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Did Halton's Development Serpent Grow a New Head?

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Halton: Regional Council endorsed the recommendation made by the CAO Selection Committee to appoint a new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for Halton Region. Effective July 30th, 2007 Halton's new CAO will be Patrick Moyle.

In contrast to Halton's former CAO, [Brent Marshall](#), Mr. Moyle has an extensive background within the municipal realm with a variety of experience serving as a CAO in various municipal sectors. In the public realm, Mr. Moyle served Caledon as its CAO, Brampton's Chief Administrative Officer/Economic Development Officer, Town of Orangeville; CAO, and Director, Planning and Economic Development for the Town of Huntsville; Principal Planner for the District Municipality of Muskoka; and Planner, Township of Lake of Bays giving the administrator a reputation as leader within Ontario's municipal community.

In addition to his extensive civil resume, at one time Mr Moyle served as the Executive Director of AMO (the Association of Municipalities of Ontario). Patrick is also a member of the Canadian Institute of Planners and the Ontario Professional Planners Institute; and of the Economic Development Council of Ontario; and a former member of the Executive of the Festival Country Tourism Association, and of the Ontario Municipal Administrators Association.

But what's most noteworthy about Mr. Moyle - to a developing community, is Mr. Moyle's achievements which extended beyond civil service, where, in the private sector Mr. Moyle also served as President of the Evanco Development Corporation. As president of a developer's corporation, Moyle, no doubt knew what he was talking about when he was quoted by [NOW Online](#) (concerning an OMB application for developments on the Oak Ridges Moraine);

"You need a lot of money to be successful at the OMB," says Patrick Moyle, president of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

"You need expert witnesses, hydro-geologists, traffic engineers, professional planners," says Moyle.

"For a small community in Ontario, half a million or a million bucks is too much."

For developers, it's just the cost of doing business. Spending \$1 million on expert reports for the OMB is considered to be well worth the money. Many developers file notices with the OMB for a hearing at the same time that they table proposals at local city councils.