor representing Investex Holdings. (See OMB Case No. PL021055.)

## YORK

### Vacant land condo permitted on Kennedy St.

In a decision issued April 17, board member **Robert Owen** allowed the appeals by **Lenard Lind** for a rezoning and draft plan of condominium for **240 Kennedy Street West** in the **Town of Aurora**. The town and the appellant agreed to the appropriate zoning and draft plan of condominium. Evidence was presented that the applications conform to the *Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act* and Plan as well as the region and town official plans, and implement the Provincial Policy

Statement goals for developing strong communities and housing. The proposal would create a vacant land condominium comprising five lots, a private road and some 72 per cent of the site remaining in either private open space or environmental protection. The board amended the zoning by-law and gave approval to the draft plan of condominium.

Solicitor **Chris Barnett (Davis & Company)** represented **Lenard Lind** with evidence from planner **Mark Yarranton (KLM Planning Partners)**. Solicitor **David Tang (Gowlings)** represented the Town of Aurora. (See OMB Case No. PL011173.)

### Revised infill development permitted

In a decision issued April 17, board member **Richard Makuch** allowed the revised proposal resulting from the appeals by **Kurt** and **Elizabeth Czernohorsky** and **David Fleiner** against an OPA, rezoning and plan of subdivision applications that were approved by the **Town of Richmond Hill**. The applications to develop four lots applied to lands composed of Part of Lot 46, Concession 1, Part of Lot 31, Registered Plan 481.

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The 0.455 ha. property contained the remnant of a former residence, which was apparently destroyed by fire.

The appellants were residents of the neighbourhood on **Glenada Court**, which provides access to the subject lands. Their concerns were that the development was too dense, provided inappropriate side yards and did not adequately protect the mature trees in the area. The original hearing commenced September 2001 and upon completion the applicant advised that it was prepared to reduce the number of lots to three. The hearing was adjourned to allow settlement discussions respecting the form of the new proposal. The board was satisfied with the evidence from planner **James Kirk (Malone Given Parsons Ltd.)** that the revised proposal represents appropriate land use planning

under the circumstances.

The amendments result in a development with increased minimum lot frontages, area, side yards, front yards, increased maximum lot coverage, maximum height and gross floor area lot. The grading plan and tree inventory analysis were also modified to take into consideration the concerns of the appellants.

Solicitor **Robert Miller** represented the Town of Richmond Hill. Solicitors **David Tang (Gowlings)** and **Lawrence Zucker** represented **David Fleiner** and **William Myers**. **Stephen LeDrew (Morris/Rose)** and **Allen Eagleson** were the solicitors for Kurt and Elizabeth Czernohorsky. Solicitor **Donald Hindson** represented **Sunliner Properties Limited**. (See *OMB Case No. PL001292*.) •

## GTA IN BRIEF

### Rezoning for properties on Bullock Dr.

**1371045 Ontario Limited** has submitted a rezoning application for **160** and **162 Bullock Drive** to change the designation to business corridor and expand the permitted uses. A severance was approved by the **Committee of Adjustment** in 2002 creating lots of 2.74 ha. and 0.80 ha. The larger of the two lots includes an existing industrial building, while the smaller lot is vacant. No specific uses for either of the properties were identified, but the rezoning will provide greater flexibility for redevelopment. A public meeting regarding the application will be held May 6.

### HAMILTON

#### Updating Hamilton's Vision 2020

A stakeholder's symposium will be held April 28 regarding the renewal of the **City of Hamilton's Vision 2020**. The Vision 2020 renewal will be an integral part of the planning process for the new Official Plan and growth strategy. The process also offers a great opportunity to refine the indicators with a view toward future applications. •

## MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2003

Below are the latest candidates to register to run in the **City of Hamilton** municipal election on November 10:

**Mayor**  
Marvin Ryder

**Ward 3**  
John Best

**Ward 11**  
David Mitchell (incumbent)

Here are the candidates registered so far to run in the **City of Barrie** on November 10:

**Mayor**  
Jim Perri (incumbent)

**Ward 1**  
Judy Watson

**Ward 2**  
Mary Anne Wilson

**Ward 9**  
James MacKay

## GTA PEOPLE

**Vicki Barron** was made an honorary member of the **Ontario Association of Landscape Architects** for her leadership roles in land stewardship and conservation. Barron is executive director of the **Waterfront Regeneration Trust**.

**Robert Norman** was awarded the Public Practice Award by the **Ontario Association of Landscape Architects** in recognition for his outstanding leadership in public practice for 22 years. Norman is open space design and development manager for the **City of Hamilton**. •