

# John Gilbank carrying Liberal colours in York – Simcoe

**By Bill Rea** business career, but he's ready to get busy again. And the job he's seeking is York — Simcoe MPP.

Gilbank, 60, was acclaimed as Liberal candidate in the riding for this fall's provincial election in April.

Gilbank has had a multi-faceted career as a nationally recognized CEO, successful entrepreneur and diplomatic representative for Canada, and he believes he understands the challenges facing rural communities, having grown up in Listowel

and now residing in Georgina. John and his wife Lynn have restored a heritage home and converted it into bed and breakfast.

"I started out by getting very heavily involved in the conservation that's required for Lake Simcoe," he remarked, adding he was frustrated by the ineffective efforts that were being made to deal with the problems there. He got involved in coming up with ways that

the lake could be managed, and eventually drew attention and recognition from local Liberals.

Gilbank was CEO of C.E. Franklin Ltd., based out of Calgary, a supplier to the energy industry, and a provider of materials to other resource based industries. His diplomatic experience came early in his career, when he worked as a consul and trade commissioner, focusing on international trade strategies in the western United States.

Operating the bed and breakfast offered him "a chance to catch my breath," Gilbank said.

"The place was at the

point of either bulldoze it or put a major restoration under way," he explained. "We chose the later."

Gilbank is cautious about speculating on the party's performance in the coming election.

"It all depends on how well we campaign," he said, although he did assert the Liberals will remain in charge at Queen's Park.

"They really do have an impressive record," he remarked. "Now they have to roll it out and communicate it."

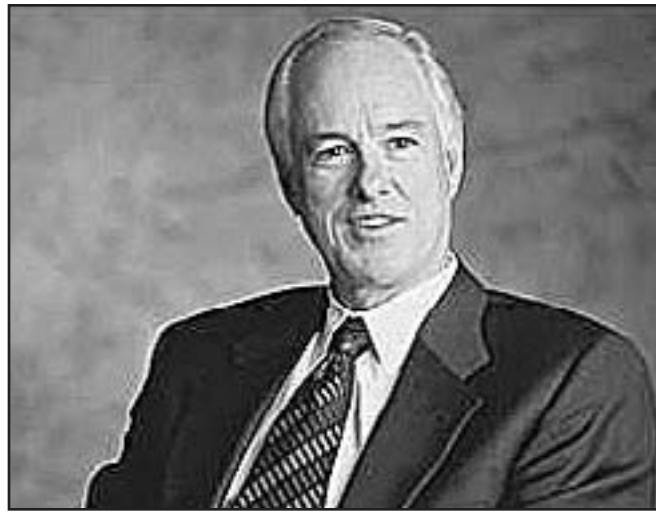
"I think people are ready for more energetic, a more pro-active form of representation," he added.

## More than 80 per cent of respondents give YRT/Viva top grade

A lot of riders are very satisfied with the service they get on the local transit system.

York Regional council recently received a report outlining the results of the 2006 York Region Transit (YRT)/Viva and Mobility Plus customer satisfaction surveys, indicating that more than 80 per cent of respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with YRT/Viva and between 70 and 80 per cent were satisfied or very satisfied with Mobility Plus.

Highlights of the survey results indicated that 96 per cent of respondents gave Viva either a good, very good or excellent rating; 81 per cent rated YRT conventional services as good, very good or excellent; 75 per cent were satisfied or very satisfied with public transit as a whole in York, including YRT, Viva, GO Transit, TTC and Brampton services; 70 to 80 per cent of Mobility Plus respondents gave the top rating of "very satisfied" for a variety of categories, including call centre staff friendliness, call centre staff knowledge, safe driving, courtesy of drivers and door-to-door assistance; and customer satisfaction in all categories improved by three to 16 per cent when compared to results from the previous 2004 survey.



John Gilbank

## Women's Missionary Society quilting Tuesday Nobleton Notes

**By Angie Maccarone**  
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Nobleton United Church  
Sunday services at Nobleton United Church start at 11:15 a.m. The church is at 6076 King Rd. W. Call (905) 859-3976 for more information.

