



TERRY JONES

Jones happy with youth post

Mississauga North, MPP. Terry Jones, has been appointed parliamentary assistant to Ontario Social Development Secretary, Margaret Birch, and more specifically to the post of Ontario Youth Secretariat.

Jones told The Mississauga News, extensive meetings started the day after his appointment and now the job of setting up public meetings for his first task as the Youth Secretary have begun.

"I was very surprised at the appointment . . . You get called into a guy's office wondering what is going to happen and you find out you will be the parliamentary assistant to a super minister.

"Actually, I am pleased because I believe my style will complement Mrs. Birch and this is a job I can get very involved with," Jones said.

Jones has been asked by Ontario Premier, Bill Davis to prepare a report by April 1, on the problems of teenage drinking and what measures may be necessary to stem what appears to be a dramatic rise in teenage alcohol abuse.

"I have said I'm going into this unbiased and I am. I have read some of the reports already.

"The public meetings around the province will be very important as there will be a chance for everyone to supply input.

"I said during my campaign I did not mind long hours, especially when I enjoy what I'm doing."

Jones, 37, said the job of the Youth Secretariat will not terminate with the alcohol but is just the first of a number of efforts he will make in order that government becomes more accessible to the people of Ontario who are in the age group under 25.