

Negotiations and Hearings

• Mr. McKibbon gave evidence on the Niagara Escarpment Commission's proposed Five Year Review to the Niagara Escarpment Plan in 1993 for the Niagara Escarpment Landowners Coalition. The evidence included factual and opinion evidence on the Commission's evaluations and recommendations and he was on the stand for four days. Many of his recommendations were accepted by the Hearing Officers in their Hearing Report handed down in March 1993.

Mr. McKibbon was also involved in the production of a video for the Landowners Coalition. He provided a short discussion of the Escarpment environment. The video set out the Coalition's concerns and was shown up and down the full length of the Escarpment on community television stations.

• In July 1994, Mr. McKibbon provided evidence on the Township of Oro's proposed Official Plan Amendment 28 and the Buffalo Springs plan of subdivision before the Ontario Municipal Board. The work included assembly of a team of technical experts; identification of issues; negotiation of issues and providing assistance to the solicitor for the Jarratt Coulson Landowners Group. Some of the Group's traffic and safety concerns were addressed through negotiations and the subdivision plan was approved after substantial revision in a process whereby the Board took an active hand in mediating the competing perspectives.