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## HIGH PARK HOUSES

# OMB approves teardown

By Mark Ostler

A recent **Ontario Municipal Board** decision has ruled on the fate of 13-residential rental buildings in the High Park area, agreeing with the owners that the properties should be demolished despite the city's objections.

The houses, most of them vacant for several years, sit on land designated for higher-density residential uses. The owners—**W. J. Holdings Limited**, **Davhill Investments Limited** and **Car-Allan Investments Limited**—have spent nearly 40 years gradually buying up all of the houses at the south end of the Bloor Street West block, between Oakmount Road and Pacific Avenue just west of Keele Street. They have plans to eventually build a higher-density building, much like the numerous high-rise towers just north of the site, one of which is owned by the owners of the houses.

However, right now the owners simply want to demolish the buildings, stating that the houses, some of which are upwards of 90 years old, have fallen into disrepair.

"[The houses] reached the end of their useful lives and required significant capital upgrades," said lawyer **Bob Doumani (Aird & Berlis)**, who represented the owners at the OMB hearing. "They were attracting vagrants, they were unsafe. We were reacting to a request from the neighbours across the street, saying 'Get rid of this.'"

In an interview with *NRU* city lawyer **Sharon Haniford** countered saying, ultimately the property owners are responsible for the maintenance of the buildings.

"It's the owner that makes the decision how to maintain the buildings," Haniford said. "There are virtually identical houses in the neighbourhood that are in beautiful condition...[even] on the same street. This is a choice of the owner to maintain in this manner and then use that lack of maintenance to justify demolition."

At the hearing much evidence was dedicated to determining whether or not the *Planning Act* allows the city to require redevelopment plans before demolition permits are

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## CITY EYES SCHOOL FOR PARKLAND

# Land acquisition

Negotiations for a **Toronto District School Board**-owned property on Sheppard Avenue west have been ongoing since April and the city is now in a position to acquire the six-acre parcel for much-needed parkland in the lower part of Ward 10.

The purchase price is \$7.5 million but the total cost to the city including taxes and charges will be \$8.6 million with money drawn from the parkland acquisition reserve fund and the city's land acquisition reserve fund.

On the property at 819 Sheppard Avenue west at Faywood Boulevard is the defunct Dublin Public School, which is currently leased by a private school, The Toronto Heschel School. The school has been using the building for the last 15 years and has expressed interest in entering a long-term lease with the city with an option to purchase the building.

"The surrounding community has a low level of parkland provision and opportunities such as this to acquire a large piece of open space in this part of the city are limited," a staff report that came to the government management committee earlier this week states.

"This existing school yard has functioned and served as the local open space for the surrounding area. Loss of this open space from the public realm would impact to the surrounding community's ability to readily access open space."

The property was one of 16-declared surplus last year by the school board so its realty arm—**Toronto Lands Corporation**—could field offers from other school boards, provincial ministries, agencies and the city.

Originally, city staff showed interest in the southern part of the property, since the north part houses the school building. But the school board insisted on selling the property in its entirety.

So city staff looked into the possibility of flipping the north part with the school for redevelopment, which could lead to the extension of Alexis Boulevard west across the middle of the property as a dividing road.

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# Coming Up

## OCTOBER 16

**Canadian Urban Institute—Fostering Design Excellence: Lessons Learned by Toronto's Design Review Panel**, 7:45 – 9:45 a.m.  
King Gallery Room, 1 King Street West.  
Register online at [www.canurb.com/events](http://www.canurb.com/events).

## OCTOBER 19-21

**CitiesAlive! International Green Roof Congress**, Sheraton Hotel, 123 Queen Street West. More info at [www.citiesalive.org](http://www.citiesalive.org).

## OCTOBER 22

**Design Review Panel**, 12:00 p.m.

## OCTOBER 26-27

**City Council**, 9:30 a.m.

## OCTOBER 28

**Waterfront Toronto Board Meeting**, time TBD.

## OCTOBER 29

**TTC**, 1:00 p.m.

## NOVEMBER 2

**Executive Committee**, 9:30 a.m.

## NOVEMBER 3

**Public Works & Infrastructure Committee**, 9:30 a.m.

## NOVEMBER 4

**Planning & Growth Management Committee**, 9:30 a.m.

## NOVEMBER 9

**Government Management Committee**, 9:30 a.m.

## NOVEMBER 10

**Community Councils**, 9:30 a.m.

## NOVEMBER 12

**Waterfront Toronto Design Review Panel**, 20 Bay Street, Suite 1310, 9:00 a.m.

**Economic Development Committee**, 9:30 a.m.

**Parks & Environment Committee**, 9:30 a.m.

## NOVEMBER 17

**Design Review Panel**, 12:00 p.m.

## NOVEMBER 25

**TTC**, 1:00 p.m.

## LIBRARY WORKERS VOTE

# Strike mandate

With the summer's labour disruption still in recent memory, the city's strike days may not be completely over.

