

## **Marguerite Ceschi-Smith, MSc.**

Marguerite Ceschi-Smith, was elected as City Councillor in 2004, and represents one of the oldest areas in Brantford, where residents are faced everyday with the sight of old abandoned factory sites. She has championed “brownfields ” for more than a decade, strongly encouraging municipal, provincial and national decision makers to remove the legislative, policy and bureaucratic obstacles impeding “brownfields” redevelopment.

An integral part of creating sustainable and livable cities is to reintegrate “brownfields” into the social, environmental and economic fabric of the community. Marguerite was awarded the Canadian Urban Institute’s *2004 National Brownfielder of the Year Award* and presented the “*EcoCouncillor of the Year Award*” in June 2007 by former Alberta Premier, the Hon. Ralph Klein.

Marguerite is an active Director on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Board, chaired FCM’s Brownfields Committee, and served on the National Roundtable on the Environment and the Economy (NRTEE) Brownfields Committee, which developed a national brownfields strategy in 2003. Until recently she was a member of the FCM’s Green Municipal Funds Council. She is also an Executive Committee member of the Canadian Brownfields Network (CBN).

Marguerite is also Chair of AMO’s (Association of Municipalities of Ontario) Brownfields Taskforce and a member of the Ontario Brownfields Stakeholder Group. She is also Advisory Committee Chair and former professor in the new *Environmental Site Remediation* degree at Seneca College.

Marguerite holds a Master of Science from the University of Guelph and is a consultant.