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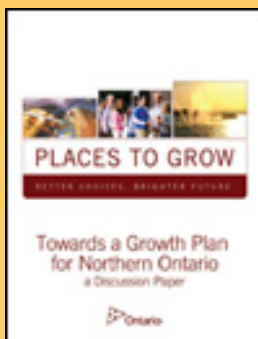
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“I’m delighted LCBO is taking this initiative,” said Minister Gerretsen. “Ontarians use almost 80 plastic

bags per second – that’s close to seven million bags every day. Reducing their production and the numbers that end up in landfills is good news for the environment.”

LCBO customers are being encouraged to bring their own reusable bags. For those who forget, free paper bags or cardboard boxes will be available, and the LCBO will also be selling inexpensive reusable environmentally-friendly bags.

In 2007, the Ontario government and the LCBO worked together to devise and launch the “Bag it back” environmental initiative which to date has resulted in more than 250 million alcohol containers being returned to The Beer Store for recycling.

“The LCBO has long been a leader with various socially responsible initiatives, from anti-drinking and driving campaigns to the “Bag it back” program,” said Minister Caplan. “I encourage Ontarians to get on board with this latest initiative, to purchase responsibly, celebrate responsibly, and return their empties responsibly.”

The Bring Your Own Bag initiative is now underway, with existing plastic bags expected to run out this summer.

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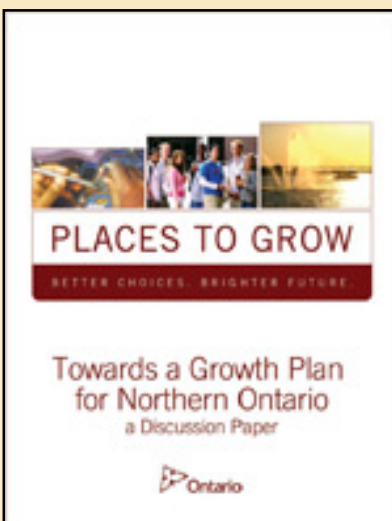
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Over the next year, Northern Ontario residents, youth, Aboriginal peoples, community leaders, business and industry leaders and other experts will have a range of opportunities to contribute to the development of a plan. There will also be several policy forums, and a first draft of the Growth Plan will be released this fall for public comment. A discussion paper is also available online at http://www.placestogrow.ca/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=91&Itemid=65

Northern Ontario is the second region, after the Greater Golden Horseshoe, to have a growth plan under the *Places to Grow Act*, the legislation passed in June 2005 to coordinate growth planning right across the province.

“This is a plan for the North,” said Public Infrastructure Renewal Minister David Caplan. “The knowledge of Northerners will inform this plan. The experience of Northerners will inspire it, and the passion and commitment of Northerners will drive it.”

Minister of Northern Development and Mines Michael Gravelle, whose ministry shares leadership on development of the plan, pointed out that a lot of good work has already been done by municipal, business and industry leaders to identify the opportunities and challenges facing the North. The final Growth Plan for Northern Ontario will build on that work. It will be a forward-looking, 25 to 30-year action plan that:

- Helps build and support jobs in growing industries that can position the region’s global competitiveness

- Creates a climate of education and job opportunities that will encourage young people born and raised in the North to stay in the North
- Attracts new people and investment

“I sincerely believe that this process – the development of a Growth Plan for Northern Ontario – has the potential to transform our future, and to secure for Northerners a measure of economic vigour that we have long dreamed about,” said Gravelle.

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St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre project rendering.

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Since expanding into the non-profit long-term care (LTC) sector just over a year ago, Infrastructure Ontario has approved the financing of \$65 million in OSIFA loans to eleven non-profit LTC homes and hospices in Ontario. In addition, the loan program has also committed almost \$190 million to over a dozen

municipally-owned long-term care homes throughout the province.

Here are some highlights of recent investments made possible through Infrastructure Ontario financing:

St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre, Cornwall

St. Joseph's Villa Long-term Care home used a \$15.9 million redevelopment project to meet current long-term care design standards. Infrastructure Ontario worked with the St. Joseph's Continuing Care project team to expedite the loan application and credit review process in order to allow the project team to meet its tight timelines for cash flow.