Members of the **Toronto Public Library Workers Union**, CUPE Local 4948, voted overwhelmingly to strike last Friday, giving the bargaining committee an 86 per cent strike mandate. There are about 2,400 library-union members.

"We have been negotiating with the library since April and have not been able to come to a fair agreement," said local bargaining committee chair **Maureen O'Reilly**.

"We believe that in this round of bargaining, the **Toronto Public Library** is at a crossroads."

Issues on the table are the decrease in professional positions as more part-time workers are hired and self-check-out machines are installed, according to the union.

Nearly half of the workforce is part-time with fewer benefits and it takes a library worker on average five to six years to get a full-time job at the Toronto Public Library, according to the union.

However, the public library faces its own challenges.

After reaching a settlement with CUPE Local 416 to resolve the first pay equity plan for the amalgamated library in June 2008, it resulted in retroactive payment of more than \$6 million, putting pressure on future annual budgets. As well, the library's sick leave pay-out for retiring employees is more than

what was expected after estimating payouts to be about \$10 million between 2008 and 2018.

The union and the library have been in conciliation since August and they met again this week to try and come to an agreement.

The Toronto Public Library board, which has 13 members including councillors **Janet Davis**, **Adam Vaughan**, **Paul Ainslie** and **Chin Lee**, has been receiving confidential verbal updates on the negotiations.

**WE HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATING WITH THE LIBRARY SINCE APRIL AND HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO COME TO A FAIR AGREEMENT.**

• Maureen O'Reilly

During the summer's labour disruption and strike by CUPE Locals 416 and 79, the city's indoor and outdoor workers, most of the 99 city library branches remained open. The only ones affected were the five branches that shared facilities with city services.

The library's 2009 operating budget is about \$162 million and the library's capital plan includes renovation and expansion of services at branches, which may result in the hiring of additional staff.

Community board members include: communications professional and community activist **Adam Chaleff-Freudenthaler**, **Evergreen** marketing and development director **Matthew Church**, owner of **McGilligan Books** and publisher **Ann Decter**, **The Maytree Foundation** manager **Tina Edan**, **Youth Challenge Fund** community grants developer **Okeima Lawrence**, author **Kathy Gallagher Ross** and publisher **Kate Wilson**. **NRU**

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CELEBRATING THE PAST

# Heritage awards

The 35<sup>th</sup> annual **Heritage Toronto** awards were handed out Tuesday evening at the Carlu. Nominees were announced in four categories: community heritage, media, book and the William Greer architectural conservation and craftsmanship award. The members' choice award, which was decided by ballot, was also presented and the prestigious special achievement award capped off the night.

## COMMUNITY HERITAGE AWARD—

Recognizes volunteer community-based organizations that have initiated or completed a significant activity that promotes, protects or preserves heritage

### Award recipient: **North York Historical Society**

Established in 1960 to protect, preserve and promote built and natural heritage, as well as the cultural heritage of North York. Last year, the society initiated a heritage plaque program in co-operation with Heritage Toronto.

### Award recipient: **Revue Film Society**

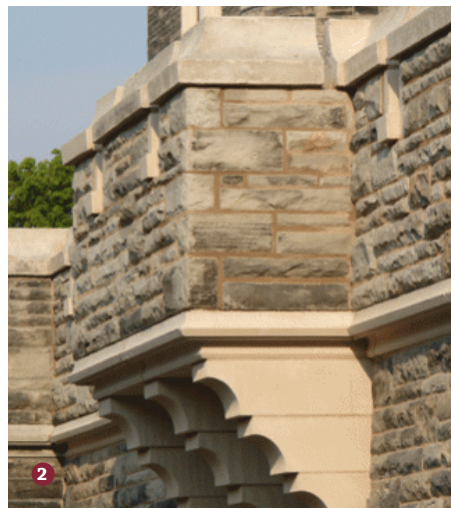
A community-based not-for-profit group that rescued the Revue Cinema, a 97-year-old historic movie house on Roncesvalles Avenue. The society found a new owner for the building and reopened the cinema in 2007 and now runs lecture series and publishes a newsletter.

