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Learn more about the province's Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and successful efforts across the region and around the world to build livable communities. The aim of the Summit is to inspire and educate all participants about new approaches to building communities.

Welcoming Remarks

David Crombie - President and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Urban Institute

Opening Keynote



Hon. David Caplan - Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal

David Caplan has been a Member of Provincial Parliament since 1997. In October 2003, he was named Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal, a new ministry created to lead the modernization of the province's infrastructure and to plan for future population and economic growth.

Mr. Caplan has introduced a number of 'firsts' for the province including Renew Ontario, a long-term \$30 billion plus infrastructure investment strategy, and the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2006.

Summit Keynote



Parris N. Glendening - Former Governor of Maryland; President of the Smart Growth Leadership Institute

The Smart Growth Leadership Institute, a project of Smart Growth America, a U.S.-wide coalition of nearly 100 organizations promotes a better way to grow; one that protects open space and farmland, revitalizes neighbourhoods, keeps housing affordable, and makes communities more livable.

During his two terms as Governor of Maryland, smart growth was one of his primary agenda items. He led the creation of a groundbreaking smart growth initiative that focused on using the entire \$23 billion state budget as an incentive for smart growth. For his dedication to preserving open space, ending sprawl, and revitalizing Maryland's communities, Governor Glendening has received numerous awards from organizations, including the American Society of Landscape Architects, Harvard University, Governing Magazine, and the National Civic League.

Morning Concurrent Sessions

Making it Happen: Infrastructure to Support Growth

A panel of experts in the provision and financing of infrastructure, including **Mike Murray**, Chief Administrative Officer from the Region of Waterloo and **David Livingston**, President and CEO of Infrastructure Ontario, present and discuss how finance and put in place the infrastructure needed to support growing communities. **Bob Onyschuk**, Partner at Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP, will moderate the discussion.

Cheeying Ho, Executive Director of Smart Growth BC, is a recognized leader in advocacy relating to land use and transportation issues, with awards and nominations from a variety of Canadian organizations.

Engaging the Public

Presentations by **Cheeying Ho**, Executive Director of Smart Growth BC, and **David Dilks**, President of Lura Consulting, and discussion moderated by **Anne McIllroy**, Principal of Brook McIlroy Inc., on how to build public understanding and obtain public support and enthusiasm for smart growth and transit supportive communities.

Morning Plenary Panel

Intensification: Imagine the Possibilities of 'Good' Density

Frank Giannone, President of Fram Building Group, and two designers, **Robert Freedman**, Director of Urban Design for the City of Toronto, and **Pat Dawe**, Director of Urban Design for the Denver-based firm RNL Design, discuss how to redevelop and intensify underused, greyfield, and brownfield lands in existing communities in a manner that respects and enhances neighbourhoods, is pedestrian and transit oriented, and promotes high quality design. Moderated by **Julie DiLorenzo**, President of Diamante Development Corporation.

Afternoon Plenary Panel

Local Leaders Forum on Smart Growth

A round table discussion with local leaders, including **Frank Scarpitti**, Mayor of Markham, **Karen Farbridge**, Mayor of Guelph, and **Ken Seiling**, Chair of the Region of Waterloo, focusing on the challenges, opportunities, and benefits of embracing smart growth principles in their communities. **Rob MacIsaac**, former Mayor of Burlington and now Chair of the Greater Toronto Transportation Authority will moderate the discussion.

Afternoon Concurrent Sessions

Rural and Small Town Smart Growth

Wayne Caldwell, Associate Professor at the University of Guelph and Senior Planner at the County of Huron, moderates this panel, which includes Tom Daniels, Professor at the University of Pennsylvania and author of "When City and Country Collide: Managing Growth in the Metropolitan Fringe"; Margaret Walton, partner of Planscape; and Julie Campoli, Principal of Vermont-based firm Terra Firma Urban Design and co-author of "Above & Beyond: Visualizing Change in Small Towns and Rural Areas" and "Visualizing Density". The panel will address the challenges and opportunities for protecting agricultural land and enhancing the existing character and vibrant economies of rural areas, villages, and small towns by employing smart growth principles.

Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti has idenified growth as one of his four critical piorities for which Markham council should focus.

Tom Daniels

is a professor at the University of Pennsylvania, in environmental planning and growth management, and author/co-author of a number of books on rural and environmental planning, including the "Small Town Planning Handbook".

Michael Mehaffy

is a project consultant, author and educator with particular expertise in transit-oriented and mixed-use development in the U.S. and internationally.

Transit Oriented Development

Experts, including **Michael Mehaffy**, Principal of Oregon-based firm Structura Naturalis Inc. and former project manager of Orenco Station transit oriented development in Portland; **Rudy Bratty**, Chairman and CEO of the Remington Building Group, responsible for Downtown Markham; and **Stephanie Pollack**, Senior Research Associate at the Center for Urban and Regional Policy, adjunct professor at Northeastern University School of Law, and partner at Boston-based BlueWave Strategies, present and discuss their experiences planning and implementing transit supportive development. **Pierre Fillion**, Professor of Planning at the University of Waterloo, will moderate.

Future Employment in the Greater Golden Horseshoe

In this panel employment experts present and discuss the future of employment in the Greater Golden Horseshoe, including **Bob Lehman**, Director of Metropolitan Knowledge Inc., on trends in various employment sectors and economic growth; **Paul Morse**, Senior Vice President & Practice Director Office Leasing, Cushman and Wakefield LePage, on what the current demands are for employment areas; and **Joe Berridge**, Principal of Urban Strategies Inc. on examples of well-designed employment areas.

Closing Plenary Panel

Kaid Benfield,

Director fo the Smart Growth Program at the Natural Resources Defence Council, is author of "Solving Sprawl: Models of Smart Growth in Communities Across America" and "Smart Growth in a Changing World".

Realizing the Future

A discussion amongst leading minds, including keynote speaker **Parris Glendening**; **Paul Bedford**, former Chief Planner of the City of Toronto; **Kaid Benfield**, Director of the Smart Growth Program for the Natural Resources Defence Council in Washington, D.C.; and **Neil Rodgers**, Vice-President of Policy and Government Relations of UDI-GTHBA. This discussion will focus on how to put into action the ideas in the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe to achieve complete, livable, healthy communities.



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- Yonge St. stop on the 506 (College)
 Streetcar
- College St. stop on the 6 (Bay) Bus

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