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# Beef troubles, urban sprawl harming industry, farmers say

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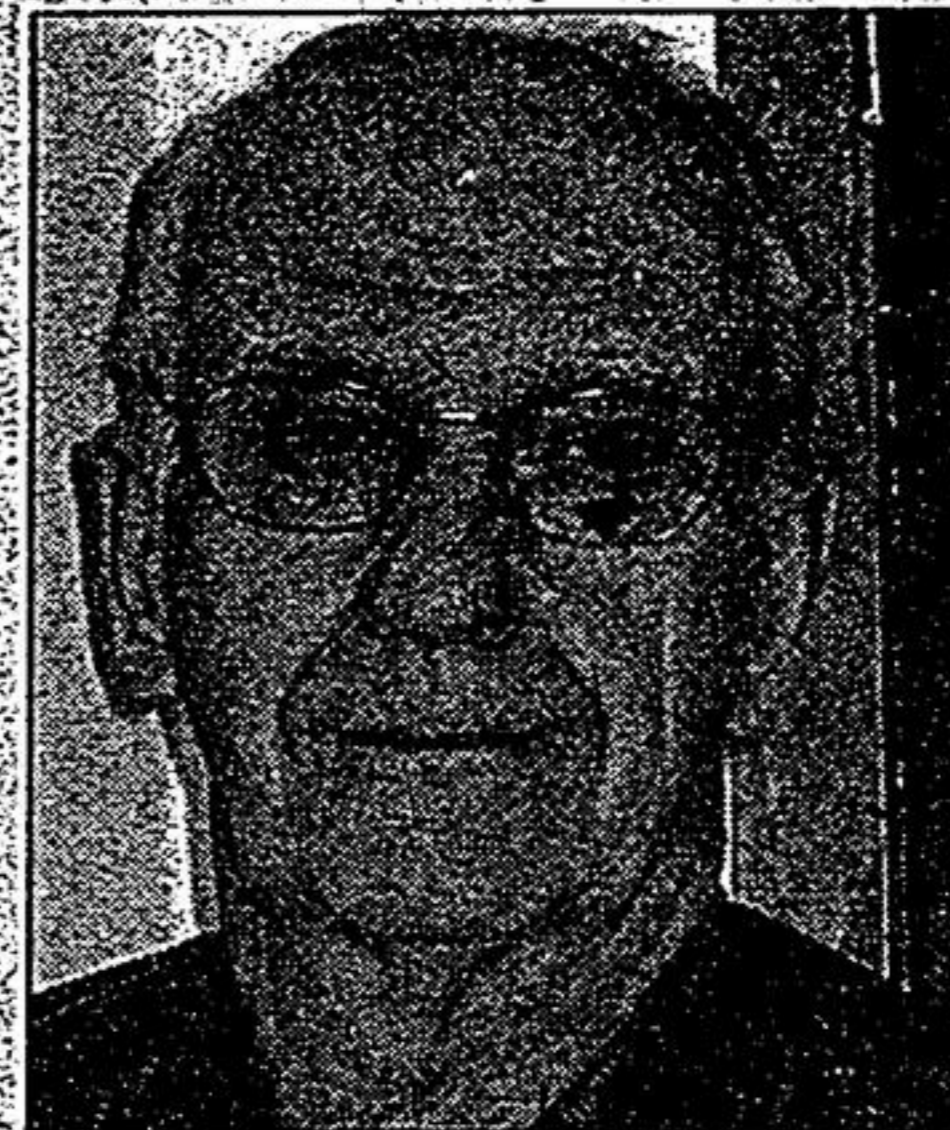
Urban sprawl and a troubled beef industry are the most serious issues facing the local agricultural industry today, the new president of the York Region Federation of Agriculture said.

Dr. Terry O'Connor, a Whitchurch-Stouffville resident, was recently elected head of the federation, replacing retiring president Brian Reynolds of Markham.

Dr. O'Connor, 71, has a long history as a practising veterinarian in the area. He was also employed for 12 years by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

As residential developments take over farmland across York Region, farmers take note. "York Region has unique problems due to the extensive interface between agriculture and urban sprawl," Dr. O'Connor said.

Members of the local agricul-



**TERRY O'CONNOR:** Whitchurch-Stouffville resident new president of York agriculture federation.

tural federation often point out the problem of urban sprawl and how it affects agriculture overall, Dr. O'Connor said.

"The sprawl and what's happening to our roads makes it difficult for farmers who are trying to stay viable," he added. When

one cow in Alberta was hit with mad cow disease, it stopped Canadian beef from crossing the United States border, sending beef prices into a nosedive across the country.

The downward spiral has hit most areas, including York Region.

"The beef industry is in the dire straits," Dr. O'Connor said. "There is a definite concern within the federation."

Dr. O'Connor has been active in the community for years. He is past director on the boards of the Markham Fair, Markham Stouffville Hospital and the Stouffville Credit Union.

Dr. O'Connor is co-ordinator for York Region's expanding Canadian Foodgrains Bank project.

Sending food grains and supplies to developing countries around the world, Dr. O'Connor's involvement helps lessen world hunger.

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*You have said on your doorsteps that you want:*

- To see well planned, managed growth.
- To avoid problems, not fix them after the fact.
- To demonstrate Stewardship of our environment.
- To retain our small town character.
- To pull together as a town.

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All across the GTA, We the People are bringing into question this "seeming insistence" that we feel from present (and past) Government to permit Urban Sprawl-mall. We are being invaded. And it is at the cost of our Future Health.

Time to stand up for our Rights.  
 No more compromising the health and wealth of our Seniors and Young.  
 Time to stand united against the Invaders!  
 No more roads—less cars (the greatest impact on our health)  
 No more negative impact on our watershed.

What Do We Need Here?  
 Time to answer the question for tomorrow.  
 The 100 year Plan: Forget the 25 year plan (I'd rather live for a 100 years)

**The Cost of doing business (Developments)**  
 Our 5 year Capital Budget Forecast: Spending \$27 million; \$19 million on roads public works equipment and facilities; \$2 million (of 3 cost) Debenture for our new fire station. All paid for with \$10 million of our Capital Reserve (presently approximately 12 million) and Development Charges. (Is there anything here for us? Is there anything left?) All for L'Developerville!

Developers pay: Sewage and Water: approximately \$24 million to the region, 80% of that is refunded through Development Charge Credits from your Regional taxes. (2 to 1) Regional \$14 million to Local \$7 million.

Time to think about our needs: the Restoration of our Old Town Hall Theatre as a Community facility; a Youth Centre with Internet cafe, sports and entertainment facilities; incorporating a Community Radio Station for young and old.

Reality cheque: I'm spending my own money. My opponents are spending 3-5 times more than I am.

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