**MEDIA**—Recognizes non-fiction projects that educate the public about Toronto's heritage and history

### Award of excellence: **New Toronto Historical Society** website

**Award of merit:** History of West Toronto Junction Fire Station No. 1 multimedia exhibit by **Duncan Brown** and **Greg Schultz**

**Award of merit:** Local flavour: Eating in Toronto, 1830-1955 exhibit and virtual exhibit produced by **Toronto Public Library**



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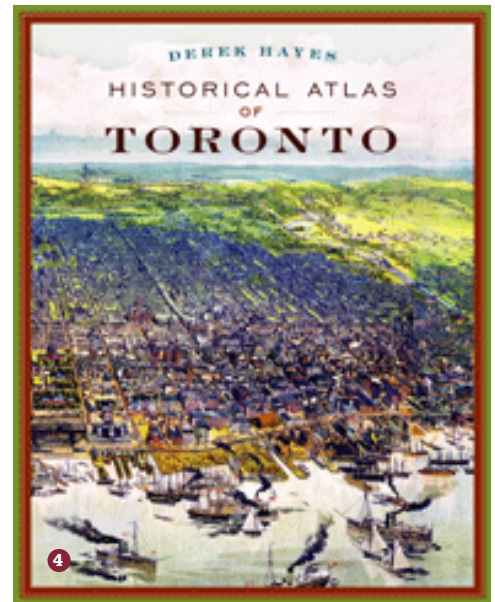
The Scottish Tower & Wall Garden at Casa Loma project was given a William Greer Architectural Conservation and Craftsmanship award.  
Source: Heritage Toronto

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The Revue Film Society won a community heritage award.  
Source: 416style-Flickr.com

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Historical Atlas of Toronto - by Derek Hayes and published by Douglas + McIntyre Ltd.  
Source: Heritage Toronto



**BOOK**—Recognizes non-fiction books published in 2008 that explore Toronto's heritage and history

**Award of excellence:** Historical Atlas of Toronto by **Derek Hayes** and published by **Douglas + McIntyre Ltd.**

**Award of merit:** Toronto: A short illustrated history of the first 12,000 years edited by **Ronald F. Williamson** and published by **James Lorimer & Company Ltd.**

ROGERS REDESIGNS

# New home for Citytv, OMNI

Dundas Square has a pair of new neighbours, as **Rogers Media Television's** new production centre for **Citytv** and **OMNI Television** was unveiled in the former Olympic Spirit building just east of the square. The building was originally intended to highlight Canadian Olympic history.

**Quadrangle Architects** designed the revamped building, with **Urbacon Limited** providing construction management on the project. The newly opened building boasts energy efficient lighting and air conditioning, reducing its carbon footprint by about 333 tonnes of carbon dioxide annually.

By filling in unused space and other openings in the building, including one staircase and two unneeded elevator shafts, the facility now has 10,000-sq.ft. of additional floor space. Citytv began broadcasting from the building early last month and OMNI moved in on blank.

“Our goal was to create a high-tech broadcast facility that meets the diverse needs of OMNI and Citytv, while at the same time reinvigorating a signature building that acts as the focal point at Yonge-Dundas Square,” Quadrangle principal **Ted Shore** said in a press release issued this week.



← A rendering of the revamped building at 33 Dundas Street East.

Source: Quadrangle Architects

“From a design perspective, we’ve really brought this building to life by reflecting the vitality of the Square.” **NRU**

## Heritage awards

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**Award of merit:** Toronto’s Distillery District: History by the Lake by **Sally Gibson** and published by **The Distillery Historic District**

**Award of merit: Toronto:** The way we were by **Mike Filey** and published by **Dundurn Press**

**Award of merit:** Unbuilt Toronto: A history of the city that might have been by **Mark Osbaldeston** and published by **Dundurn Press**

**WILLIAM GREER ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION AND CRAFTSMANSHIP AWARD**—Recognizes projects that have restored or adapted buildings or structures that have been in existence for 40 years or more

**Award of excellence:** Scottish Tower & Wall Garden at Casa Loma com-

missioned by **City of Toronto**, designed by **Taylor Hazell Architects** and constructed by **Clifford Restoration Limited** and others.

