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HIKING PROPERTY TAX

Job creation stifled: FCM

Property tax increases—the main source of funding for Canadian municipalities—is having a negative effect on job creation and the entire tax system needs to be fixed, according to a report released by the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities** during its 71st annual conference in Québec City last week.

The study conducted by economic forecasting firm, **Informetrica Ltd.**, found that property taxes discourage consumer spending more than equivalent sales or income taxes, which in effect, stifles job creation.

“The conclusion is inescapable: Canada’s broken tax system, which downloads on municipalities while keeping them dependent on the property tax, is a job killer,” said FCM president **Gord Steeves**.

Given the recent cycle of federal tax cuts, growing municipal responsibilities and the property tax burden due to offloading, the study suggests that federal tax cuts can actually dampen the economy, if the costs are passed on to municipalities, added Steeves.

“When the federal government cuts taxes, ostensibly to create jobs, and offloads responsibilities to municipalities, local governments have no choice but to pay for basic public services by collecting more property taxes,” he said.

To protect Canadian jobs, FCM stated in response to the study, the federal government must relieve the pressure on the property tax by doing more to pay for roads, bridges, water systems and other public services from federal sales and income tax revenues. The study supports the federation’s call for municipal access to revenue sources that grow with the economy to reduce dependency on the property tax.

The Informetrica report “underlines the need for additional research on the economic impacts of the property tax,” said Steeves.

“Clearly it’s time all orders of government came together to find better ways to finance our cities and communities.”

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NO MORE TRAINING WHEELS

Mississauga cycling plan

By Amy Lazar

Mississauga’s road trails, signed road routes and bike lanes need to be connected. In an exercise led by consulting firm, **iTrans Consulting Inc.**, residents were asked to map out where they live, where they want to go and the route they want to get them there.

“I was really impressed by the dedication of the public, some of them stayed for over an hour,” said iTrans transportation planner and project manager **Steve Molloy**, referring to the four sessions that took place around the west-end municipality last week.

Mississauga’s original cycling master plan was established in 1991, but it really focused on the recreational aspect of cycling and planned for Greenbelt land, trails and parks, said one of the city’s planners, **Anne Farrell**.

The plan was last updated in 2001.

“This time around we’re looking at more of an active transportation approach, so we want to provide a complete network for cycling, including the recreational aspect but also more on-road facilities,” said Farrell.

Currently, the city has about 200 kilometres of road trails, about 70 km of signed road routes and about 15 km of bike lanes.

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The Greenbelt Foundation Award Ceremony, Hart House, University of Toronto, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. RSVP at mneil@ourgreenbelt.ca or 416-960-0001.

Mississauga Council, 9:00 a.m.

Brampton Planning, Design & Development, 7:00 p.m.

JUNE 5

Canadian Urban Institute—Planning for Employment in the Greater Golden Horseshoe, Metro Hall, Room 308/309, 55 John Street, Toronto, 7:45 – 9:45 a.m.

JUNE 6

Canadian Urban Institute—Building Complete Communities: A Summit to Explore New Ways to Afford Sustainable Growth, Burlington Convention Centre, 1120 Burloak Drive, Burlington, 7:45 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. For more info contact Linda Varekamp at 416-365-0816 ext. 221.

JUNE 9

Oshawa Development Services Committee, 1:00 p.m.

Whitby Planning & Development Committee, 7:15 p.m.

Oakville Planning & Development Council, 7:00 p.m.

Mississauga Planning & Development Committee, 1:30 p.m.

Ajax Council, 7:00 p.m.

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Markham Council, 7:00 p.m.

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Richmond Hill Council, 7:30 p.m.

Brampton Council, 1:00 p.m.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The corporate perspective

“Collaboration is the only way to avoid the environment becoming the flavour of the month.”

The environmental movement has risen to prominence before, but did not sustain its popularity, cautioned **GE Canada** communications and public relations leader **Kim Warburton**. She insisted that the collaboration among

that companies should increasingly seek to work with research institutes.

“We’ve got to take this as an incremental process,” **Procter and Gamble Ltd.** external relations director **Lee Bansil** told the crowd, referring to the business community’s shift towards sustainability. “It won’t be overnight.”

