

Sustainability the Highlight of Liveable Peel Conference

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Approximately 180 guests recently participated in the Liveable Peel Conference hosted by the Region of Peel at the Living Arts Centre in Mississauga. Those in attendance heard from a wide range of speakers on topics related to balancing the social, economic, environmental and cultural needs of Peel's residents.

Highlights of the conference included remarks by the Honourable David Caplan, Ontario's Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal, and the Honourable Michael Colle, Ontario's Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

"The Liveable Peel Conference was a successful and exciting forum for long-term planning in Peel," said Regional Chair Emil Kolb. "The rich network of expertise and information-sharing available to us demonstrates a commitment to the common goal of maintaining and enhancing an inclusive and prosperous community."

Industry experts and community leaders in areas such as finance, health, housing, transportation, environment and culture presented their insights into

the challenges and possible solutions for Peel to ensure that future generations can continue to enjoy a high quality of life over the next 50 years.

"Understanding the changing needs of our residents is key to planning for the future," said Richard Paterak, Regional Councillor and Planning Committee Chair. "The feedback gained at the conference will help shape the Region's service delivery both now and in the future."

The Liveable Peel initiative promotes long-term planning by balancing the social, economic, environ-



Minister of Citizenship Michael Colle presents Regional Chair Emil Kolb with a Certificate of Recognition from the Province of Ontario on February 10, 2006 at the Liveable Peel Conference "recognizing that the role of newcomers and their ability to become actively engaged in their local community is fundamental to the future growth of the Region of Peel and the Province of Ontario." From left to right Acting CAO for the Region of Peel David Szwarc, Regional Chair Emil Kolb, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Michael Colle, Mayor of the Town of Caledon Marolyn Morrison, Commissioner of Planning Nick Tunnacliffe.

mental and cultural needs of Peel's citizens. The conference is an integral part of that initiative.

"Today's conference was a great opportunity to work in tandem with our Regional Council, area municipalities, the province and local agencies to share ideas aimed at maintaining the quality of life for our citizens," said Nick Tunnacliffe, Commissioner of Planning, following the event.

The Regional Municipality of Peel was incorporated in 1974 on the principle that certain community and infrastructure services are most cost-effectively administered over a larger geographic area. The Region of Peel serves more than one million residents in the Cities of Mississauga and Brampton and the Town of Caledon.

Further information about Liveable Peel is available at liveablepeel.ca.