**Award of merit:** Dufferin/St. Clair library commissioned by **Toronto Public Library**, designed by **Makrimichalos Cugini Architects** and **E.R.A. Architects Inc.** and constructed by **MJ Dixon Construction Ltd.** and **Restorart Inc.** and others.

**Award of excellence:** Leadlay House commissioned by **Felician Franciscan Sisters, Tau House Convent** and constructed by **Historic Restoration** and **Fine Restoration and Painting.**

**HERITAGE TORONTO MEMBERS’ CHOICE AWARD**

**Revue Film Society**

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# City in Brief

## Member service award

Long-standing member of the **Ontario Professional Planners Institute** in the Toronto district **Dan Nicholson** has received a 2009-member service award. Nicholson is one of five recipients across the province this year who was honoured at the Institute's annual conference for extraordinary service and significant contribution to the planning profession. Nicholson currently serves on the institute's professional practice and development committee and, among his many projects that have promoted planning principles, he organized a walking tour of Old Toronto with former mayor David Crombie and former planning chief Paul Bedford in 2008.

## Solar water heating

The city recently expanded its "solar neighbourhoods" project, which offers grants to residents in certain wards that install solar panels. The program developed with the Toronto atmospheric fund began in Ward 30 last year and is now in Wards 29, 31 and 32. The city is offering cash rebates up to \$1,000.

## New incentive program

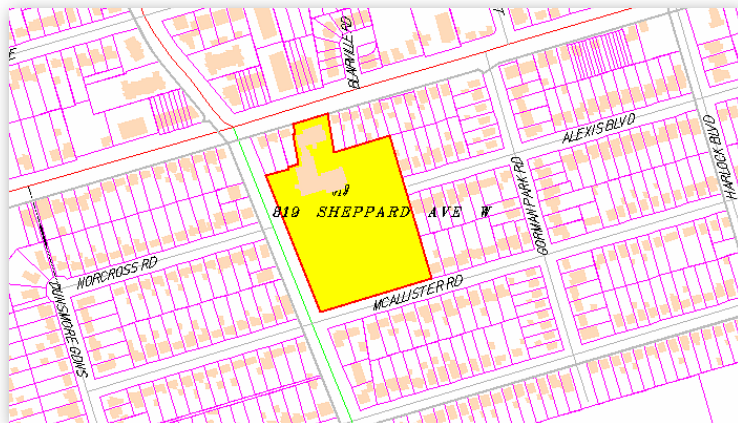
The **City of Toronto** has launched a new incentive program to get residents to upgrade their home insulation. Through the Home Energy Assistance Toronto (HEAT) program, residents in low-rise residential properties who undertake improvements to increase energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, can receive a grant of up to \$1,000.

There are about 450,000 low-rise residential properties in the city, accounting for 19 per cent of electricity and 36 per cent of natural gas consumption in the city. The city has put aside \$9 million for the program, which will run until March 2012 and it is estimated that between 9,000 and 12,000 residents will access the grants.

## Condo debate for council

The Toronto and East York community council approved a zoning by-law amendment application proposing a 29-storey, 244-unit residential building at 15 St. Mary Street and 65-67 St. Nicholas Street with two-storey townhouse units and at-grade retail. Planning staff told councillors that the proposal meets the intent of the city's official plan for intensification in

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↑ The city is set to put in an offer for a six-acre property owned by the Toronto District School Board on Sheppard Avenue west for much-needed parkland in the area.

Source: City of Toronto

## School land continued from page 1

The committee adopted the staff recommendations to enter into an agreement of purchase and sale with the school board. Council will make the final call at the end of the month.

The city has also shown interest in the Franklin Horner Public School property at 432 Horner Avenue for its parks, recreation and forestry and the old James S. Bell property at 3945 Lakeshore Boulevard for children's services. (See *NRU-Toronto edition June 19*.)

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issued. The owners argued that the legislation does not include such a provision. The city's position at the hearing was that the act's intent is to ensure buildings are not demolished until a plan is in place to replace them.

However, the OMB's decision does allow the city six months to impose conditions on the approval of demolition permits if it chooses, including a time limit requiring redevelopment of the site within a certain timeframe. The *Planning Act* allows the city to impose a two-year time limit on the redevelopment of a site, if a building permit has already been issued. But in its decision the OMB determined that the act "does not require that details of redevelopment always be finalized and that new construction should always closely follow demolition."

