

Ministry of Transportation

Province Announces Greater Toronto Transportation Authority Board Of Directors

Authority To Plan A Seamless Transportation Network

QUEEN'S PARK, March 23 /CNW/ - The McGuinty government has reached another milestone in developing a sustainable transportation system with the appointment of eight members to the Greater Toronto Transportation Authority (GTТА) board of directors, Minister of Transportation Donna Cansfield announced today.

"We created GTТА so people in the Greater Toronto Area and Hamilton region will spend less time commuting," said Cansfield. "We are pleased and honoured that our board members have agreed to serve. They understand the issues facing our region and have the experience and determination needed to help plan a transportation system for close to six million people across the region."

Board members were recommended by regional and municipal councils in the Greater Toronto Area and Hamilton, and will serve for terms of up to three years. They are:

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- Roger Anderson: Durham Region
- Brian Ashton: City of Toronto
- Paul Bedford: City of Toronto
- Fred Eisenberger: City of Hamilton
- William Fisch: York Region
- Adam Giambrone: City of Toronto
- Hazel McCallion: Peel Region
- David Miller: City of Toronto

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On the recommendation of Halton Regional Council, the Government has also nominated Gary Carr for appointment to the board. Carr's appointment is pending review by the Standing Committee on Government Agencies.

On November 29, 2006, the province appointed Rob MacIsaac as chair and Peter Smith as vice-chair of GTТА.

"It is a clear indication of the commitment of the participating municipalities that they have chosen to nominate the heads of their councils to GTТА," said MacIsaac. "We are eager to begin working together to ensure that public transit is an appealing option for commuters and to build a

transportation system that will contribute to our quality of life, our robust economy and promote a clean, safe environment."

GTТА's mandate is to ensure that all levels of government work together to develop a long-range transportation plan in consultation with a broad range of stakeholders, including students, seniors, people with disabilities, businesses and industry.

With nine transit systems handling over 518 million annual passenger trips and more than two million vehicles on GTA and Hamilton roads, GTТА will play a vital role in developing a plan to tackle congestion and coordinate and improve transit systems across the region.

The agency is responsible for regional transit and transportation planning, purchasing transit vehicles on behalf of municipalities, and ultimately the operation of the GTA Fare Card System for GTA and Hamilton, and future management of GO Transit.

GTТА is just one of the ways the Ontario government is creating a strong, sustainable transportation system. Since 2003, the McGuinty government has invested more than \$3.6 billion to tackle congestion and increase transit use. These investments mean that more people are choosing public transit and we are all breathing cleaner air, burning less fuel and getting to our destinations more quickly and conveniently.

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Robert MacIsaac, Chair, Greater Toronto Transportation Authority

First elected to Burlington municipal council in November 1991, Mr. MacIsaac served two terms representing Ward 1 at city and regional councils. In 1997, he was elected Mayor of Burlington and acclaimed for two more terms. In March 2006, he did not seek re-election. During his term as Mayor of the City of Burlington, Mr. MacIsaac became well-known for his regional approach and progressive growth management ideas

for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

As a member of the Ontario Smart Growth Panel, he led the effort to develop a vision and recommendations for a Smart Growth Strategy for Central Ontario. These elements remain fundamental tenets in the Province's Places to Grow Plan.

Subsequent to this work, Mr. MacIsaac chaired a provincial task force that established the founding principles for a permanent Greenbelt for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

Mr. MacIsaac hosted the first ever GTA Smart Growth Summit that brought together community leaders from across the GTA to begin thinking about new ways to manage growth. He founded a Transit Caucus inviting the mayors of four other GTA municipalities to create a more coordinated and integrated approach in service, fare collection and financing of local transit systems. He also chaired a GTA Transit Summit that brought together leaders from all three levels of government.

Mr. MacIsaac completed his undergraduate degree in Economics at the University of Waterloo in 1984 and received a Law degree at the University of Western Ontario in 1987. He was called to the Bar in 1989. Mr. MacIsaac is Honorary Chair, Carpenter Hospice, and on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Urban Institute (CUI) and Canadian Urban Transportation Association (CUTA).

Born in 1962, Rob is a lifetime resident of Burlington. He is married to Anne and has two children, Sarah and Catherine.

Peter R. Smith, C.M., Vice-chair, Greater Toronto Transportation Authority

On February 14, 2001 the Governor General of Canada announced the appointment of Peter R. Smith as a Member of the Order of Canada, effective November 15, 2000.

Since 1989, Peter R. Smith has been President and Co-owner of Andrin Limited, a large developer/builder of housing in Canada, building under the label Andrin Homes. He previously held many positions with the Regional Municipality of Peel including Senior Planner, Director of Housing and from 1983 to 1989, Commissioner of Housing for the Regional Municipality of Peel and General Manager of Peel Non-Profit Housing Corporation, one of the largest municipal housing corporations in Canada.