Keynote speaker **Jane Garthson**, a senior associate with **EthicScan Canada Ltd.**, insisted on communication as one of the keys to better results in environmental initiatives and corporate social responsibility.

Solar panning on parking lots is one measure corporations can take to supplement power consumption.



companies, stakeholders and the general public is necessary to ensure that environmental gains continue to increase.

“Sit down with people that make you feel a little bit uncomfortable,” Warburton told the audience at the **Canadian Urban Institute’s** panel discussion on corporate social responsibility (CSR)—Moving to a Greener World - The Business Case for Sustainability Begins with a Commitment to CSR—held May 30.

“It becomes a challenge to pick your partners appropriately,” **TELUS Risk Management** environment and CSR director **Joe Pach** stated, noting

“Your key stakeholders need to be heard,” Garthson said. “You need to get out to [stakeholders] and listen in a way that makes a difference. I think the dialogue has been too focussed on business so far.”

Garthson also suggested that encouraging progress on the environment and other areas, such as human rights, product responsibility and fair labour practices, should start at the top. CEO compensation should be tied to the results of a company’s corporate social responsibility initiatives.

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However, there are missing links within the municipality and connecting cyclists to surrounding networks in neighbouring cities and towns like **Brampton, Milton, Oakville** and **Toronto**. As well, gaps exist in the connection of bike routes to public transit and future bus rapid transit.

“We’ve started to make the network but we need to connect all of the pieces,” said Farrell.

“We’ve been hearing more and more about the environment, personal health and fitness, the price of gas...people are now thinking seriously about not doing all trips by car but doing some by bicycle.”

Molloy added that people have also expressed the need for safer bicycle routes, better signage and end-of-trip facilities.

Last year city staff began working on the terms of reference and the consultants were brought on at the beginning of this year with a budget of \$200,000. Three city departments—community services, transportation and works, planning and building—are

working on the project.

Another round of public sessions is planned for the fall, when a more specific network of cycling paths will be introduced for feedback. By this time next year, committee and council will have a report with recommendations on implementing the cycling master plan. **NRU**



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• Anne Farrell

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Rodney Wilts, of **LOOP Initiatives**, a sustainability-focussed management consulting firm, said that the younger generations will help push corporations towards more sustainable business practices. Young people have had more education on matters relating to the environment than previous generations and are more aware of the threats and solutions.

Wilts also noted that people, especially investors, no longer see a disconnect between the environment and the economy. Wilts pointed to the implementation of carbon taxes in Quebec, Alberta and British Columbia, as well as the increasing market for hybrid cars as signs that a serious shift in thinking is occurring.

Companies want to avoid losing key assets, such as a competitive advantage, access to raw materials, brand loyalty

and investor confidence, Wilts said, and it is becoming more difficult to retain these assets in the absence of environmental considerations. **NRU**



