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## PICKERING VILLAGE

### Heritage highlighted in plan

By Amy Lazar

The Ajax community affairs and planning committee approved the vision guiding Pickering Village's future, making some amendments to the recommendations that aim to improve the area's urban design.

"The town is introducing a community improvement plan within Pickering Village, which will open up opportunities for the town to get involved in façade improvements and incentives," said **Gary Muller**, manager of planning in Ajax.

"We've also come up with a number of policy changes around land use, streetscape and how buildings can add to the public realm."

Committee received the report entitled, *Pickering Village Land Use Planning and Urban Design study*, prepared by town staff, which included 23 recommendations that make up a framework to implement a number of community improvement initiatives.

The committee was also presented with a consultants' report by **GHK International, Young + Wright Architects, TSH Associates, and AREA Architects**, entitled *Recommendations on a Community Improvement Plan for Pickering Village*.

Simply put, the reports exist because "Pickering Village is under pressure for change." The town has received numerous development inquiries about properties in the area and the concern is that redevelopment without a plan or overall vision for the area could cause irreparable change to the character of the Village.

While there is a desire to stimulate new development and investment in Pickering Village, a framework is needed, said Muller.

Since May 2006, the town's planning team and the consultants have conducted research and public consultations to gather input from area residents and business owners.

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## ASHBY REPLACES DICKSON

### Toronto planner wins Ajax by-election

**Renrick Ashby**, a senior planner with the City of Toronto's Scarborough section will join Ajax town council as the representative for Ward 2. Last weekend, Ashby won the by-election held in the GTA municipality to replace **Joe Dickson**, who ran for and won the Ajax-Pickering provincial seat in last October's election.

"I feel like we've been campaigning for the last two years," he told NRU yesterday. "When I get sworn in, it will really hit home."

Ten candidates ran for the town councillor position and of the 1,823 votes cast, 751—or 41 per cent—were for Ashby. While he was well-favoured over the second-place finisher, Al Williams, only eight per cent of eligible voters—about 21,000 residents—cast a ballot.

Ashby ran previously in the 2006 municipal election and told NRU at the time that he believed his experience as a planner provides a unique perspective.

"As a planner, I can help council make better planning decisions," he said back in 2006 and now he will get his chance.

"As a development planner, I specialize in researching, evaluating and providing council with what I think is our best recommendations...so now it will be interesting to

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# Coming Up

## MARCH 5

**Durham Regional Council**, 10:00 a.m.

**York Regional Planning & Economic Development Committee**, 1:00 p.m.

## MARCH 5 - 6

**6th Annual GTA Transportation Summit**, Holiday Inn on King, Toronto. Register through registrations@strategicinstitute.com or 1-866-298-9343

## MARCH 6

**Ajax Special Council**, 7:00 p.m.

**Peel Regional Council**, 9:30 a.m.

## MARCH 10

**Whitby Planning & Development Committee**, 8:00 p.m.

## MARCH 11

**Durham Regional Planning Committee**, 9:30 a.m.

## MARCH 14

**GO Transit Board Meeting**, 20 Bay Street, Suite 600, Toronto, 10:00 a.m.

## MARCH 17

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

**Whitby Council**, 8:00 p.m.

**Richmond Hill Council**, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

**Ajax Community Affairs & Planning Committee**, 7:00 p.m.

## MARCH 18

**Markham Development Services Committee**, 9:00 a.m.

## MARCH 19

**Halton Regional Planning & Public Works Committee**, 9:30 a.m.

## MARCH 25

**Pickering Council**, 7:30 p.m.

**Markham Council**, 7:00 p.m.

**Markham Development Services Committee**, 9:00 a.m.

"CITIES ON THE EDGE"

## Suburbs focus of York U workshop

The City Institute at York University hosted a workshop February 29 to discuss issues surrounding the suburbs in Canada. The event, called "*Canadian Cities on the Edge: Reassessing the Canadian Suburb*", brought together academics from universities across the country and culminated in a book launch for Frances Frisken's *The Public Metropolis*. (See NRU Toronto edition Feb. 1)

Larry McCann, a geography professor at the University of Victoria, spoke at one of the workshop sessions on the effects that corporate land developers are able to exert on the social aspects of the suburbs. McCann's research focuses on Canadian suburban development from a historical perspective, but he provided general comments on how the development of suburban subdivisions can affect, and are affected by, the social landscape.

