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WHAT ARE THE ISSUES?

Tuesday, February 18, 1997

8:00 to 10:00pm

St. Martin's School Auditorium, Winchester Street

SPEAKERS:

- John Bech-Hansen *Senior Economist for the Board of Trade*
- Peter Tomlinson *Director, Economic Development (City of Toronto)*
- Steve Gilchrist *MPP, Scarborough East, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing*
- Michael Colle *MPP Oakwood, Liberal GTA Critic*
- Tony Silipo *MPP Dovercourt, NDP GTA Critic*

REMARKS BY:

- Barbara Hall *Mayor of Toronto*

MODERATOR:

- George Rust-D'Eye *Lawyer, Author, Cabbagetowner*

QUESTION PERIOD TO FOLLOW

INVITED GUESTS SO FAR INCLUDE:

- Bill Graham, *MP, Rosedale*
- Pam McConnell, *City Councillor*
- Jack Layton, *Metro Councillor*
- Paul Dineen, *Chair, OCBIA*

COME EARLY, LIMITED SEATING CAPACITY
Salisbury and Winchester Street entrances will be open

FORSYTHIA FESTIVAL - SUNDAY, MAY 4, 1997

For 25 years, Cabbagetowners have gathered in Wellesley Park on the first Sunday of May to celebrate the end of winter. The Forsythia Festival includes a procession of costumed children, children with their decorated bicycles, dogs and their owners and as many clowns as possible in honour of the Festival's founder, the late Tony Brady. Entertainment, and prizes for children and dogs, highlight the afternoon.

If you would like to help organize the 26th annual Forsythia Festival, please call one of this years co-chairs, Lorna McCormick at 921-8312, or Paddy Hanlon at 324-9277.

Exerpts from Fortune Magazine's press release
**TORONTO IS #1 ON FORTUNE'S
INTERNATIONAL LIST OF BEST CITIES
FOR WORK AND FAMILY**

Toronto, which for many years has had the image as a tidy, monotonous city, is number one on Fortune's 1996 international list of best cities for work and family. The Canadian city has grown up, but it has managed to retain its easy-living qualities, low crime, clean streets, and lots of green space. Toronto's leafy streets and lakefront parks beat out even the genteel standard-bearers of Europe. It has avoided the soulless suburban sprawl by nuturing its downtown and lakefront neighbourhoods, and desirable residential areas have sprung up, along with restaurants, galleries, clubs and lots of parkland.

ANNUAL RENOVATION AWARD

The committee that will judge the FIFTH ANNUAL CABBAGETOWN RENOVATION COMPETITION is looking for nominations. Do you feel that your exterior renovation completed this year is one of the best in Cabbagetown? Perhaps your neighbour's reno has caught your eye. The winner is given an original hand-painted watercolour of the their building. This prize is presented at the CPA's annual general meeting in May. Please drop a note with your nomination to the chair of the committee, Chris Howard, 420 Sumach, M4X 1V5. Nominations will be accepted till April 1, 1997.

Quote: "Compact and efficient urban form is a big competitive advantage in a globally connected world."
Professor Michael Goldberg

VOLUNTEER PARTY - Prior to Christmas, the Board of CPA held a party for the many volunteers that deliver the newsletters, worked on walking tours, Forsythia Festival or the Cabbagetown Festival. It was very enjoyable. We would like to thank board member Paddy Hanlan for the use of her home.

Quote: "Whenever and wherever societies have flourished and prospered, rather than stagnated and decayed, creative and workable cities have been at the core of the phenomenon."
Jane Jacobs

Quote from the Golden Task Force, Report of the GTA Task Force, 1996

4-1 --- THE \$55 BILLION QUESTION

If development patterns in the GTA continue as they have for the past 25 years, about \$55 billion of capital investment will be required over the next 25 years to build new road, sewer, and water networks to service the anticipated growth. This \$55 billion does not include the costs of maintaining and operating new infastructure, estimated at \$14 billion over the next 25 years. Nor does it include the hidden but substantial costs associated with the increased traffic congestion, pollution and urban land consumption.

Much of the infastructure needed to support the GTA's anticipated growth is already in place. Failure to use this existing infastructure to capacity will result in unnecessary capital investments in new infastructure and additional maintenance and operation costs for this infastructure.

A more compact and efficient development pattern could save an estimated \$12.2 billion in hard infastructure capital costs over the next 25 years. These potential savings represent roughly 22% of the projected \$55 billion capital investment required to sustain current development patterns. This translates into an annual savings of about \$500 million in capital and maintenance expenses alone. An additional \$200 million could be saved in costs related to air pollution, health care, and policing associated with automobile accidents. When lower congestion, parking, and land acquisition costs are also factored in, the total annual cost savings of containing sprawl are about \$1 billion annually.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - On TUESDAY,
JUNE 10,**

Many of the Metro Heritage groups are getting together to have an outdoor sale of goods in Roy's Square. Roy's Square joins Yonge to Bloor on the south east corner. CPA would like a few people to volunteer to sit at our table and sell our books, t-shirts, sweat shirts, mugs and postcards. The sale will be on from 11am to 9pm. As no one can sit for that long we will need 2 or 3 pairs of people. Meet other people interested in heritage. Give me a call if you are interested.

Peggy Kurtin, 967-6432

Member of CPA's Board

<i>President</i> - Lene Badhwar 921-4601	<i>Vice-President</i> - Joann McLennan 923-8640
<i>Secretary</i> - Chris Howard 962-7398	<i>Treasurer</i> - Peggy Kurtin 967-6432

Board

Paul Dollak, Paddy Hanlon, Kevin McEvenue, Ray Barton

Our annual elections are always held at the end of May. If you would like to nominate someone for a position on the Board, please send the nominating committee a note at 5 Dermott Place, M5A 3B5

MEMBERSHIP

YOU MAKE THE CABBAGETOWN PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION HAPPEN WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

Your \$10 membership fee in the Association is very important. It provides part of the financial basis for our survival together with the proceeds from the sale of our books, t-shirts, mugs and postcards. Please join CPA today:

Name _____
Address _____
Postal Code _____ Telephone _____

Please mail or drop off your membership to 307 Sumach St, M5A 3K4