The state-of-the-art facility is being built in two phases in order to avoid any temporary displacement of the 150 residents during the construction period.

Website: www.stjosephscentre.ca

Dorothy Ley Hospice Palliative Care Centre, Etobicoke

Infrastructure Ontario provided a \$2.5 million loan to help build Toronto's first residential hospice for people living with life-threatening illness.

The 20,000 square foot residence will provide a tranquil, comfortable, home-like setting for people in the final stages of their terminal illness. Located next to the Trillium Health Centre's Toronto west site, the centre looks like a large house situated in a serene, natural environment overlooking Etobicoke Creek. Architects have incorporated proven "green" strategies into the design of the Centre which will result in significant net savings in initial capital and long-term operating costs.

Website: www.dlhospice.org/

Broadview Foundation, Toronto

The Broadview Foundation enlisted Infrastructure Ontario's help to finance the construction and redevelopment of the Chester Village long-term care home in Toronto. The building consists of 203 beds and is able to accommodate 29 additional residents, which has helped to alleviate the waitlist and support the growing number of people in need of long-term care.

The new state-of-the-art facility makes use of a modern curved design with open concepts, and draws on the light from large windows to create a warm, relaxing, homelike environment in each of the spacious private and semi-private rooms. The project also includes a newly landscaped garden, a large auditorium for special events and a beautiful chapel with stained glass windows.

Infrastructure Ontario has provided \$25.0 million in financing for the project, which is contributing to the improved quality of life for seniors in the area.

Website: <http://www.chestervillage.ca>

Hospice Renfrew, Renfrew

Hospice Renfrew took advantage of a \$900,000 Infrastructure Ontario loan to help finance the construction of a six bed hospice for Renfrew County residents. The 4,700 square foot non-profit residential hospice will provide compassionate palliative care to people throughout Renfrew County.

The result of more than four years of planning, Hospice Renfrew is an initiative organized by local citizens seeking to provide a residential hospice with programs and support services that meet the needs of families in the surrounding area. The new hospice has received donations and contributions of equipment, building materials and labour from community residents and businesses.

Website: www.hospicerenfrew.ca

Other OSIFA Loan Projects include:

Blue Water Rest Home, Zurich

Project: A project in support of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's pilot program for the redevelopment of "B" and "C" beds in the Province

OSIFA Loan Value: \$7.9 million

Cassellholme Home for the Aged, North Bay

Project: Renovation of Cassellholme Home for the Aged in North Bay

OSIFA Loan Value: \$1.0 million

Website: www.cassellholme.on.ca

Holland Christian Homes, Brampton

Project: Renovation of Faith Manor not-for-profit long-term care facility

OSIFA Loan Value: \$2.0 million

Website: www.hch.ca

Teck Pioneer Residence, Kirkland Lake

Project: Construction of a new long-term care home to replace existing facility and comply with current health regulations

OSIFA Loan Value: \$6.9 million

Victorian Order of Nurses, Woodstock

Project: Renovation of the Sakura House hospice facility

OSIFA Loan Value: \$1.4 million

Website: www.vonoxford.com

Wexford Residence Inc., Toronto

Project: Renovations and upgrades to existing facility

OSIFA Loan Value: \$ 1.9 million

Website: www.thewexford.org

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Out of a shortlist of five teams, Urban Capital Property Group and Redquartz Development stood out for meeting overall criteria of sustainability, design excellence and value. The Expected private investment in this phase is valued at \$250-300 million.

"This announcement represents significant progress in the development of the West Don Lands," said Public Infrastructure Renewal Minister David Caplan. "This is Ontario's top waterfront revitalization priority – a live, work and play community that will serve as a model for future redevelopment."

The revitalization of the West Don Lands is going forward in four phases over the next 12 years. The project is being overseen by Waterfront Toronto, which was established by the federal, provincial and city governments to lead the renewal of Toronto's waterfront.

The long-term vision for the West Don Lands is of a vibrant, green neighbourhood that will be home to 10,000 people and feature pedestrian friendly streets, exceptional parks and public spaces, market and affordable housing, and convenient public transit. Phase One of West Don Lands revitalization will include 850 market housing units and 130 units of affordable housing. Urban Capital/Redquartz expects to start construction in 2010.