Using examples from across the country, McCann stated that shifting demographics in the suburbs can be attributed to targeted marketing on the part of developers, but also noted that changes can come about through changes in the buildings themselves. McCann cited the addition of, sometimes illegal, apartment suites in traditional suburban single-family houses. These units often contribute to an influx of single men and women in suburbs that are often viewed as a place for families.

"Corporations have a powerful shaping force today," McCann told

the workshop group, but he also conceded that they "respond very much to social change. Within a large subdivision they will create different types of communities."

McCann spoke on the evolution in the form of suburban developments. Developers who began building single family homes several decades ago added some townhouses to later projects. The amount of townhouses that were devel-



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oped increased over time, eventually giving way to the popularity of medium- and high-rise condominium developments.

The day-long workshop also included a presentation by York University PhD candidates **Jean-Paul Addie** and **Rob Fiedler** which highlighted the lack of substantial literature focussing on Canadian suburbs. Sharing the name of the workshop, their essay and presentation on the same subject both call for the development of a research agenda regarding the various aspects of suburban Canada.

University of Toronto geography professor **Deborah Cowen** spoke on suburban citizenship while **McMaster University** professor **Richard Harris** addressed the heart of the issue with a presentation entitled "What is a Suburb?"

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MILLIONS IN SAVINGS ACROSS GTA

## New glass recycling plant to open in Brampton

Five municipalities across the GTA will be able to empty their blue boxes into a **Brampton** glass processing plant, scheduled to open this summer.

The Regions of **Peel**, **Durham** and **York**, as well as the Cities of **Toronto** and **Hamilton** will be able to ship all of their recyclable glass bottles and jars—saving each of the municipal partners operating costs totalling about \$10 million over the seven-year contract, according to **Stewardship Ontario**.

The organization announced Monday that it has made a deal with Canadian recycled glass processor, **Unical Inc.** to build the plant in Brampton and though it will start accepting recyclables from the five area municipalities, it may expand at a later date. The largest cost savings is in transportation and while traditionally municipalities pay processors to take the glass away, Unical will charge less because they will be turning it into higher-value products like fibreglass.

In the first year, Durham is estimated to save about \$40,000 and the region will be delivering the least amount of glass to Unical, while in Toronto shipping the largest amount of glass is still estimated to save about \$650,000.

“Peel stands to save approximately \$250,000 in operating costs in year one and close to \$2 million over the seven-year contract,” said Peel Regional Chair **Emil Kolb**.

“This is a good deal for Peel and it’s a good deal for industry members of Stewardship Ontario who help pay for the program.”

Stewardship Ontario, which is an organization of industry stewards that pays half of the net operating cost of the Ontario blue box program, is providing seed money of \$1.75 million to Unical to purchase processing equipment. Unical will spend \$10 million to build the new plant.

“In these days of belt-tightening and rationalizing every tax dollar spent on municipal services, savings in our waste management portfolio are both welcome and needed,” said York’s Regional Chair, **Bill Fisch**. The municipality will

save about \$2 million over the seven years.

Together, the five municipalities will supply a minimum of 44,000 tonnes of coloured and clear glass—which is about half of the amount of glass collected in residential recycling programs across Ontario last year. When the



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• Bill Fisch

plant is fully operational, it will be able to process 120,000 tonnes of used glass.

Stewardship Ontario estimates its investment in the Unical plant will be paid back in less than two years. **NRU**



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The results reveal that there is a desire to protect heritage buildings and mature trees in the vicinity, and to have any new development align with similar design characteristics.

