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The Canadian Urban Institute praises Ontario government's greenbelt initiatives

Toronto, October 29, 2004 — “The government’s announcement on proposed greenbelt legislation is a bold step that exceeds expectations for directing the GTA’s future growth patterns,” says David Crombie, President and CEO of the Canadian Urban Institute. “There are still many pieces of the puzzle such as the growth management plan to be put in place, but this is a very important step in the right direction.”

Crombie also noted that the work of the Greenbelt Task Force, led by Burlington Mayor and CUI board member, Rob McIsaac, builds on the work of many key players, including previous ministers of Municipal Affairs and Housing. “And, as a co-founder of the Canadian Brownfields Network, the CUI is hopeful that statements made at last week’s annual brownfields conference by Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister, John Gerretsen, regarding the importance of brownfields as a tool to drive reinvestment in previously developed areas of our cities will continue to show momentum. There are literally thousands of hectares of well located brownfields waiting to be developed throughout the Greater Golden Horseshoe.”

CUI Board chairman, Bob Onyschuk, a senior partner with Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP, who was one of the presenters of the CUI’s annual Brownie Awards at the recent conference, noted that brownfields “represents a perfect opportunity for federal-provincial cooperation that make a key contribution to city building.”

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