

REAL ESTATE: GTA home sales dropped 20 per cent in May but Hamilton-Burlington listings spiked 41 per cent **A12**

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Sousa lifts time limit to develop Stelco lands

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The province says it won't be in such a hurry to steer vacated Stelco lands on to the market and promises a continuing dialogue with the City of Hamilton in redeveloping the waterfront property.

The announcement comes four days before a complex restructuring plan for the steelmaker goes to a Toronto judge for approval that, in part, calls for the steelmaker's 818-acre harbour-front property to become a land trust with environmental liability backstop by the province.

Under the deal, Stelco would rent about a third of the land with the rest of the land fixed up and sold or leased within five years.

That was too quick a turnaround for Mayor Fred Eisenberger, who felt the time constraint would lead to the property being sold in a "fire sale" fashion, undermining its future potential.

He sent a letter to Premier Kathleen Wynne last month calling for a "longer term vision" with a place for the city at the table to determine its future, and a "right of first refusal."

But late Monday, Finance Minister Charles Sousa said in a reply letter
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BOTTLE CAP BOUQUET



If you suddenly feel thirsty, you could blame a new mural on the side of Hamilton Artists Inc. Liss Platt and Claudia Manley, who form the local art collective Shake n' Make, created the bottle cap mosaic at the corner of Cannon Street and James Street North. From afar, Domestic Brew: Craft Beer Garden looks like flowers. Closer up, the colourful display offers dozens of pieces of art on top of each cap. Hamilton Artists Inc. presents contemporary art and culture through exhibitions, publications, performances, education and outreach.

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