

Three options for converting RRSPs

In the 1996 Federal budget Paul Martin, the minister of finance, announced a major change in the RRSP maturity rules.

Martin lowered the age at which Canadians have to collapse their RRSPs, from 71 to 69. This is the transition year when those who are 70 or 71 must also convert their plans to an income generating alternative.

Therefore, if you were born in 1926-1928 you will have to collapse your RRSP before December 31.

As many as 400,000 Canadians will be unwinding their RRSPs - almost triple the usual amount. So, if you wait until year end there may be delays with the paper work and, finding someone with the time to give you good advice may be tough.

In addition, don't forget to make your maximum allowable contribution for 1997 before December 31 because if you wait until the usual deadline your plan will no longer exist.

As you sift through the options for maturing RRSPs you will discover there are three alternatives:

- Completely de-register your RRSP to receive a cash payment in one lump sum. This option makes the least sense, since the entire proceeds of the RRSP become subject to taxation at your marginal tax rate, pre-emptying the possibil-

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ity of future tax-sheltered growth.

• Convert the RRSP to an annuity. An annuity provides a guaranteed income stream for life. However, the income stream will depend on the interest rate that prevails when you convert your RRSP.

If interest rates are high, this alternative could be compelling. With interest rates as low as they are today, locking in a less generous rate for the rest of your life may be much less appealing.

• Convert your RRSP to a Registered Retirement Income Fund. This

is the most open-ended choice. You can choose to hold the same stocks, bonds, mutual funds and 20 per cent foreign con-

tent that made up the RRSP. A RRIF plan does oblige you to withdraw a minimum fixed percentage of the plan each year. RRIFs permit you to tailor your income stream to your changing financial needs.

Another advantage of a RRIF is that you never tie your hands by excluding the possibility of purchasing an annuity or cashing in your retirement savings at a later date.

If you are unsure about whether the current rate of interest will prove sufficient to sustain you during retirement, your best tactic may be to transfer your RRSP into a RRIF and wait for a better opportunity to purchase an annuity.

This article was submitted by Richard Box of TD Evergreen.



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The Regional Municipality of York is studying transportation problems along St. John's Sideroad from Yonge Street in the Town of Aurora to Woodbine Avenue in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville (see study area map). The study follows the Class Environmental Assessment process for Municipal Road Projects. This means that public input will be sought throughout the study for incorporation into the preferred solution.

The second Public Meeting is to be held as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, October 21, 1997
TIME: 6:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Cafeteria (Main Floor),
York Region Headquarters
17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket

At the first public meeting held on June 24, 1997, participants identified problems within the study area, suggested possible solutions and highlighted important factors to consider when evaluating solutions. The second public meeting will allow participants to analyse and evaluate the alternative solutions produced at the first public meeting, based on a number of key factors, to determine a preferred solution.

Regional staff will begin the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a brief presentation which will then be followed by a working session that will enable participants to analyse and evaluate possible solutions to the stated problems, based on a number of important factors.

If you have any questions or are unable to attend the Public Meeting and wish to provide comments, please contact:

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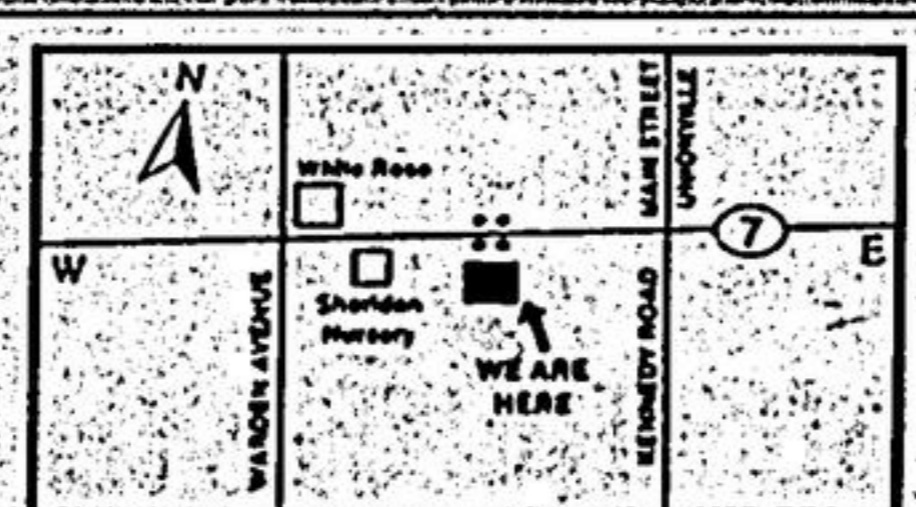
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