

Toronto selected to host South African banking executives

Toronto has again been selected for the second South African **BANKSETA** international executive development program aimed at advancing the national and global position of the South African banking sector. Twelve of the brightest young banking executives will come to Canada this month as representatives of the “new” South Africa to learn from Toronto’s banking and education systems. They will be spending six weeks in Toronto on an accelerated leadership development program. The training includes onsite workplace days with leading Canadian financial institutions including **TD Bank Financial Group**, **CIBC** and **BMO Financial Group**.

Promoting climate change awareness

The province will provide funding of \$480,000 to support key programs that promote and advance scientific research, and provide education and outreach to advance an understanding of the sources and impacts of air pollution and greenhouse gases and explore ways to reduce emissions.

Not just hot air.



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Gardiner Museum re-opens

The newly expanded **Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art**—the only museum in Canada entirely devoted to ceramics—reopened today. In January 2004, the museum closed to launch a \$20-million campaign of expansion and renewal to the building, which is located on the campus of the **University of Toronto**.

The museum renewal was designed by award-winning architects **Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg Architects**, under the leadership of **Bruce Kuwabara** (design principal), **Shirley Blumberg** (partner-in-charge), and **Paulo Rocha** (design/project architect). To achieve a seamless integration between the architecture and the display of the collection, the museum retained **PS Design** (principals **Debi Perna** and **Eric Siegrist**) in association with **KPMB** for the exhibit and casework design.

Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art



Source: *Gardiner Museum*

Tourism appreciation

Toronto communications consultant **Warren Kinsella**, senator **Jerry Grafstein** and former MP **Dennis Mills** announced this week that they will lead a group of community volunteers to join with **Tourism Toronto** and the **Toronto Blue Jays**

for the second annual tourism appreciation day on July 23 when the **Blue Jays** host the **New York Yankees**.

Affordable housing projects open

Officials from the federal and provincial governments, along with City of Toronto representatives and guests celebrated the opening of **Sojourn House**, which will provide housing and support services to recently arrived refugee claimants and refugees. The \$11.7-million project received \$2.4 million from the federal Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative, as well as \$45,000 from **Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation’s** proposal development funding, and 26 rent supplements from the province. Toronto also provided over \$512,000 in financial incentives and a \$482,000 loan through a capital revolving fund.

Also, officials celebrated the opening of 111 **Kendleton Drive** at **Robert J. Smith Apartments**, a project that creates 58-units affordable housing for seniors.

Public meeting for Fort York and Railway Lands West neighbourhoods

Toronto staff will host a public meeting for a schedule C class environmental assessment for the extension of **Fort York Boulevard** from **Dan Leckie Way** to **Bathurst Street** in the **Fort York and Railway Lands West** neighbourhoods. The meeting is scheduled July 5.

TTC awards EA study contract

The **Toronto Transit Commission** awarded a \$1.2-million contract for an environmental assessment study of the waterfront west streetcars to **Lea Consulting Ltd.** The contract includes the preparation of

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Site plan agreement reached for Don Mills shopping centre

In a decision issued June 14, board member **Susan Schiller** allowed the appeal by **Cadillac Fairview Corporation Limited** for settlement of site plan details to permit the redevelopment of the Don Mills Centre shopping mall at 1090 Don Mills Road in **Toronto**.

The board heard evidence that changing market standards for commercial retail space has resulted in the failure of the mall as a commercial retail centre. The centre also contains a Canada Post facility and the city-owned Don Mills Civitan arena.

The developer proposed an outdoor lifestyle shopping centre on the site, which includes street-related retail, heated sidewalks for snow and ice removal, and a central public square. The application was rejected by the city. However, agreement was reached prior to the hearing on the proposed site plan, urban design guidelines and traffic management details.

Area residents appeared at the hearing to oppose the

development, voicing concerns that the open-air concept would lose the non-retail benefits of the mall such as an enclosed community space for senior residents to gather and exercise. The **Don Mills Residents Association** argued that a lifestyle shopping centre contravenes the *Don Mills Secondary Plan* by significantly altering the existing character of the community.

Tony Volpentesta (Bousfields Inc.) provided planning evidence for Cadillac Fairview. He gave the opinion that the proposed centre fully meets the requirements of the plan, and would provide adequate setbacks and landscaping buffers.

The board approved the site plan in general, and required the parties to advise the board on the final changes to the plan within 30 days.

Solicitors **Jeffrey Davies** and **Kimberly Beckman (Davies Howe)** and architect **Harry Pellow (Pellow + Associates)** represented Cadillac Fairview Corporation. Solicitors **William Hawryliw** and **Abbie Moscovich** represented the City of Toronto. (*See OMB Case No. PL060171.*) •

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amendments and the full individual EA for the route from Dufferin Street to Roncesvalles.

TTC approves commuter parking expansion

The **Toronto Transit Commission** approved \$5.8 million in funding for an additional 635-commuter parking spaces, and a feasibility study for the

consolidation of parking lots at the Wilson station. The expansion is to support the TTC's ridership growth strategy objective of increasing available parking by 2,600 spaces over 10 years. The new spaces are to be located at Kipling, Kennedy and Islington stations. A recent study conducted by **iTRANS Consulting Inc.** included the identification of existing and new stations where

opportunities for expansion of surface parking existed. •

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CITY PEOPLE

Kevin Sack has been appointed director of Toronto's newly created strategic communications division. Sack has been the manager of corporate communications for the past seven years.

Dr. **Ted Boadway** has been appointed chair of the province's new executive committee on trans-boundary air pollution. Boadway was the executive director of health policy at the **Ontario Medical Association**. Dr. **Peter Victor**, professor of environmental studies at **York University**, is also a member of the committee.

Dr. **David Balsillie** has been appointed chair of the province's new advisory committee on trans-boundary science. Balsillie is an adjunct professor with the Faculty of Forestry at the **University of Toronto**. He was a former assistant deputy minister at both the Ontario ministries of the environment and natural resources. **Ken Ogilvie**, executive director of **Pollution Probe**, is also a member of the committee.