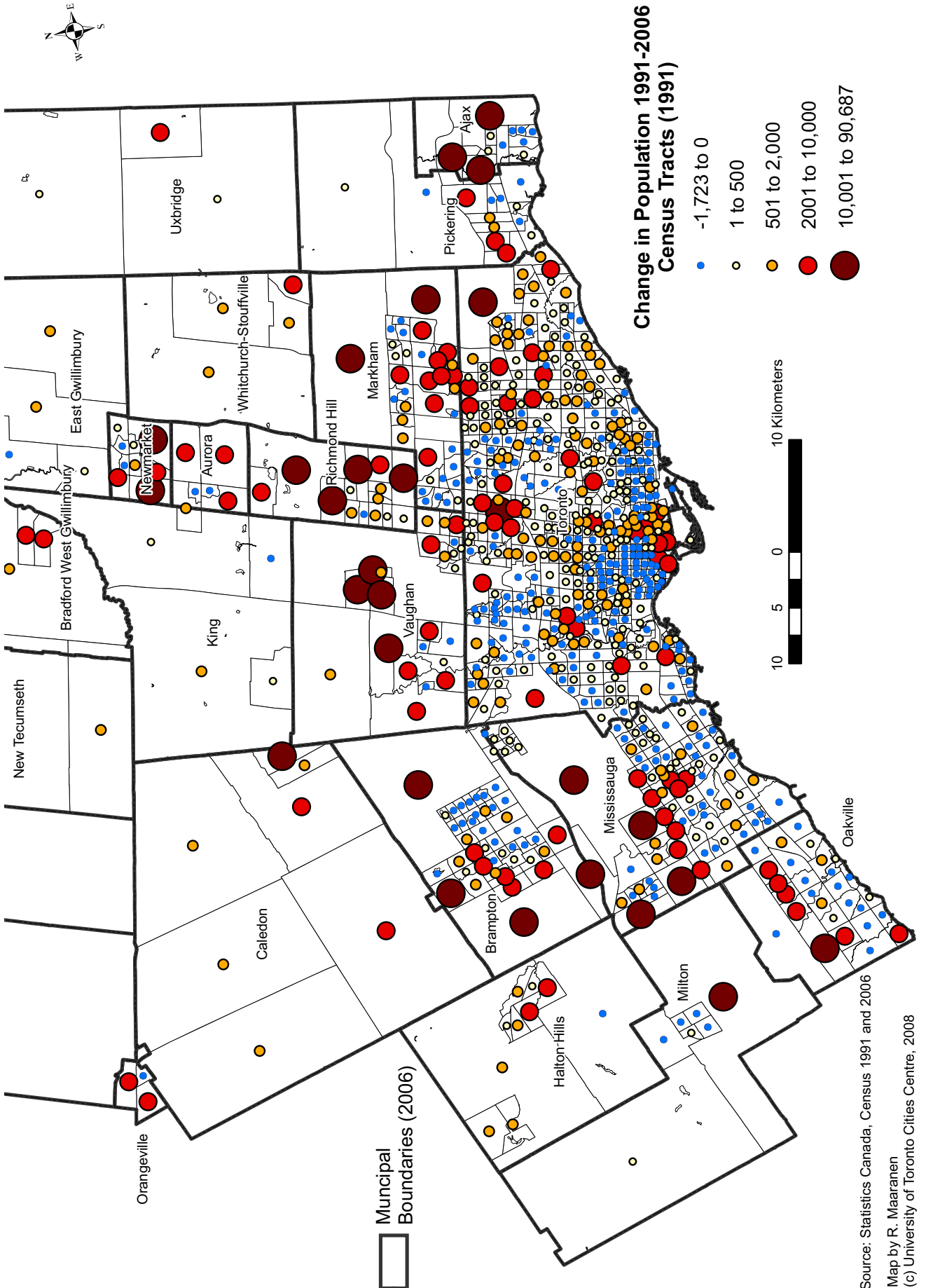
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Population Change 1991-2006 in the Toronto CMA Census Tracts (1991)



Source: Statistics Canada, Census 1991 and 2006
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MUNICIPAL LEADERS

Volunteers and cities alike

Winners of the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities'** awards for outstanding international volunteer contribution and the 2008 sustainable community awards were honoured during the 71st annual conference in **Québec City** last weekend.

The awards for volunteers recognize excellence in international co-operation activities undertaken by Canadian municipalities and individuals through FCM's international programs. In 2007, FCM members contributed more than 5,000 hours of volunteer service to improve municipal service delivery, management and operations in 20 countries.

"FCM's municipal volunteers are true global citizens," said FCM president **Gord Steeves**.

"Year after year, they strengthen Canada's image as a country committed to international co-operation."

The winner of the Mike Badham award for outstanding individual volunteer contribution is **Daniel Poitras**, the retired director of engineering and planning, Ville de Saguenay, Québec.

The award for outstanding volunteer co-operation went to the town of **Drayton Valley**, Alberta for its municipal partnership with Lushoto District Council in Tanzania since 2004.

Since 2000, FCM and **CH2M HILL Canada Ltd.** have recognized municipal governments across Canada with sustainable community awards for leadership in environmental excellence and innovation in service delivery.

