Planning Politics in Toronto
The Ontario Municipal Board and Urban Development

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The Ontario Municipal Board is an independent provincial planning appeals body that has wielded major influence on Toronto’s urban development. In this book, Aaron A. Moore examines the effect that the OMB has had on the behaviour and relationships of Toronto’s main political actors, including city planners, developers, neighbourhood associations, and local politicians.

Moore’s findings draw on a quantitative analysis of all OMB decisions and settlements from 2000 through 2006, as well as eight in-depth case studies. The cases, which examine a variety of development proposals that resulted in OMB appeals, compare the decisions of Toronto’s political actors to those typified in American local political economy analyses.

A much-needed contribution to the literature on the politics of urban development in Toronto since the 1970s, Planning Politics in Toronto challenges popular preconceptions of the OMB’s role in Toronto’s patterns of growth and change.

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“*The Ontario Municipal Board exerts a powerful influence over urban development, but it is very much understudied. In Planning Politics in Toronto, Aaron A. Moore addresses this gap through valuable case studies supported by extensive data. Moore’s thorough knowledge of the literature and his ability to synthesize this knowledge make his book a major contribution to research.*”

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