

The Urban Leadership Series of the Canadian Urban Institute presents the first Urban Leadership event of 2005 in association with the Toronto Board of Trade

## **Greening Canada's Economic Engine: Defining Sustainability in the GTA**

Moderated by **Mayor Robert Maclsaac**, City of Burlington, Chair of the Greenbelt Task Force and member of the Board, Canadian Urban Institute  
**January 21, 2005**

**Toronto, January 17, 2005** — Much is riding on provincial plans for a greener, more economically robust and sustainable GTA. A 1.8 million acre Greenbelt, a revitalized Toronto waterfront, and an expanded public transit network: all are needed to accommodate about 2 million new residents, and almost a million new jobs within 25 years. The challenge for municipal, provincial and federal decision makers lies in striking the right balance to promote growth, protect the environment (as documented in detail by the Neptis Foundation) and preserve communities while simultaneously attracting investment and promoting jobs. Decisions made today will have a profound effect on tomorrow. And the clock is ticking. The CUI and Sustainable Buildings Canada are working to host the Global Sustainable Buildings conference in the Toronto region in 2008. What kind of place will visitors to the Toronto region encounter four years from now? Can the public sector and private investors find common ground to redefine sustainability in the GTA for the benefit of all? Plan to attend the one session where these issues and more will be addressed by those shaping the debate and setting the course for the entire GTA.

**WHAT:** The Canadian Urban Institute's Urban Leadership Series intend to explain the complex urban issues facing Canadian cities.  
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**Keynote Remarks: 8:05 AM**

**Brad Graham**, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ontario Growth Secretariat, Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal

**Panelists:**

**Russell Mathew**, MCIP, RPP, PLE, Associate Partner, Hemson Consulting Ltd.

**Dr. Richard White**, Research Director, Neptis Foundation

**Chris Winter**, Executive Director, Conservation Council of Ontario

**Andrea Gabor**, MCIP, RPP, Partner, Urban Strategies Inc. and Vice Chair of the Planning & Development Committee, Toronto Board of Trade

**WHEN:** **Friday, January 21, 2005**  
7:30 - 11:00 am

**WHERE:** The Sutton Place Hotel  
33rd Floor  
955 Bay St. West, Toronto, Ontario

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