

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION 9917A

Issues in Local Government

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Scheduling

The class will meet from 9:00 a.m until 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m until 4:00 p.m from Monday to Friday, June 13-17 inclusive in the Social Science Centre, Room 4255.

Format

Classes will be centred on discussions led by the instructor, on presentations made by students based on work already done for their Research Reports, and on contribution from guest speakers. **Student presentations should be approximately 20 minutes.**

Grading

assignment (see below)	50%
presentation	30%
overall participation	20%

Assignment

You must write a brief (about 1000 words) reaction piece to one (or more if you wish) of the books listed below? What did you learn that you did not know before? Which arguments made sense to you and which did not? Why or why not?

Pamela Blais, *Perverse Cities: Hidden Subsidies, Wonky Policy, and Urban Sprawl* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 2010)

Edward Glaeser, *Triumph of the City: How Our Greatest Invention Makes Us Richer, Smarter, Greener, Healthier, and Happier* (New York: The Penguin Press, 2011)

Kristin R. Good, *Municipalities and Multiculturalism: The Politics of Immigration in Toronto and Vancouver* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2009).

Mario Polèse, *The Wealth and Poverty of Regions: Why Cities Matter* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2009)

Andrew Sancton, *Canadian Local Government: An Urban Perspective* (Toronto: Oxford University Press, 2011)

If any of these books you want is not available in your favorite library, each is available from the usual online booksellers.

The review is due on **Friday, August 19** and may be submitted electronically. Earlier submissions gratefully received.

TOPICS

1. June 13, Monday morning

Introduction

New Books – The assignment

Writing a textbook -- Andy Sancton

Voter Turnout and Internet Voting – Troy McHarg

2. June 13, Monday afternoon

Intergovernmental Relations

Clayton Powell – Federal-municipal partnerships

Catherine Nabudere – Immigration and immigration settlement

Debi Wilcox – The gas tax and sustainability

Flora Fu – Accessibility legislation in Canada and China

3. June 14, Tuesday morning

Issues of special relevance to the City of Toronto

Guest presentation: **Dr. Aaron Moore, Western**

How the OMB affects land-use planning in Toronto

Social Housing

Dave Guyadeen – Impact of social housing devolution on City of Toronto

Sewit Tamene – Tenant participation in the Toronto Housing Corporation

4. June 14, Tuesday afternoon

Health-related Issues

Stephanie Pongracz – Citizen Engagement and the LHINs

Annie Tam – Agenda-setting for aging policies

Laurie Spence-Bannerman – Policies for seniors and the New Public Management

Ainsley Bladon – Impact of mental-health restructuring on local government

5. June 15, Wednesday morning

Ethics and Human Resources Issues

Klaudia Gonzales-Martinez – Politicization of HR policies in Mexico

Jen Lajoie – Workforce diversity management plans
Stephanie Nagel – Succession planning
Tony Bavota – Succession planning in the fire service

6. June 15, Wednesday afternoon

Information Technology Issues

Donald Beaton – Shared service model in Durham
Adam Crozier – Canadian local government and open data

Organizational Behaviour

Joe Nethery – OB obstructions to development permit systems
Arthur Beauregard – Effect of reorganization on organization goals

7. June 16, Thursday morning

Rural issues in Local Government

Guest Presentation: **Will Jacques, MPA, CAO of East Perth**

Farmers and local government – Adam Briggs
Changing rural land to urban in Canada and China – Michelle Zhong

8. June 16, Thursday afternoon

Policy Implementation and Enforcing Rules

Jim Jessop – Alternative municipal regimes for marijuana grow ops
Jason Schmidt-Shourki – Enforcing the building code
Catherine Bossenberry – Recidivism in OntarioWorks

Ethics and the Implementation of Codes of Conduct

Jacqueline Palmer – Municipal integrity commissioners

9. June 17, Friday morning

Issues in Economic Development

Denny Timm – Retaining talented people in Windsor-Essex
Jasmin Ralph – Economic development policies in two-tier Niagara
Patrick Brault – In-house vs. arm's length in community development

10. June 17, Friday afternoon

Mayors, CAOs and Political Change

Kathy Wiele – How a new mayor changes organizational culture

Kelley Coulter – CAO career progression: Is there a standard? Does Mayoral turnover have an impact?

Conclusion -- Andy Sancton