Mr. Smith was appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), September 6, 1995 and re-appointed September 6, 2002. Mr. Smith is currently Chairman of the Board of GO Transit; a member of the Board of Directors of TARION Warranty Corporation; member of the Board of the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation; Chairman of

the Board of GeoGlobal Resources Inc; and serves as Director of Brampton Brick Limited and the Social Housing Services Corporation. He is a member of the Greater Toronto Home Builders' Association and the Urban Development Institute (UDI/Ontario).

Mr. Smith holds a Master's Degree in Political Science (Public Policy) from the State University of New York, and an Honours B.A. History and Political Science, Dean's Honour List, McMaster University. Mr. Smith and his family live in Mississauga, Ontario.

Roger Anderson, Chair, Durham Region

Roger Anderson was born in Scarborough and has been a resident of Ajax since the age of 14. He worked in his father's real estate office after completing school, and joined the Durham Regional Police in 1978, where he served as a police constable until 1988. In 1992, he formed his own real estate company, Re/Max Quality One, in Ajax, which now employs 40 people. Anderson was first elected as a Councillor in Ajax from 1985 to 1988. He sat on the Hydro Commission from 1988 to 1991. From 1991 to 1997, he served as Regional Councillor and Deputy Mayor for the Town of Ajax. He has been Chairman of the Region of Durham since December 1997 and Chair of Durham Region Transit Commission since its inception on January 1, 2006. Anderson served as President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario from 2004 to 2006 and continues on the board in the role of Immediate Past President. He sits on the Provincial/Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review Committee and is a member of the board of directors of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. He was also a director on the GO Transit Board from 1997 to 2006. He co-chairs, with Mayor David Miller, the Greater Toronto Area and Hamilton Mayors and Chairs Group. Anderson is on the board of Junior Achievement of Durham Region. As chairman of Durham Region, he is also a member of all regional standing committees and of the Durham Regional Police Services Board.

Brian Ashton, Toronto City Councillor

First elected as an Alderman with the City of Scarborough in 1984, Councillor Brian Ashton has represented the Scarborough waterfront area continuously at the municipal level for 20 years.

Ashton had varying responsibilities in municipal government, from serving as chair of the Toronto Transit Commission and the newly amalgamated City of Toronto's Economic Development and Parks Committee, to vice-chair of the Police Service Board, to serving on all major standing committees.

Ashton is involved in a number of economic development initiatives across

the city, including acting as chair of the city's Toronto 2015 World Expo Steering Committee. He is also a member of the Economic Development and Parks Committee, the Toronto Transit Commission and the Toronto Zoo Board of Management.

In addition to his policy interests, Ashton has also been instrumental in a number of community based initiatives, including chairing the Metro Youth Task Force, the Special Committee on Firearms Control and the Social Development Strategy Task Force.

Ashton is married and has a young daughter. He holds a degree in Political Science and Economics from the University of Toronto.

Paul Bedford, Urban Mentor and Chief Planner Emeritus, City of Toronto

Since his appointment as Chief City Planner in 1996, Paul Bedford has focused his energy on the development of new planning values, policies and processes to guide the next generation of city building in Canada's largest city. As the architect of "the Kings" renaissance, the driving force behind Toronto's groundbreaking new Official Plan and unanimous City Council approval of the Central Waterfront Principles Plan, he challenged everyone to embrace new ways to think, act and plan.

In April 2004, Bedford retired from the City of Toronto after 31 years of public service to the people of Toronto and eight mayors. He is very active in shaping the new urban policy agenda at all levels of government.

Since his retirement he was appointed an Adjunct Professor at the University of Toronto, and Ryerson University Planning Schools and to the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation's first Urban Design Review Panel.

He has also been appointed to the National Capital Commission Planning Advisory Committee in Ottawa and is a Senior Associate of the Canadian Urban Institute in Toronto.

Bedford continues to mentor young planners, writing a regular column for the Ontario Planning Journal and participating in international urban events.

Gary Carr, Halton Regional Chair

Gary Carr received an advanced graduate diploma in management from Athabasca University in 1999. He also has received his Master of Business Administration from Athabasca in 2002.

He was first elected to the Ontario Legislature in 1990 as the Member of the Provincial Parliament for the riding of Oakville South. He was re-elected in 1995 and again in 1999 to represent the new riding of Oakville. He served as Deputy House Leader, Parliamentary Assistant to the Solicitor General as

well as serving on the Finance and Economic, Justice, and Public Accounts Committees. In October 1999 Mr. Carr was elected Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario by his peers and held that position until November 2003. Carr was elected to the House of Commons as the Member of Parliament for Halton. He served as a member of the Special Caucus Committee on Immigration and the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Most recently, Carr was elected to the position of Regional Chair at the Regional Municipality of Halton. Gary sits on the standing committees of Health and Social Services, Administration and Finance, and Planning and Public Works, in addition to a number of advisory committees and the Police Services Board.

