Tough to win now: '68 winner

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in various capacities, including chef d'equipe, through Barcelona Games in 1992.

"We went with the idea of winning and never thought anything else about it.

"Nobody mentions the alternative Olympics we won in Rotterdam (during the boycotted Moscow Games). All the big countries were there, so it was just as big to win."

Despite 40 years between Olympics podium appearances, Gayford, a stock-broker, is not surprised it took so long for Canadians to return to the top of the equestrian world for Canada.

"No, it's very tough," said Gayford, now 79, and the oldest member of his team.

"It's very hard, like building a football or hockey team. Horses are very expensive now.

"You get a good prospect and develop it, but only for a certain time, before you have to sell it.

"You can't afford to keep them because you get nothing much from Sport Canada. It's a pittance for keeping and developing them.

"It's the same as a lot of other sports in that we don't get the support as in other countries. We had never been to Europe. We got ready for the big meets at our local horse shows. We had three tough riders and no backup (rider). We were amateurs then. Now, it's a different world."

Gayford was able to imagine the atmosphere experienced by the modern-day silver medal-winning team.

"When we walked in, there were 100,000 people," he said.

"If you lifted your eyes, you'd be mesmerized. It was 20,000 people for these guys, but I'm sure it was the same feeling."

Gayford feels the spinoff effect from Beijing will also serve to benefit the industry in Canada and anchor the country's future success on the competitive scene.

"This will sell out the Royal Winter Fair and other shows. In that way it will help raise money and help owners keep their horses in Canada with that Olympics carrot in front of them."

Planning for Tomorrow York Region Growth Management

Our cities are changing as we adapt and grow

Over the next two decades, York Region will experience continued rapid population and employment growth. By 2031, the Provincial Places to Grow Plan anticipates the Region will add:

- 570,000 people, to bring our population to 1.5 million people
- 337,000 jobs, to bring our employment to 800,000 jobs

In May 2008, York Regional Council endorsed proceeding with a refinement of the 40% growth scenario as the basis for the Region's Growth Plan to 2031 and recommended that public consultation open houses and town hall meetings be held to receive input on this scenario.

The preferred growth scenario includes:

- A population of 1.5 million people by 2031;
- Employment of 800,000 jobs by 2031;
- A minimum 40% intensification in existing built-up areas;
- Minimum densities of 50 people and jobs per hectare in new communities and 200 people and jobs per hectares in the Regional Centres.

Learn more and have your say

Prior to making final decisions regarding this scenario, Regional Council wants to hear your opinions through one of the following Town Hall sessions:

Meeting Date & Municipality	Town of Markham Anthony Roman Centre Canada Room 101 Town Centre Boulevard, Markham Vaughan Civic Centre Council Chambers 2141 Major Mackenzie Drive, Maple East Gwillimbury Civic Centre Council Chambers 19000 Leslie Street, Sharon		
Wednesday, September 17, 2008 Town of Markham			
Thursday, September 18, 2008 City of Vaughan			
Tuesday, September 23, 2008 Town of East Gwillimbury			
Wednesday, September 24, 2008 Town of Richmond Hill	Richmond Hill Municipal Offices OMB Hearing Room & 1st floor Lobby 225 East Beaver Creek Road, Richmond Hill		
Thursday, September 25, 2008 Town of Newmarket	Newmarket Municipal Offices Council Chambers 395 Mulock Drive, Newmarket		

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Open House with Regional staff 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Presentation 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. - Facilitated discussion

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JUVENILE Born 1988/89 and 1990	TBA 905-642-2835 info@wsmha.com	Sat, Sept 6 Mon, Sept 8 Fri, Sept 12	7:30 PM 9:45 PM 9:30 PM	Pad A-1.5hrs Pad B-1hr Pad A-1.5hrs

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