This year's eight winners include: the **City of Toronto** in the buildings category for its arenas energy retrofit project; the **City of Saint John**, New Brunswick, in the energy category for its municipal energy efficiency program; the **City of Pickering** in planning for the sustainable city project; **Kitchener** in residential development for The Intowns project; **Durham, Halton, Peel and York** regions, **Hamilton** and Toronto in transportation for the Smart Commute Initiative; Peel Region in water for its efficiency plan; the towns of **Aurora, East Gwillimbury, Georgina, Newmarket** and **Whitchurch-Stouffville** and **Township of King** for the Northern 6 joint waste collection contract and green bin launch project; and the **City of Québec** for its restoration of the Saint Charles river bank and development of a linear park.

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GTA in Brief

More construction workers needed

The Canadian construction industry is running out of workers. The **Construction Sector Council** released its annual labour market forecast, "Construction Looking Forward," this week, noting that employment in the industry has risen 39 per cent over the last five years, setting a new record. While unprecedented hiring levels were seen last year, with 42,000-new construction workers, the report cautions that over the next eight years, the industry will need 94,000-new employees to keep up with new developments. A further 162,000 will be required to compensate for an aging and retiring workforce. New infrastructure projects and rising commodity prices are responsible for the strain, according to the council.



Leasing green

Make sure your next lease is green. Yesterday the **Real Property Association of Canada** released the "National Standard Green Office Lease" for commercial properties, which incorporates principles of sustainability into its existing standard office lease. The new, focussed lease will allow landlords and tenants to

address environmental concerns by setting water, air quality and recycling targets. Landlords will also benefit from provisions permitting environmental upgrades and renovations and the lease includes options for carbon offsetting and future carbon trading.

Heritage funds

The province will provide the **Architectural Conservancy of Ontario** with \$50,000 to support heritage conservation. The conservancy has doubled its number of local branches to 20 since the *Ontario Heritage Act* was updated in 2005. The funds will go toward volunteer training, website enhancements and a new financial reporting system.

Greenbelt honours Neptis

The **Neptis Foundation** is being honoured today by the **Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation** for their work improving regional planning and enhancing the greenbelt. The greenbelt foundation's third annual award ceremony will take place in Hart House at the University of Toronto from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

DURHAM

Brock by-election to replace councillor killed in car crash

Brock Township's ward two residents will vote in a by-election tentatively set for November 3, following the death of local councillor **Harold Lodwick** in a car accident three weeks ago. Council voted last week to hold a by-election, with nominations set to close September 19, though the timeline is still subject to change. In addition to his position as councillor for the community of

Beaverton, the 60-year-old Lodwick held positions on the **Beaverton Agricultural Society**, the **South Lake Community Futures Development Corporation**, the **Beaverton-Thorah-Eldon Historical Society** and the **Heart of Ontario Snowmobiling Club**.

Whitby waterfront donation

The **Town of Whitby** has received a donation of 21 acres of waterfront property from **DuPont**. An official ceremony took place last week to celebrate the donation. DuPont previously donated lakeshore land to the city in the 1990s. The land will be used to develop an expanded waterfront park.

Fire hall to be demolished for residential development

The **Municipality of Clarington** will host a public meeting to discuss a proposed zoning by-law amendment to develop four-detached houses at **3289 Trulls Road**, northwest of King Street East and Courtice Road. The municipality initiated the amendment, proposing to demolish the existing fire hall and zone the undeveloped portion of the property, which is to remain under municipal ownership, as environmental protection. The meeting is scheduled June 16.

Special Oshawa committee meeting

The **City of Oshawa** held a special development services committee meeting June 2 to consider an application submitted by **Rojayhen Holdings**

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Inc. for official plan and zoning by-law amendments to permit development of a commercial building and a supermarket. The application was put on hold in September 2006 and was reactivated in October 2007. Rojayhen proposes to develop a 9,745-sq.m. commercial building and a 3,809-sq.m. supermarket. The developer is also seeking approval for a potential expansion of the supermarket by 1,482-sq.m. The proposed development site is located at **800 Taunton Road West**, just north of the Oshawa Airport.