In its decision the board noted that since the owners expressed a desire to build a higher-density residential project, and may even wish to exceed official plan and zoning by-law permissions thereby requiring amendments, "five years would be reasonable in this case for the appellant to complete the redevelopment proposal."

"The board recognized that it's important that there be redevelopment following [demolition] in a reasonable time period," Haniford said. "The board then relied on the city, with its special legislation, to impose a condition to make that happen. The board in the end is saying it is important that it not just stay vacant for years."

Doumani felt this condition adequately addressed the city's concern that the site would remain vacant for an extended period of time after the houses were demolished.

"The board...addressed the city's concerns with a time limit on when my client has to get at it," he told *NRU*. "Nobody's going to sit on a vacant parcel of land in an area that's clearly designated for higher density and a prime intensification spot sitting between two subway stations."

But the city wants to ensure residential units are not lost in the area and the site, on an extremely busy major street, is not left vacant for an extended period of time.

"The loss of residential units is a key aspect, because here we are trying to get intensification and they're about to remove all these units," Haniford said. "A decision like this just encourages other developers to also run down their buildings so they can justify demolition without any proposal in sight. This is exactly what the [demolition control] legislation was designed to prevent."

The OMB's decision states that "fulfillment of certain policy provisions is dependent upon redevelopment occurring on the site without excessive delay."

"The board does not believe that this requires the approval of plans for redevelopment at this time," the decision continues. "However, it does require that the appellant



↑ One of the houses approved by the OMB for demolition.

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proceed with redevelopment plans in a timely manner."

On Wednesday the city filed papers requesting leave to appeal the OMB's decision to Divisional Court. **NRU**

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mixed-use areas and meets the design criteria for tall buildings. Residents from the area came to the meeting to express concern about the scale of the building and opposition to the revised proposal. The original proposal was for a 44-storey glass tower, which staff did

not support. The final decision will be made by council at the end of the month.

### Holding removed

The Toronto and East York community council voted to remove the holding symbol that was placed on lands that **George Brown College** is seeking to use for its new waterfront campus. The

parcel is on the south side of Queens Quay East and is part of the East Bayfront-West Precinct plan. The removal of the hold means that the college can proceed with plans to build a new institutional building with the help of provincial and federal stimulus cash, which expires in March 2011. (See *NRU-Toronto edition October 9*.)

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## Committee Agendas

*The Affordable Housing Committee will consider the following at its meeting at Toronto City Hall on Tuesday, October 20 at 9:30 a.m. in Committee Room 2.*

### PRESENTATIONS

#### Human rights and housing

Presentation by **Ontario Human Rights Commission** senior policy analyst **Cherie Robertson** on the commission's policy on human rights and rental housing. A recent news release from the commission details new guidelines aimed at improving equal access to rental housing in Ontario.

#### Housing approvals

Affordable Housing Office staff presentation on council's recent approval of six affordable housing projects. (See *NRU-Toronto Edition, October 2, 2009*.)

### LETTERS

#### Affordable housing awards

Letter to the committee from Councillor **Giorgio Mammoliti** proposes that the city initiate an annual awards program to honour its housing partners. Mammoliti suggests the awards, to be given on an annual basis beginning in spring 2010, recognize outstanding achievement in five areas:

- "Increasing the amount of supportive housing
- Creating new affordable housing opportunities
- Repairing and revitalizing Toronto's rental housing stock
- Creating new affordable rental housing and
- Helping people buy or retain their own homes."

The letter requests a staff report be presented early next year on the proposed awards program and the program include one winner and one honourable mention in each of the five areas.

#### National strategy

Memorandum from Councillor **Howard Moscoe** requesting an item be included on the next city council agenda that recommends council express its support for Bill C304, a federal private member's bill sponsored by MP **Libby Davies**, which seeks to establish a national housing strategy. **NRU**

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### OPAs up for discussion

The **City of Toronto** will host a public meeting to discuss a city-initiated official plan amendment designed to encourage development of more large residential units capable of accommodating families with children. The amendment requires all residential

developments in the downtown area with 100 or more units to design at least 10 per cent of the units with three or more bedrooms. Alternatively, developers may build units that can be easily converted into units with three or more bedrooms. The amendment would affect an area bounded roughly by Dupont Street, Bathurst Street, the Gardiner Expressway and the Don Valley Parkway.

