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Parsons, Lou

## **Rumor mill has Parsons in line for the position of Lieutenant-Governor**

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**LOU PARSONS**

Is Mississauga's Sir Lou about to become Your Excellency?

This week's hottest rumor has it that Lou Parsons, who was knighted by the Catholic Church several years ago, is on the short list to replace Lincoln Alexander as Ontario's Lieutenant-Governor.

The rumor gained some momentum when Mississauga resident Charles Doring repeated it on his program on Toronto radio station CFRB. It came as quite a surprise to a lot of local people to hear Parsons' name bandied about in the company of Flora MacDonald as potential replacements for Alexander, whose term expires Sept. 20.

Parsons himself, obviously practicing for a life of public diplomacy, said Monday that "I'm not in a position to comment." He added that "it's an honor to be thought of."

Parsons, a Port Credit native, is currently the chairman of GO Transit and was the founding chairman of the Region of Peel in 1974. He left politics in 1979, after a long career as local councillor, deputy-reeve, and Peel warden and chairman, to return to his real estate business.