The Public Metropolis
The Political Dynamics of Urban Expansion in the Toronto Region
1924 - 2003
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The Public Metropolis traces the evolution of Ontario government responses to rapid population growth and outward expansion in the Toronto city region over an eighty year period. Professor Frisken rigorously describes the many institutions and policies that the government put in place at different times to provide services of region-wide importance. She then skilfully assesses the extent to which those institutions and policies managed to achieve objectives commonly identified with effective regional governance. Although the province acted sporadically and often reluctantly in the face of regional population growth and expansion, Frisken argues that its various interventions nevertheless contributed to the region’s most noteworthy achievement: a core city that continues to thrive while many other North American cities were experiencing population, economic, and social decline.

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