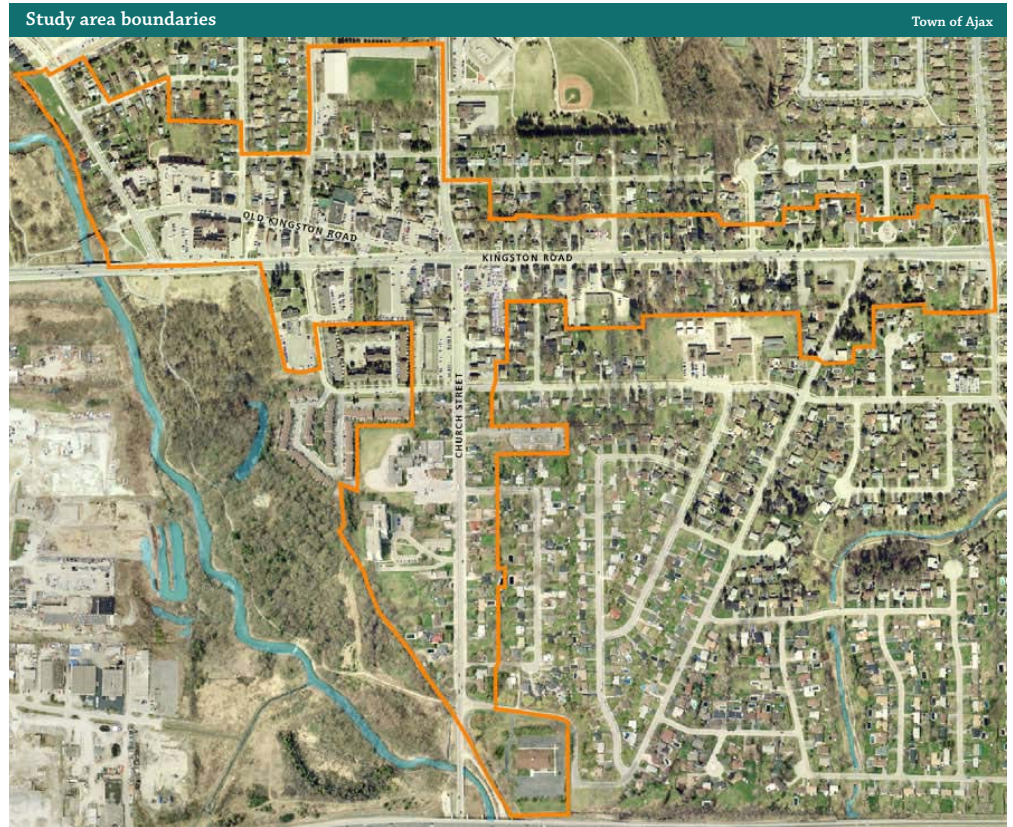
Some staff recommendations were amended by the committee after Village business owners disputed a suggestion to amend the official plan restricting office use on the ground floor of buildings and encouraging retail use to stimulate pedestrian traffic along old Kingston Road. While area business owners understood and appreciated the goal, many told the committee that the market should dictate use, not legislation and members agreed.

Business owners also strongly disagreed with the recommendations encouraging shared and on-street permit parking so the issue was deferred to allow staff time to consult, look at various options like meter parking, and report back in the fall.

As part of the package, staff also put together urban design and built form guidelines for Pickering Village, which were adopted. The consultant team put forward a report recommending that the Village become a heritage conservation district. The committee asked for more information by the fall 2008 on cost estimates to initiate the study process.

Other recommendations that got the nod from the committee included amending the town's sign by-law to regulate standards and complement the heritage character of the area and to review the need for directional signage in the Village.

"This is a very important initiative," said Muller, adding that his staff led by senior planner **Tom Goodeve** has worked very hard for a long time on the plan. "It's the historic soul of the town and given the types of buildings and the history and where we see it going, it's very important."



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The next step is for council to pass an official plan amendment that changes the boundaries of the Village Central Area designation and the corresponding Community Improvement Area, as well as to implement the recommendations included in the report.

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receive that information and make a decision."

His main goals are to reduce property taxes, maintain a safe and vibrant community, work to reduce gridlock by reviewing traffic flow in and out of the area, protect employment lands and improve local transit.

