

Marguerite Ceschi-Smith, MSc.

Marguerite Ceschi-Smith was first elected to Brantford City Council in November 1994. Representing one of the oldest areas in Brantford, where residents are faced everyday with the sight of old abandoned factory sites; she has championed “brownfields”. She has brought this issue to municipal, provincial and national levels of government. For more than a decade she has encouraged and lobbied decision makers to remove the legislative, policy and bureaucratic obstacles currently impeding “brownfields” redevelopment.

An integral part of creating sustainable and livable cities is to reintegrate “brownfields” into the social, environmental and economic fabric of the community.

In her efforts to get “brownfields” on the radar screen she is or was:

- Chair of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Brownfields Committee; and served as Ex-Officio member of the National Roundtable on the Environment and the Economy (NRTEE) Brownfields Committee charged with the development of a national brownfields strategy. She’s been a Director on the FCM Board since 2001 and is a member of the FCM’s Green Municipal Funds Council.
- Chair of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) 2006 Brownfields Taskforce who have prepared AMO report on Brownfields Redevelopment – What has been achieved – What remains to be done.
- Member of Ontario Brownfields Stakeholder Group (2006) convened to provide comment and advice to the multi-ministerial group charged with finding ways facilitate brownfields redevelopment.
- Chair of the Advisory Committee for the new Bachelor of Applied Technology degree in *Integrated Environmental Site Remediation* at Seneca College and is also teaching the “Professional Issues and Continuous Learning” course in the program.
- Advisory Panel member of Canadian Brownfields Network (CBN)
- Awarded the Canadian Urban Institute’s *2004 National Brownfielder of the Year*

She has moved the City of Brantford along from a time when no one supported her brownfields resolutions to now holding brownfields redevelopment a City priority. This has been accomplished with the support and commitment of Brantford’s Brownfields Community Advisory Committee and the multi-disciplinary Brownfields Technical Committee’s she chairs.

Marguerite holds a Master of Science from the University of Guelph and is a consultant.