



### CRUPI'S IS 20

There was a lot of activity around Crupi's Interiors on King Road in Nobleton recently. Peter and Teresa Crupi were joined by many friends and officials from the community, including Mayor Margaret Black and Fr. Paul Hancko, for the open house they held to celebrate the anniversary. Crupi said they started as a department store but now concentrate on interiors. He also said service is the key, as they make sure they take care of their customers.

## York CAO to retire in April

York region is going to be looking for a new Chief Administrative Officer.

CAO Michael Garrett announced Friday that he plans to retire at the end of April.

Garrett, who is in his fifth year as the Region's CAO, said leaving at the beginning of the newly elected Regional council's mandate allows the new council to hire the next CAO to implement its new policy direction over a full four-year term and beyond.

Garrett, 59, said he intends to spend more time with his wife, family and his grandchildren and engage in some side projects.

"I feel very fortunate to have had an opportunity to work in York Region," Garrett commented. "We have great front-line staff, constructive unions and a wonderful management team which, collectively, can do anything. Designation as a top 100 employer in Canada is an indication of the fine corporation that York Region has become."

"This was a difficult decision for me to make," he added. "However, I leave thinking and hoping that I have contributed in some small measure to York Region's continued successes."

"I am saddened by Mike's decision to retire as the Region's CAO, but support him fully," said Regional Chair Bill Fisch. "Mike has made an indelible mark on The Regional Municipality of York, its residents and businesses. He has been a true champion of our corporate mission of ensuring that we provide cost effective, quality services that respond to the needs of our rapidly growing communities. On behalf of York Regional council and the citizens of York Region, I would like to wish Mike the very best."

Garrett was named York's CAO in May 2002. During his tenure, he helped oversee numerous initiatives, including the launch of the Viva Rapid Transit service and improved integration of planning approvals with the timely delivery of important and necessary infrastructure.

Until 2001, Garrett was CAO for the City of Toronto where he led the amalgamation of the seven former municipal governments into one city administration. He also served as CAO for Peel Region and held a succession of postings with the Ministry of Natural Resources, including serving as Assistant Deputy Minister.

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