

## **John Sewell**

**John Sewell** has been engaged in city politics in Toronto since the 1960s in a variety of modes - as a community organizer, city councillor, mayor, journalist, activist, writer, housing administrator, and social entrepreneur. Current activities include working with tenants to redevelop public housing projects in Toronto; helping co-ordinate the Toronto Police Accountability Coalition; and working with the Save Union Station Committee. He administers a web site about local government empowerment, [www.localgovernment.ca](http://www.localgovernment.ca) and writes its monthly electronic Bulletin which is sent to councillors across Canada. He writes a regular column on urban affairs for 'eye weekly' and a monthly column for Post City Magazines. His two most recent books were published in 2002: *Mackenzie, a Political Biography of William Lyon Mackenzie*, and *Doors Open Toronto: Illuminating the City's Great Spaces*. Previous books concern housing, land use planning, police, and his early days as an elected politician.