A report was also considered recommending the city refuse a proposal by **George Lysyk** to purchase the easterly portion of Chopin Park, east of Ritson Road South and Highway 401. Lysyk holds that the portion he proposes to purchase is fenced off and not used by the public and is not maintained by the city. Lysyk has suggested that the space would be used for additional parking and density to accommodate the expansion of existing apartment buildings that he owns on an adjacent site, though he has not yet submitted a development proposal.

Council approves incinerator business case

Last week **Durham Region** council approved the business case for the proposed trash incinerator. The business case estimates that the facility will cost \$197 million and will be built to meet European Union standards. (See *NRU-GTA Edition May 21.*)

HALTON

One indoor soccer pitch coming up

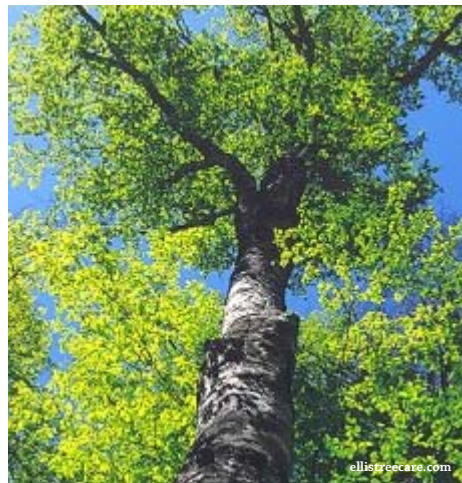
The **Town of Oakville** broke ground last week on the town's first indoor soccer building at Pine Glen Community Park. **EllisDon Design Build Inc.** is developing the facility, while the town is working on a broader community park

plan to expand the park's features. The 100,000-sq.ft. building will boast a full-size, artificial turf field. The design-build contract awarded to **EllisDon** is valued at \$10.6 million. (See *NRU-GTA Edition March 26.*)

HAMILTON

Hold that axe

The **City of Hamilton's** economic development and planning committee looked at a draft private tree and woodland conservation by-law at its meeting yesterday. The by-law seeks to regulate the removal of trees on private property. Initially discussed in 2002, a draft by-law was presented to the public for review in 2005. The report before yesterday's committee meeting included a revised draft of the by-law and recommended that stakeholder presentations and four public open houses be held to discuss the by-law.



PEEL

Trade in four wheels for two

This Friday is "Bike to Work Day" in **Mississauga**. The city has partnered with its cycling advisory committee, **Smart Commute Mississauga** and **Metrolinx** to sup-

port a call for residents to take two wheels to work on June 6. The day kicks off with a group ride from the MacEwan Barn, by Burnhamthorpe Road West and the Credit Woodlands, to city hall. The main event will begin with a free pancake breakfast at 7:00 a.m. followed by the ride. Other group rides, organized by various workplaces, will take place as well.

Adding apartments

At its June 9 meeting, **Mississauga's** planning and development committee will consider a report recommending approval of a revised concept plan, submitted by **1315 Bough Beeches Boulevard Limited (Stanford Homes)**, to permit the addition of apartment units and townhouses on the existing apartment site at **1315 Bough Beeches Boulevard**, northwest of Dixie Road and Burnhamthorpe Road East. The revised proposal calls for an additional 413-apartment units and 18-new townhouses.

Townhouse development

The **City of Mississauga** will host a public meeting to discuss an application submitted by **Cabot Trail Estates Ltd.** to rezone **7090 Benjamin Court**, northeast of Mavis Road and Derry Road West, to permit development of 74 townhouses. The meeting is scheduled June 23.

Proposal for Mississauga offices

Mississauga will host a public meeting to discuss an application submitted

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by **Bassem and Mabelle Aboumrad** to rezone **1361 and 1371 Hurontario Street**, south of the QEW, to permit development of two-office buildings. The meeting is scheduled June 23.

Derry Road townhouses proposed

Mississauga has received an application from **Bremont Homes Corporation** to rezone **2249 Derry Road West** and **7050 Terragar Boulevard**, southwest of Derry Road West and Winston Churchill Boulevard, to permit development of 82 townhouses.