"In the last 10 years there has been a tremendous residential growth in Ajax," Ashby said. "We need to now balance that residential with some business or we run the risk of

turning into a bedroom community."

Ashby, who has lived in Ajax for over a decade, studied civil engineering before deciding it was the planning world he wanted to join and went on to graduate from Ryerson University with a degree in urban planning in 1987. He worked as a development planner with the Town of Ajax from 1999 to 2003.

He will be sworn in Thursday and serve the post of Ajax councillor until November 30, 2010, when the present council's term ends. Ashby will also continue his work with Toronto's planning department.

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# GTA in Brief

## DURHAM

### New Durham Tourism blog site

A new blog, written by award-winning travel writer **Betty Zyvatkauskas**, is part of Durham Tourism's 2008 tourism campaign launched last week at the Whitby Centennial Building in **Whitby, Durham Region**'s economic development and tourism department hosted the event and unveiled the new 2008 Discovery Guide, e-newsletter and blog. This marketing strategy will also incorporate increased online marketing, including a photo gallery and an interactive events calendar at [www.durhamtourism.ca](http://www.durhamtourism.ca).

### 1400-unit subdivision proposed for Ajax

The **Town of Ajax** will host a public meeting to discuss applications for draft plan of subdivision approval and a zoning by-law amendment to permit the development of 1411 residential units, 11 park blocks and two school blocks at the southwest corner of Rossland Road East and Audley Road North by **Ajax Audley Developments Limited**. The meeting is scheduled March 18.

### Ajax \$58-million budget approved

Ajax approved its 2008 operating and capital budgets last week. The operating budget was approved at \$34.9 million while the capital budget is \$23.7 million. The budget includes funding for 11 new full-time staff positions, a new bridge to be constructed over Carruthers Creek, the development of an urban forest cover strategy and the opening of a LEED certified operations and environmental services centre. The budget comes with a property tax increase of 3.25 per cent.

### Long term care townhouses in Ajax

Ajax will host a public meeting to discuss an application for a zoning by-law

amendment submitted by **Laura Philp** to permit the development of 13 townhouses and 3 detached houses as part of a long term residential care facility at **1257 Westney Road North**, south of Taunton Road West. The meeting is scheduled March 19.

### North Ajax lands sold

Contentious land in north Ajax has changed hands. **O'Shanter Development** had attempted to redesignate the lands, on Harwood Avenue, south of Rossland Road, to permit residential development, but the town sought to preserve the lands for employment uses. **Higgins Development Partners** purchased the property.

### Oshawa new street use policy meeting

The **City of Oshawa** will host a public meeting to discuss a proposed official plan amendment initiated by the town. The amendment will add a new policy to the city's Central Business District policies, which will add criteria to the policies to help determine uses permitted along main shopping and pedestrian streets. The meeting is scheduled March 17.

### Whitby short of staff and space

**Whitby** council heard on Thursday that the town is short staffed. Department heads told councillors that staff are needed to continue the current level of service and 14 new staff members were requested in draft budgets presented to council last week. Additional staff were requested for several departments, including planning, community and marketing, and public works. However, the new staff need space in which to work, as there is a shortage of office space at Town Hall.

## HALTON

### Oakville apartment buildings

**Edgemere Estates Limited** has submitted a complete application propos-

ing official plan and zoning by-law amendments to permit the development of 10 two-and-a-half-storey buildings with three apartments each at **1502 Lakeshore Road East**, southwest of Winston Churchill Boulevard in the **Town of Oakville**. The site currently holds a residential detached dwellings zoning and a residential low density designation.

### Oakville church application

Oakville staff will host a public meeting to discuss an application by **St. Peter and St. Paul Coptic Church** for a zoning by-law amendment to permit the development of a place of worship at **3113 Upper Middle Road**, west of Bronte Road. The meeting is scheduled March 6.

## HAMILTON

### New park land for Hamilton

The **City of Hamilton** has applied to expropriate lands at **67-85 Seabreeze Crescent** in the former City of Stoney Creek. The land will be developed as parkland with ancillary uses.

