

Municipal Politicians to Discuss Taxes on Property in the GTA at Toronto Real Estate Board Conference

TORONTO, May 5, 2009 - A number of prominent municipal politicians, including **Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion**, will take part in a panel discussion about municipal finances and taxes on property in the Greater Toronto Area on **May 6th** at the **Toronto Real Estate Board's annual REALTOR® Quest conference and trade show** at **Toronto Congress Centre**.

Moderated by AM640's morning show host **John Oakley**, the panel will also include **Mayor Frank Scarpitti** from the Town of Markham where property taxes were recently frozen and City of Toronto **Councillors Denzil Minnan-Wong, Karen Stintz and Michael Thompson**.

"TREB has actively lobbied in recent years on a number of key issues that erode affordability for the average homeowner in our city, like the Toronto Land Transfer Tax and proposed harmonization of the GST and PST," said TREB President Maureen O'Neill. "This is an exciting opportunity to hear from some of the key players on where we are headed with taxes on property in the Greater Toronto Area."

The discussion takes place May 6th at 2 p.m. on Centre Stage.

The two-day conference also includes a number of other key attractions, like Canada's most trusted contractor **Mike Holmes**. He will pay a visit to REALTOR® Quest's Centre Stage **May 7th** from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Holmes and his crew recently constructed a sustainable home as part of Brad Pitt's Make it Right project in New Orleans' Ninth Ward. Currently, Holmes is developing his first community, Wind Walk in Southwest Alberta, which is expected to set a new standard for residential construction and design with its eco-friendly, sustainable homes.

TREB's Spring General meeting will take place during REALTOR® Quest on May 6th from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. REALTOR® Quest also features Canada's largest real estate trade show with up to 250 exhibitors. Given that REALTORS® are required to continuously upgrade their education, the conference also features 30 complimentary Continuing Education courses in seven different streams.

"Greater Toronto REALTORS® look to this conference as a source of information on all of the latest tools and trends in the profession," said Ms. O'Neill. "Their participation is just one example of REALTORS®' commitment to continuously enhance the professional knowledge and skills they provide to their clients."

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