The city will also host a public meet-

ing to discuss two official plan amendments relating to retail floor space. The first amendment requires that where projects propose a reduction in commercial space the impacts on local communities be considered during the rezoning process. The second amendment allows limits to be placed on the size of new stores developed in new neighbourhoods and along pedestrian strips, and requires consideration be

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## Design Review Panel Agenda

*The Design Review Panel will consider the following at its meeting at Toronto City Hall on Thursday, October 22 at 12:00 p.m. in Committee Room 2.*

12:10 P.M.

**Greenpark Developments'** project at **424-460 Adelaide Street East** will be before the panel for the first time. Greenpark is seeking rezoning and site plan approvals. Community planner **Willie Macrae** and urban designer **Myron Boyko** will make presentations for the city, while **Cliff Korman** of **Kirkor Architects and Planners** will also make a presentation.

1:30 P.M.

The panel will take its first look at the city's Westwood Precinct Urban Design Guidelines. **Andrea Gabor** of **Urban Strategies Inc.** will make a presentation as will community planner **Brian Gallagher** and urban designer **Edna Cuvin** from the city.

2:55 P.M.

The Kipling Station Mobility Hub will be considered by the panel for the third time. The project, spearheaded by **Metrolinx** and **GO Transit**, seeks to redevelop a portion of the site into a regional bus terminal, allowing connections to **Mississauga Transit** and GO buses at the western end of Toronto's subway system. Community planner Brian Gallagher and urban designer **Lorna Day** will make presentations on behalf of the city, while the panel will also hear a presentation from **Leslie Woo** and **David Sajecki** of Metrolinx.

4:25 P.M.

The panel will take a second look at plans and a municipal class environmental assessment study for a pedestrian and cycle bridge in the Fort York area. At this second review of the project, the panel will consider the preferred bridge concept. **Elaine Baxter-Trahair** from the city's Waterfront Secretariat and **Garry Leveck**, from **Stantec Consulting Ltd.** will make presentations. **NRU**

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# Toronto OMB News

## Downtown condos update

In a prehearing decision issued October 6, board members **Gary O'Connor** and **Norman Jackson** provided an update on appeals by **6645411 Canada Inc.** against the city's failure to approve official plan and zoning by-law amendments to permit development of a 20-storey condo at **102-110 Shuter Street**. The site is located northeast of Jarvis Street and Queen Street East.

The **Shuter-George Concerned Residents Group** appeared at the prehearing and intends to raise concerns about the proposed height, density, design, shadow impact, privacy and traffic during the hearing.

**Manga Hotels (Down-Town) Inc.** also appeared and was granted participant status. The company owns a nearby site on Jarvis Street and has applied to build a 20-storey hotel on the property.

Nearby landowner **Choi Wong** appeared at the hearing, taking the position that certain previously discussed conditions be applied to the proposed development.

The board set the three-week hearing to begin February 16, 2010.

Solicitor **David Bronskill (Goodmans)** represents 6645411 Canada Inc. Solicitors **Amanda Hill** and **Sharon Haniford** represent the **City of Toronto**. Solicitor **Mark Piel (Fraser Milner)** represents Manga Hotels (Down-Town) Inc. **Sophie Knowles, John Knowles, David Scollard** and **Nick Culverhill** act as agents for the Shuter-George Concerned Residents Group. **Choi Wong** is not represented by counsel. (*See OMB Case No. PL090478.*)

## High Park redevelopment

In a prehearing decision issued October 6, board members **Norman Jackson** and **Gary O'Connor** provided an update on appeals by **Sedona Development Group (High Park) Inc.** against failure of the city to approve official plan and zoning by-law amendments and severances to permit redevelopment of 22-condominium townhouses and four-rental townhouses at **200 Keele Street**, north of Bloor Street West.

The proposed development would retain 14 of the 15 existing units and add 12-condo units and one rental unit. The severances relate to **195** and **203 Oakmount Road**.

The board granted party status to the **Lithuania Ravine Residents and Ratepayers Association**.

The board set the three-week hearing to begin April 12, 2010.