## PEEL

### Mississauga Staff win awards

**Mississauga's** zoning by-law review and OPA25 teams were awarded with the city manager's award of excellence for their work of the last year, at a recent ceremony recognizing 119 city employees for a job well done. The 2007 corporate awards for excellence were awarded in seven categories, within which 900 employees were nominated.

The customer service awards went to building inspector **Mario Carvalho**, transportation and works project manager **Robert Levesque** and senior inspector **Mary Juskiw** and the entire staff at the Burnhamthorpe Community Centre. For continuous improvement, mechanical inspector **Roger Uuemae**



# GTA OMB News

## Mississauga OPA 25 appeal dismissed

In a prehearing decision issued February 26, board member **S. Wilson Lee** dismissed an appeal by **Frank Merulla** against **City of Mississauga** official plan amendment number 25. The amendment is part of the process of setting out a policy framework ahead of the new zoning by-law.

The city requested that the board dismiss Merulla's appeal on the grounds that the official plan amendment did not alter the permissions and restrictions in place on Merulla's property. Merulla's lands, within the Sheridan District, are designated greenbelt and this was not affected by OPA 25. The city asserted that Merulla cannot appeal the designation, as it should have been appealed when it was originally dealt with by council. The board agreed and dismissed Merulla's appeal.

The city also brought a motion against **Gregory Dell** requesting that he be denied permission to continue representing four other appellants, that he disclose his own interests in the case and how the OPA affects him, and that he identify the planning grounds of the appeal. The board agreed that Dell must clarify the planning matters related to the appeal, but did not find that Dell should be barred from representing other appellants.

Solicitors **Paul DeMelo (Kagan, Shastri)**, **Michael Minkowski** and **Andrea Wilson-Peebles** represented the City of Mississauga. Solicitor **David Beck** represented the **Region of Peel**. Frank Merulla represented himself. Solicitor **J. S. Wheeler (Wheeler & Assoc.)** represented **487345 Ontario Inc.** and **Ronald Robinson**. Gregory Dell represented himself and acted as agent for **Robert and Lorraine Cytowski**, **Cadillac Funding Inc.**, **Tommy Lee Ltd.** and **1706102 Ontario Ltd.** Peter and Kathy De Man represented themselves. Solicitor **Jill Dougherty (WeirFoulds)** represented **Glen Ellen Properties Inc.** Solicitor **Mary Flynn-Guglietti (McMillan Binch)** represented **Add-a-View Inc.**, **Nazzareno Zaffino** and **Moldenhauer Developments Inc.** Solicitor **John Keyser (Keyser Mason)** represented **2096553 Ontario Inc.** Solicitor **Jason Park (Fraser Milner)** represented **Pinnacle International (Ontario) Ltd.** Solicitor **Andrew Paton** represented **West End Motors and Trailer Park Ltd.**, **1197140 Ontario Ltd.**, and **Petro-Canada**. Solicitor **Susan Rosenthal (Davies Howe)** represented **Amacon Development (Hurontario) Corp.** Solicitor **Stanley Stein (Osler, Hoskin)** represented **Toyotoshi Realty Inc.** Solicitor **Lynda Townsend (Townsend, Rogers)** represented **Pioneer Petroleum Management Inc.** Brian

**Holtham** acted as agent for **Doug Watson**. (See OMB Case No. PL070625.)

## Milton settles on subdivision

In a decision issued February 27, board member **Jyoti Zuidema** allowed appeals by **Shellrock Developments Ltd.** against the failure of the **Town of Milton** to enact a zoning by-law amendment and approve a proposed plan of subdivision to permit the development of 178 residential homes.

The board was informed that a settlement had been reached between Shellrock and the town, as well as the other parties: the **Region of Halton**, **Mattamy (Brownridge) Limited**, **1285736 Ontario Limited**, **Manaman (J.B.) Inc.**, **John Zdunic**, **Transcon Properties Limited**, the **Halton Catholic District School Board** and the **Halton District School Board**.

Town planner **Anne Dawkins** provided planning evidence on behalf of the town, in support of the settlement. Dawkins testified that the plan of subdivision and the zoning by-law amendment are consistent with the relevant land use policies.