Mississauga zoning by-law amendments

Mississauga will host a public meeting to discuss proposed housekeeping amendments to the new zoning by-law. The amendments address parking regulations and general provisions. Minor alterations will affect areas zoned residential, commercial, employment, greenbelt, city centre and parkway belt. An official plan amendment related to the zoning by-law amendments will also be discussed. The meeting is scheduled June 23.

Public meeting on proposed houses

Mississauga will host a public meeting to discuss a rezoning application submitted by **A. Janoscik** to permit development of five-detached homes at **2167 Gordon Drive**, southwest of The Queensway and Hurontario Street. The meeting is scheduled June 23.

Houses proposed for Eglinton Ave.

Partacc Mississauga Developments Inc. has applied for official plan and zoning by-law amendments to permit development of detached and semi-detached houses, as well as a community park block, at the southwest corner of Eglinton Avenue West and Confederation Parkway, in **Mississauga**. The city has scheduled a

public meeting to discuss the applications June 23.

Lakeshore townhouses subject to public meeting

An application for rezoning and an official plan amendment, submitted by **Gemini Urban Design Corp.**, will be the subject of a public meeting. Gemini proposes to develop 88 townhouses and two-detached homes at **943 and 985 Southdown Road, 0, 1998, 2002, 2004, 2008, 2022 and 2030 Lakeshore Road West** and **0, 2003, 2012, 2015, 2021 and 2028-2038 Lushes Avenue**, southeast of Lakeshore Road West and Southdown Road in Mississauga. The meeting is scheduled June 23.

Powering Caledon

The **Town of Caledon** will host a public workshop for residents to learn about a loan or rebate program that compensates residents for installing renewable



electricity generation devices. The PowerHouse program, which is currently in the pilot stage, offers zero-interest loans between \$2,000 and \$50,000, or rebates, to homeowners who install solar thermal, solar photovoltaic, geother-

mal and small wind generation devices. The loans and rebates are currently only offered to residents of **Caledon, Brampton, Mississauga, King, East Gwillimbury, Georgina and Whitchurch-Stouffville**. The program is a joint initiative run by **Enersource Hydro Mississauga, Hydro One Networks and Hydro One Brampton**. Funding is provided by the energy ministry. The workshop is scheduled June 5 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Caledon Community Complex. Further information can be found at www.powerhouse-program.ca.

Working towards the plan

The **Town of Caledon** has made significant progress towards achieving the 69 objectives laid out in the “Caledon Community Work Plan.” Last week council was presented with an update on the plan’s progress. A community improvement plan is under development for Regional Road 50 in Bolton. The plan will focus on public-private partnerships to work towards redevelopment and reinvestment in the area’s commercial sites. Progress is also being made with regard to the town’s economic development, through initiatives such as the shopping behaviour survey that is being conducted in Bolton and Caledon East. The resurfacing of several trails and other park and trail improvements are also noted as successes under the work plan.

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King by-laws approved

In a decision issued May 26, board member **Marc Denhez** allowed, in part, appeals by **Repac Industries Inc.**, **Marshel Cohen**, **1386146 Ontario Inc.**, the **STORM Coalition** and the **Town of Caledon** against three sections of **King Township's** zoning by-law.

The board was informed that all of the appeals have either been settled or assigned to site-specific hearings. King has subsequently modified three by-laws in such a way as to appease their detractors and have them conform to the *Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan*.



The by-laws implemented the results of a planning study regarding aggregate material extraction in the township, revising the list of permitted uses under the industrial extractive zoning.

King planning director **Stephen Kitchen** testified on the history of the case.

The board was informed that **Bernice Moses** sought to withdraw her appeal. Other parties, including township councillor **Jane Underhill**, **Schickedanz Bros. Limited**, the Town of Caledon and **Klim Art Publishers Ltd.** withdrew appeals against the zoning by-laws. The board agreed to consider Marshel Cohen's appeal abandoned, as Cohen had moved out of King and had not attended the proceedings.

The board allowed the appeals, in part, approving the modified zoning by-laws.