The June 17 sermon title is What does God want from us? Join us as we welcome our confirmand, Lynda.

The United Church

Women's (UCW) Strawberry Social is June 18, starting at 6:00 p.m. St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

Join us for worship at 9:45 a.m. Father's Day (June 17) as we welcome Lesley Morris to the pulpit. Nursery care (for children five years and younger) is provided during the service and Sunday school (for adults only) follows at 11 a.m.

The ladies of the Women's Missionary Society will be quilting Tuesday (June 19) starting at 9:30 a.m. They are always looking for extra helping hands.

For more information about any of our activities or to find out about this year's Bible Fun Camp, please contact the church office at (905) 859-0843.

### Horticulture

"How dry I am, how dry I am. Nobody knows how dry I am."

As promised, here is an attractive drought resistant plant for the average garden. It's called agastache (agastache). Some varieties are native to North America, while others are found in Asia. Most are perennial, but a few are classed as annuals.

All plants have columns of small florets like lupines or delphiniums. Some, such as tutti frutti, with its

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## NOTICE OF SUBMISSION - TERMS OF REFERENCE GTA WEST CORRIDOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation is working to provide for the efficient movement of people and goods within the context of the province's *Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe*. To support the policy directions in the *Growth Plan*, MTO has commenced the formal environmental assessment (EA) process for the GTA West Corridor. The purpose of this study is to examine long-term transportation problems and opportunities to the year 2031 and consider alternative solutions to provide better linkages between *Urban Growth Centres* in the GTA West Corridor Preliminary Study Area, including Downtown Guelph, Downtown Milton, Brampton City Centre and Vaughan Corporate Centre, as identified in the *Growth Plan*.

This study is being undertaken as an Individual EA in accordance with the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act* (the Act). As part of the legislated EA process, the Ministry of Transportation is submitting a Terms of Reference (ToR) to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment for formal review. If approved, the ToR will serve as the framework for an EA Study to develop and select transportation alternatives.

The ToR will be available for review starting on June 15, 2007. You may review the ToR during normal hours of operation at the following locations, as well as at Municipal Clerk Office's within the Preliminary Study Area:

**Vaughan Public Library Kleinburg Branch**  
10341 Islington Avenue N.

**Vaughan Public Library Pierre Berton Resource Branch**  
4921 Rutherford Rd.

**King Township Public Library Nobleton Branch**  
8 Sheardown Dr.

**King Township Public Library King City Branch**  
1970 King Rd.

**Caledon Public Library Caledon East Branch**  
6500 Old Church Rd.

**Brampton Public Library Cyril Clark Branch**  
20 Loafers Lake Lane

**Brampton Public Library Chinguacousy Branch**  
150 Central Park Dr.

**Mississauga Public Library Meadowvale Branch**  
6677 Meadowvale Town Centre Circle

**Halton Hills Public Library Acton Branch**  
17 River St.

**Halton Hills Public Library Georgetown Branch**  
9 Church St.

**Milton Public Library**  
45 Bruce St.

**Wellington County Public Library Puslinch Branch**  
29 Wellington Rd. 46 S.

**Wellington County Public Library Rockwood Branch**  
85 Christie St.

**Wellington County Public Library Marden Branch**  
7368 Wellington Rd. 30

**Wellington County Public Library Erin Branch**  
14 Boland Dr.

**Guelph Public Library Main Branch**  
100 Norfolk St.

**Ministry of the Environment, EA and Approvals Branch**  
2 St. Clair Avenue West, 14th Floor  
Toronto, ON

**Ministry of the Environment West Central Regional Office**  
119 King St. W., 12th floor  
Hamilton, ON.

**Ministry of the Environment Central Region Office**  
5775 Yonge St., 8th floor  
North York, ON

The Preliminary Study Area is identified in the key map below:



In addition, the ToR can be downloaded from the project website at: [www.gta-west.com](http://www.gta-west.com)

Your written comments regarding the ToR must be received by **July 16, 2007**.

All comments should be submitted to:

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A copy of all comments will be forwarded to the proponent.

Under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Environmental Assessment Act*, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record files for this matter and can be released, if requested, to any person.



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