

Parsons is on the GO

Former Peel Regional Chairman Lou Parsons was inaugurated as chairman of the Toronto Area Transit Authority (TATO) in a ceremony last week at Union Station.

Parsons was appointed to the post June 27 by Ontario Premier William Davis.

Parsons takes the gavel from A.T.C. McNab, chairman of the authority since its formation in 1974.

TATO is the provincial organization responsible for commuter rail traffic to Toronto from Peel, Halton, York and Hamilton-Wentworth Regions. Parsons will be directly responsible to the Minister of Transport, James Snow.

Parsons, 46, was born in Port Credit and entered municipal politics as a councillor for the Town of Mississauga in 1967.

In 1971 he was elected Warden of Peel County, making him the youngest man ever to serve as a warden. He was re-elected to that post in 1972, making him the first in 100 years to serve two consecutive terms as Peel warden.

In 1972 he was elected Reeve of Mississauga and in 1973 was appointed as the region's first chairman. He held that post from the beginning of regional government in 1974 until his resignation in 1979.

Parsons re-entered the business world in 1979 devoting all his time to his post as president of Traders Associates. The TATO chairmanship is a part-time position.

