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TORONTO, JANUARY 25, 2006: Toronto urban planning and design firm Urban Strategies Inc. hosted an informal breakfast session with the Ontario Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal, the Honourable David Caplan.

Minister Caplan addressed a group of about 45 developers, senior municipal and regional planners, as well as institutional planners. Several senior staff members from the Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal Ontario Growth Secretariat were also in attendance. The session was held at the MaRS Discovery District, a project on which Urban Strategies has played a major role.

Attendees were treated to an informal presentation by the Minister regarding the province's groundbreaking and highly anticipated **Places to Grow** act, which outlines intensification guidelines for the province's Golden Horseshoe region.

Urban Strategies contributed to the draft Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. The study explores the background and application of land-use intensification targets to direct development to established areas and limit urban sprawl. It examines intensification targets in use in the UK, Australia, British Columbia and New Zealand, and provides recommendations for applying relevant lessons from those jurisdictions to Canada's largest urbanized area: the Greater Golden Horseshoe in southern Ontario.

"We're proud to have contributed to this ambitious and essential planning tool. The Greater Golden Horseshoe will set an example to the world on how to plan modern high growth cities," said Joe Berridge, partner at Urban Strategies.

ABOUT URBAN STRATEGIES INC.

Urban Strategies is a full-service planning and urban design firm, based in Toronto, Canada. Working for public and private sector clients, they shape and enhance urban places of all scales through strategic actions, holistic design and progressive policies. Since 1981, their work has earned the firm numerous awards and an international reputation.

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