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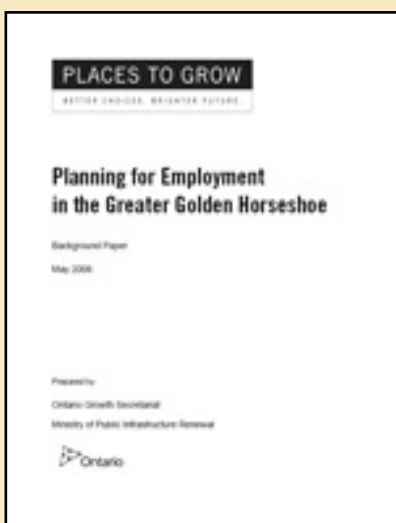
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As communities in the GGH begin implementing the Growth Plan, however, there is another kind of growth they need to take into account. As the region grows in population, it is also expected to grow in employment opportunities – there are 1.8 million more jobs forecast in

the GGH by 2031.

For that reason, the Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal has undertaken an assessment of employment planning in the Greater Golden Horseshoe. The assessment will help municipalities ensure that there is enough readily available land to accommodate expected economic activity, that the region is positioned to adapt to new economic trends, and that employment activities are planned for in a way that supports growth management objectives.

As a first step in the assessment, the ministry released a background paper on May 14, entitled *Planning for Employment in the Greater Golden Horseshoe*. It explores the changing nature of employment in the region, the challenges of planning for employment, and potential strategies for improving that planning.

“This paper really represents the early stages of a discussion,” said Public Infrastructure Renewal Minister David Caplan. “The feedback we receive, from developers, municipal planners and other key stakeholders, as well as members of the public, will help us, and help our municipalities, plan for the kind of employment growth that is going to drive the economy and improve quality of life in this region.”

To receive a printed copy of the technical paper please contact the Ontario Growth Secretariat at 1-

866-479-9781 (in Toronto at 416-325-1210) or link directly to http://www.placestogrow.ca/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=84&Itemid=15

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Toronto Rehab's University Centre site includes significant renovations as well as the creation of more than 17,000 square feet of new dedicated space for research and education. The new space will house the hospital's growing research program and will dedicate space to accommodate the increasing number of students who come to Toronto Rehab as part of their clinical training in a variety of health care disciplines.

This project also includes the creation of iDAPT – Intelligent Design for Adaptation, Participation and Technology – an advanced rehabilitation research facility which will change the landscape of rehabilitation research in Canada and the world.

St Catharine's state-of-the-art health care complex will accommodate new regional services that have never before been available in Niagara such as cardiac catheterization, longer-term mental health beds and comprehensive cancer care services to be provided at the Walker Family Cancer Centre. The new site will also act as the centre of regional dialysis services, supported by the permanent dialysis unit being constructed in Welland.

Successful bidders are expected to be announced later this year.

Build Team Announced for London Health Sciences Centre/ St. Joseph's Health Care

EllisDon Corporation is the winning bidder to build and finance the redevelopment projects at London

Health Sciences Centre and St. Joseph's Health Care, London. The St. Joseph's Health Care, London project will begin Phase 2 of the hospital's ambulatory care renovations, which will provide space for:

- endoscopy;
- city-wide ophthalmology services (which will be transferring from London Health Sciences Centre);
- ear, nose and throat;
- ambulatory gynaecology; and
- diabetes/endocrinology.

The London Health Sciences Centre project involves the completion of approximately 465,000 square feet of shelled-in space in the North Tower at Victoria Hospital for new, state-of-the-art facilities in addition to approximately 100,000 square feet of renovations to the existing facilities. The finished space will accommodate:

- a new clinic, inpatient and administrative areas for Children's Hospital;
- women's care, including a new birthing centre and neonatal intensive care program (being transferred from St. Joseph's Hospital);
- child, adolescent and adult inpatient and outpatient mental health care;
- adult medical/surgical inpatient care; and
- specialized clinical laboratories.

Infrastructure Ontario (IO) was created in 2005 to manage large and complex infrastructure projects for the government of Ontario. IO has over a dozen major health care projects under construction, and to date has brought more than \$6 billion worth of capital construction projects to market. More than 100,000 jobs are expected to be created over the next few years as a result of Infrastructure Ontario's projects.

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