Before politics, Carr was a professional hockey player. He played at Michigan State on a hockey scholarship and then returned to play for the Toronto Marlboros. He was the all star goalie on the Memorial Cup Champion Marlboros in 1975. He was drafted by the Boston Bruins and played for the Quebec Nordiques.

Fred Eisenberger, Mayor, City of Hamilton

Mayor Fred Eisenberger was first elected to Hamilton City Council as the representative for Ward 5 in 1991. He was re-elected in 1994 and again in 1997. After nine years on council, he ran for mayor in 2000. He placed third, but launched a successful bid for mayor in 2006 and was sworn in as the third mayor of the new City of Hamilton on December 6, 2006.

Recognized for his vision and decisive leadership, Eisenberger was appointed by the federal government as the inaugural chairman of the new Hamilton Port Authority in 2001. In his role as chairman, he led the development of the first-ever strategic plan and operational review. His appointment to the Port ended in 2004.

In addition to local and regional council boards and commissions, Eisenberger has also served on several charitable and corporate boards in recent years. As chairman of the board of the Giant's Rib Discovery Centre, he worked to develop an understanding of the Niagara Escarpment, and to secure a site and funding for a new tourist learning centre.

He and his wife Diane live in Hamilton with their two children Brett and Alida.

Bill Fisch, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Regional Municipality of York Region

Bill Fisch graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School, 1974 and shortly thereafter practiced law in the community of Thornhill, Ontario.

In 1988, Fisch was elected Markham city councillor for Ward 7 and in 1994 he became a York regional councillor. In 1997, he was appointed as chair and CEO of the Regional Municipality of York.

Fisch currently sits as chair of the rapid transit public-private partnership steering committee and is a member of the provincial Smart Growth Panel sub committee and was a member of GO Transit board of directors from 2002 to 2006.

Fisch is known for his ability to develop partnerships. He is a driving force behind an innovative public-private partnership for a York Region rapid transit system. His visionary plans in the area of municipal service delivery and his ability to establish clear and concise policies have resulted in the introduction of new, innovative programs for the citizens of York Region. He is married to Tova Fisch and has two children, David and Karen.

Adam Giambrone, Toronto City Councillor and Chair, Toronto Transit Commission

Adam Giambrone is a Toronto City Councillor representing Ward 18, Davenport. A lifelong resident of Davenport, he was first elected to public office in 2003, after years of community activism and local involvement. He is a politician, archaeologist, and the youngest member of Toronto City Council. As a TTC commissioner and recently as chair of the TTC, Giambrone has ambitious goals for increasing TTC ridership and improving service. He served as chair of the city's working group, the meeting management initiative, whose task was to design a more open and effective city council. As chair of the Toronto cycling committee, Adam has fought for new funding, and ensured that cycling stays on the city agenda. On the city's works committee and as vice-chair of the public works and infrastructure committee, Giambrone helped develop solutions to Toronto's garbage problem, and promote recycling and organic collection. He serves on a number of other committees and boards, including the e-City Committee, the board of Exhibition Place, and Toronto French committee.

Fluent in French and Arabic, Giambrone completed his B.A. in Anthropology and African Studies from McGill University, and continued on to graduate studies at the University of Toronto. As a young community activist and leader, he was vice-president of his OPSEU local at the Royal Ontario Museum. His work as an archaeologist has taken him to Libya, Sudan, Tunisia, Yemen, Uganda and Guatemala.

Hazel McCallion, Mayor, City of Mississauga

Now in her 11th term, Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion is the longest

serving mayor in the city's history. Born in Port Daniel on the Gaspé Coast of Québec and educated in Québec City and Montreal, she entered municipal politics in 1967.

First elected Mayor of Mississauga in November 1978, McCallion has played a leading role for women in politics. She has served on virtually every committee at the Region of Peel and the City of Mississauga, as well as served on the executive of many federal and provincial committees and associations, including a term as President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario from 1978 to 1979.

In May 2005, McCallion was honoured with an award from the Province of Ontario in recognition of her more than 30 years of service as a municipal elected official and in November of the same year she was appointed a Member of the Order of Canada and received her Insignia of Member of the Order of Canada at a ceremony held at Rideau Hall.

McCallion has three children: Peter, Linda and Paul, and one granddaughter, Erika, and enjoys ice hockey, fishing and gardening.

David Miller, Mayor, City of Toronto

Mayor David Miller began his professional career as a partner at the Toronto law firm Aird & Berlis, where he specialized in employment and immigration law and shareholder rights. He became a Metro councillor in 1994, and in 1997 he was elected to the new City of Toronto council where he served two terms. In November 2003, Miller was elected Toronto's new mayor and in November 2006 he was re-elected for a four-year second term.

Miller has enabled Toronto to garner new powers, money, and respect from provincial and federal governments. Under his leadership Toronto has become the only city in Canada with a direct agreement with the federal government on transit funding.

In addition to advocating for the city of Toronto, Miller has also become one of the dominant voices for the national urban agenda.

He and his wife, lawyer Jill Arthur, are the parents of two children.

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