

Parsons bankrupt; creditors owed \$1M

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Two companies owned by prominent Mississauga real estate broker Lou Parsons have gone into bankruptcy, with more than \$1 million owed to creditors.

On Nov. 23, a bank petitioned Lou Parsons Realty Inc. and Lou Parsons Enterprises Inc. into bankruptcy. According to Richard Morawetz of the Mississauga office of Peat Marwick Thorne Inc., who is acting as trustee in the matter, each of the companies owes more than \$500,000.

Neither company has any significant



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assets, noted Morawetz, commenting that "there may not be too much for the unsecured creditors." Among those owed money are prominent Mississauga developer Ignat Kanneff (\$89,000), and Revenue Canada (\$31,801). The creditor taking the biggest hit is The Royal Bank of Canada, which is owed a total of more than \$537,500 by the two companies. A numbered company is owed \$350,000.

Morawetz called the bankruptcy of the former Peel Region Chairman and long-time chairman of GO Transit "an unfortunate situation. Anybody involved in the real estate business these days is hurting," he said.

Reached by telephone yesterday, Parsons said he had no comment on the matter because it's before the courts.

In November, when he wound up his real estate business after nearly a decade, Parsons told *The Mississauga News* he was moving onto a new phase in his life to concentrate on his consulting business, which specializes in mass transit issues.

Parsons' four sons, who worked for him, have now moved on to other real estate

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brokerages.

The first meeting of creditors for the bankruptcy will take place tomorrow at Peat Marwick Thorne's offices on Robert Speck Pkwy. The meeting will deal with

a number of issues including affirming appointment of the trustee, advising creditors of the reasons for bankruptcy, discussing a report from the trustee setting out assets and liabilities and appointing inspectors to represent

the creditors.

Lou Parsons Enterprises is a holding company which owns the property at 1348 Hurontario St., at Mineola Rd. where Parsons Real Estate conducted its business.

A prominent citizen in the community for many years, Parsons has a lengthy history of volunteer work. He is the former president of both the Mississauga Real Estate Board and the Mississauga Board of Trade and was knighted by the Catholic Church for his charity work. Before being appointed founding Peel Region Chairman in 1974 by his long-time friend, Premier Bill Davis, Parsons was a partner in a real estate business in Port Credit with Seth Taylor.

Parsons began his political career as Ward 2 councillor for the Town of Mississauga. He later became deputy reeve.