The board allowed the appeals, approving the settlement. Solicitors **Josephine Matera** and **Eileen Costello (Aird**

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**& Berlis**) represented the Town of Milton. Solicitor **Michael McQuaid (WeirFoulds)** represented Shellrock Developments Ltd. Solicitor **Robert Doumani (Aird & Berlis)** represented the Region of Halton. Solicitor **David Bronskill (Goodmans)** represented Mattamy (Brownridge) Limited, 1285736 Ontario Limited, Manaman (J.B.) Inc., John Zdunic and Transcon Properties Limited. Solicitor **Rick Coburn (Borden Ladner)** represented the Halton Catholic District School Board. Solicitor **Brad Teichman (McCarthy Tétrault)** represented the Halton District School Board. (*See OMB Case No. PL051288.*)

## Variance approves more units in Pickering

In a decision issued February 26, board member **Chris Conti** allowed an appeal by **S. R. and R. Bayridges Ltd.** against a decision by the **City of Pickering's** committee of adjustment to refuse an application for a minor variance to permit the development of a 497-unit development consisting of townhouses and two condominium towers located at **1215-1235 Bayly Street**, southwest of Liverpool Road and Highway 401.

The minor variance would increase the permitted number of units from 473 to 497, as well as the density of the development. The current permitted density is 140 units per hectare.

**Stephan Fagyas (Commercial Focus Advisory Services)** provided planning evidence on behalf of Bayridges, in favour of the appeal. Fagyas testified that the proposed development represents an efficient use of the land for intensification purposes and conforms to the *Provincial Policy Statement*. Fagyas said that the variance will have no impact and that the development is consistent with the official plan. The variance would permit a density that is only 5 per cent over the permitted maximum.

The city did not present opposing evidence and the board allowed the appeal, authorizing the variance.

Solicitor **Bill Friedman** represented S. R. and R. Bayridges Ltd. Solicitor **Andrew Allison** represented the City of Pickering. (*See OMB Case No. PL070773.*)

## Settlement allows Oakville townhouses

In a decision issued February 26, board member **Robert Beccarea** allowed appeals by **Marko Brcic** against the failure of the **Town of Oakville** to enact a zoning by-law amendment and approve a proposed plan of subdivision to permit the development of nine townhouses at **2177 and 2179 Lakeshore Road West**, southwest of Lakeshore Road West and 3<sup>rd</sup> Line.

The board heard that a settlement had been reached and through negotiations with the town, the number of units to be developed was reduced to four. The original proposal required an official plan amendment, however, the revised plan does not. The board dismissed Brcic's appeal against the town's refusal of an official plan amendment as one is no longer required.

**Ruth Victor (Ruth Victor and Associates Inc.)** provided planning evidence in support of the settlement. Victor testified that the proposal is consistent with the official plan and zoning by-law.

**Bill and Maureen Brown** appeared as participants, opposed to the proposal. The Browns acknowledged that a reduction in units was preferable, though they are still concerned about the potential impact of the four units. The Browns requested party status, though it was not granted.

The board allowed the zoning by-law and plan of subdivision appeals, approving the settlement. As it had been determined that one is no longer required, the board dismissed the official plan amendment appeal.

Solicitors **Andrew Biggart (Ritchie Ketcheson)** and **Jennifer Huctwith** represented the Town of Oakville. Solicitor **Blair Taylor (O'Connor MacLeod)** represented Marko Brcic. Solicitor **Al Burton (Thomson, Rogers)** represented Bill and Maureen Brown. (*See OMB Case No. PL051091.*)

## Burlington SmartCentres hearing set for March 12

In a prehearing decision issued February 27, board member **Colin Hefferon** set the date for a hearing with regard to an appeal by **SmartCentres Inc.** (formerly First Pro Shopping Centres) against the failure of the **City of Burlington** to approve official plan and zoning by-law amendments to permit the development of a large retail warehouse at **2075 Fairview Street**, southeast of Brant Street and Plains Road East.

The board set the date for the hearing, to begin March 12.

