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Municipal affairs seminar features N.Z. High Commissioner

Waterloo, Ont. (Aug. 31) — The Hon. Maurice McTigue, New Zealand's High Commissioner to Canada, and High Commissioner to Jamaica, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, will be the featured speaker at Wilfrid Laurier University's second municipal affairs seminar of 1995 on Wednesday, Sept. 13.

McTigue, a farmer-turned-politician, joined the cabinet of Prime Minister J. B. Bolger in 1990 and has been Minister of State Owned Enterprises, Minister of Railways, Minister of Works and Development, Minister of Labour and Minister of Immigration, and chair of Cabinet's powerful Expenditure Control Committee. He was appointed High Commissioner to Canada in April, 1994.

The topic of McTigue's address is Towards Sustainable Government Expenditures and Acceptable Taxes. New Zealand is an often-cited example of how a government can re-think its entire operation and mandate to become more efficient, less intrusive, and more businesslike.

The seminar will also feature an afternoon panel discussion between WLU economics professor David Johnson; E. Austin Fricker, the vice-president finance and chief financial officer of The Mutual Group; John Bowey, director of operations for Deloitte and Touche; and John Gazzola, Kitchener's commissioner of finance. McTigue will also be present for the panel discussion.

The seminar, being held in the Paul Martin Centre at Laurier, has been organized by Richard Christy, a professor of sociology at Laurier and mayor of Kitchener. It is a public session and anybody is welcome to attend.

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AGENDA

Municipal Affairs Seminar

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 1995

Paul Martin Centre, Wilfrid Laurier University

9:00 - 9:30 -- Coffee

9:45 - Welcome, WLU President Lorna Marsden

10:00 - 11:00 - Presentation by Maurice McTigue

11:00 - 12:00 - Question and answer session

1:30 - 3:00 - Panel discussion

3:00 - 4:00 - Question and answer session