Solicitor **Tom Halinski (Aird & Berlis)** represented the Township of King. Solicitor **David Ostler** represented the

Town of Caledon. **Bernice Moses** was not represented by counsel. (*See OMB Case No. PL010320.*)

Caledon by-law template approved

In a decision issued May 27, board member **Colin Hefferon** allowed an appeal by **MoscCorp Development I, II and III Inc.** against the failure of the **Town of Caledon** to approve four plans of subdivision, which would see the development of 3,000-residential units in the community of Mayfield West. The first phase is set to be developed between Old Kennedy Road and Heart Lake Road.

The plans of subdivision had been approved by the board earlier this year.

The board heard that the town and Moscorp agreed on four comprehensive zoning by-laws to implement the plans of subdivision. The parties requested the board approve the template for the draft by-laws. The template rezones the proposed development sites from agricultural to a mix of residential, commercial and employment.

The board was also requested to approve each of the site-specific by-laws as they are received.

John Stevens (J.H. Stevens, Planning & Development Consultants), speaking on behalf of Moscorp, and town planner **Eric Conley** spoke in favour of the proposed template and zoning by-laws.

The board approved the template.

Solicitor **David Ostler** represented the Town of Caledon. Solicitor **Mark Flowers (Davies Howe)** represented Moscorp. (*See OMB Case No. PL070515.*)

Vaughan commercial site plan approved

In a decision issued May 29, board member **Reid Rossi** approved a site plan related to appeals by **Giuseppe Morelli** and **Ritajo Developments Limited** for site plan settlement

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and official plan amendment approval to permit development of a commercial plaza in the **City of Vaughan**.

The board was informed that an agreement had been reached between the parties.

David McKay (MHBC Planning Limited) appeared

on behalf of Morelli and Ritajo, testifying in support of the agreement.

The board approved the site plan and the draft implementing zoning by-law, as well as the official plan amendment.

Solicitor **Lynda Townsend (Townsend, Rogers)** represented Guiseppe Morelli and Ritajo Developments Limited. Solicitor **Claudia Storto** represented the City of Vaughan. (*See OMB Case No. PL020298.*) **NRU**

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YORK

Newmarket bikes to work

The **Town of Newmarket** is hosting its second annual "Bike to Work Day" on Friday, June 6. Free breakfast will be provided at the **Newmarket Chamber of Commerce**, 470 Davis Drive, from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. **Smart**

Commute Central York and the chamber of commerce are partnering with the city to support the event.

Planning parks and rec in Aurora

The **Town of Aurora** has begun public consultations towards developing a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan. A telephone survey of households is underway and consultation with community groups, councillors and agencies will take place this month.

Community focus groups are also expected to be held in June while a public meeting to discuss a draft of the master plan will be scheduled for September.

Vaughan parkette meeting

The **City of Vaughan** will host a public meeting to discuss the concept plan for the proposed Park Ridge Parkette. The meeting is scheduled June 10.

Vaughan meets on intensification OPA

Vaughan held a special council meeting yesterday afternoon to consider a report on an official plan amendment that seeks to encourage redevelopment of Highway 7 corridor lands, as well as land along Kipling Avenue. Support for public transit and the need to meet **York Region's** intensification objectives and policies are cited as reasons for the amendment. **NRU**



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Toronto's medical officer of health during the SARS crisis, **Sheela Basrur** died Monday. Basrur, 51, resigned from her most recent position as Ontario's chief medical officer in December 2006 to fight hemangiopericytoma, a rare form of vascular cancer. She is survived by her daughter, Simone Kovcs

and her parents, Vasnath and Parvathi Basrur.

Gary Carroll is the new director of engineering services in the development services department at the **City of Oshawa**. Carroll was formerly the director of engineering services at the City of Vaughan.

Caledon's long-serving treasurer, **Sam Jones**, has announced his resignation after 29 years with the town. Jones led the corporate services department and held the position of deputy CAO since 2005. The town's CAO, **Doug Barnes**, will fill the role as treasurer until a new one is appointed.

Brampton mayor **Susan Fennell** has been re-elected to serve as chair of the Ontario caucus of the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities** for the second consecutive year. The election was held on June 1 at the FCM conference held in Quebec City last week-end.