Solicitor **Ira Kagan (Kagan, Shastri)** represents the City of Burlington. Solicitors **Dennis Wood** and **Johanna Myers (Wood Bull)** represent SmartCentres Inc. **J.T. Lawson** acts as agent for **Emshih Developments Inc.** and **Emily Tan-Shih. J. Boich** acts as agent for the **Rambo Creek Ratepayers Association**. (*See OMB Case No. PL050493.*) **NRU**

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was recognized, as well as, the PRESTO team and the Electronic Court Summonses team. The leadership and empowerment award was given to **Jasbir Raina**, a corporate security area manager and the team effectiveness award went to the prosecution and courts team. The partnership award went to the U-Pass transit implementation team and the Kirk French spirit award, named for a former employee who exemplified a love of life, was awarded to the late **Judy Ekuase** for her work in the parking enforcement office and **Marilyn Kirk**, the administrative assistant to the fire chief.

### Heritage Grant program increased

Mississauga's heritage property grant program budget has been increased in 2008 to \$75,000 and is now accepting applications. In its second year, the program provides matching grants from \$500 to \$5,000 for conservation, repair or restoration projects for properties designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Last year, the program provided more than \$43,000 in grants. Submissions are reviewed by city staff and by the Mississauga heritage advisory committee. Applications can be found on the city's website and are due May 2, 2008.

## YORK

### Condos and golf course proposed for Aurora

The **Town of Aurora** considered a report at last night's council meeting requesting direction with regard to applications submitted by **Westhill Redevelopment Company Limited** for official plan and zoning by-law amendments and plan of condominium approval to permit the development of 75 condominium units and an 18-hole golf course along Leslie Street, north of Bloomington Road. The applications have been appealed to the **Ontario Municipal Board** and a hearing is scheduled to begin April 7.

### Seniors' home in Richmond Hill

The **Town of Richmond Hill** will host a public meeting to discuss an application for official plan and zoning by-law amendments submitted by **Diversicare Canada Management Co. Inc.** to permit the development of a 130-unit seniors' retirement residence at the northwest corner of Yorkland Street and Bernard Avenue, east of Yonge Street. The meeting is scheduled March 19.

### \$10 million YMCA facility proposed for Keswick

The **Town of Georgina** is considering entering into an agreement with the **Greater Toronto YMCA** that could

see the development of a \$10.5 million recreation facility. If the agreement is signed, the facility could be open in three years and the town is considering a location in the Glenwoods-Woodbine corridor in south Keswick. The **Town of Wasaga Beach** has previously signed a similar agreement with the YMCA.

### Newmarket golf course sale raises concerns

**Town of Newmarket** councillor **Chris Emanuel** will host a public meeting to discuss the potential sale of the **Glenway Golf and Country Club**. Area residents have raised concerns that a new owner might want to develop residential units on the site, which is currently zoned to permit the golf course and green space. Emanuel has expressed his support for retaining the site's current use. The deadline for bids on the property is March 19.

### Sustainable development strategy for York Region

Today's **York Region** planning and economic development committee meeting will consider a report on an implementation strategy for the *Sustainable Development Through LEED* program. The objectives of the program include significant water conservation, consistency with the regional *Transit-Oriented Development Guidelines* and obtaining LEED certification.

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## GTA People

United Church minister, **Rob Oliphant** won the federal Liberal nomination in Don Valley West.

**Karen Landry** has been hired at the Town of **Caledon**'s clerk to replace retired **Cheri Cowan** and will begin March 31.

Previously, Landry was the clerk for the Town of **Halton Hills** and has worked in **Brampton**, **Georgina** and the Township of **Tiny**.

Former politician, judge and diplomat, **Roy McMurtry** will take the role at chancel-

lor of York University. Ontario's former chief justice will succeed Supreme Court Justice **Peter deCarteret Cory**, who has served as chancellor since 2004. McMurtry will be installed as the 12<sup>th</sup> chancellor May 23.

Founding member of Caledon's heritage committee, **Alex Raeburn**, has received a 2007 Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage award for lifetime achievement. The award goes to people who have devoted more than 25 years to community heritage activities.