Solicitor **Susan Rogers** represents Sedona Development Group (High Park) Inc. Solicitors **Amanda Hill** and **Sharon Haniford** represent the **City of Toronto**. Solicitor **William**

**Roberts** represents the Lithuania Ravine Residents and Ratepayers Association. (*See OMB Case No. PL090333.*)

## Scarborough hospital parking

In a decision issued October 9, board member **Mary-Anne Sills** approved a settlement between the **Scarborough General Hospital** and **Jack Goodlad Senior Citizen Residences Corporation** regarding an appeal by the latter against minor variances submitted by the hospital and approved by the committee of adjustment to expand a parking lot at the hospital, located at **3050 Lawrence Avenue East**, at McCowan Road.

The minor variance was requested to allow the existing, temporary 200-space parking lot to remain and be expanded by an additional 108 spaces within the nearby hydro corridor. The settlement would result in the minor variance for expanding the lot withdrawn. The parties requested the board order the temporary lot to remain until June 30, 2015.

Planner **Robert Crews (J.D. Barnes Limited)** provided evidence in support of the settlement.

The board approved the settlement, allowing the appeal

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### Landscape Architecture Technician Full Time Position

Brook McIlroy Inc/Pace Architects is currently seeking a landscape architecture or architectural technician to provide support on a range of landscape architectural projects. Attention to detail, excellent graphic communication and organizational skills are important. A large part of the work program will consist of drawing preparation for tasks ranging from concept and design development to construction drawings. Excellent proficiency in AutoCAD is a must. Applicants with experience in construction administration and proficiency in other software, such as Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop and Sketch-up will be given preference.

#### Requirements:

- Diploma in architectural or drafting technology
- Minimum 3 years full-time office experience
- Excellent proficiency in AutoCAD
- Excellent communication and organization skills
- Excellent graphic skills

Only qualified individuals are invited to submit. Please send a cover letter, resume, work samples and references to: Julie Robbins BMI/Pace, 51 Camden Street, Suite 300, Toronto, Ontario Canada, M5V 1V2 or via email: [jrobbins@brookmcilroy.com](mailto:jrobbins@brookmcilroy.com)

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and authorizing the minor variance, which permits the temporary parking lot to remain until June 30, 2015.

Solicitor **David Tang** (**Gowling Lafleur**) represented

Scarborough General Hospital. Solicitor **Kim Mullin** (**WeirFoulds**) represented Jack Goodlad Senior Citizen Residences Corporation. Solicitor **Amanda Hill** represented the **City of Toronto**. Solicitor **Sidney Troister** (**Torkin Manes**) represented the **Ontario Realty Corporation**. (See *OMB Case No. PL070632*.) **NRU**

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given to existing stores and opportunities for new stores when developing such limits.

Both public meetings will take place during the planning and growth management committee's November 4 meeting, which begins at 9:30 a.m. at City Hall.

### Queen streetcar route split

The famously long 501 Queen streetcar route is going under the knife on Monday. On a trial basis, the route will be cut into eastern and western portions to study efficiency and reliability. On weekdays from October 19 to

November 20, the west portion will run from Long Branch/Humber loop to Parliament Street. The east portion will run from Neville Park loop to Shaw Street. They will overlap along the four kilometres in the centre of the city. Results of the split will be evaluated in January. **NRU**



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## City People

Toronto parks, forestry and recreation strategic services director **Neil R. Zaph** will retire as of October 30. Zaph has had a long career with the city and previously worked as the capital projects manager in the division's policy and development section.

**Dr. Catherine Zahn** has been appointed president and CEO of the **Centre for Addiction and**

**Mental Health**. Zahn replaces founding president and CEO Dr. Paul Garfinkel, who is retiring. Zahn is a practicing neurologist and will leave the University Health Network where she is the executive vice president of clinical programs and practice to begin at CAMH on December 1.

**David Smales** has been appointed executive vice president and CFO of

**Aecon Group Inc.** Smales will take over the CFO duties from Scott Balfour, who is staying on as the company's president. Smales is currently vice president and CFO of Catalyst Paper Corporation and will begin his new job on November 16.

Four new justices of the peace have been appointed to the **Ontario Court of Justice** in the Toronto region: retired educator

**Wendy Agnew**; former NDP MPP **Marilyn Churley**, who served in the Toronto Danforth riding for 15 years and was previously a Toronto councillor; Marsh Canada Limited senior vice president **Gregory Fantino**; and City of Brampton prosecutor **Carolyn Humeniuk**, who was formerly a prosecutor for the City of Toronto.