

# OMB upholds law designed to curb Junction pollution

The Ontario Municipal Board has upheld a City of Toronto bylaw that restricts expansion of industries in the pollution-plagued Junction Triangle area.

In a decision released yesterday, the board said "there is no doubt the public good will be best served by the elimination of or at least reduction in environmental prob-

lems that are of serious proportions at present."

Residents in the west-end area, between Bloor and Dupont streets west of Lansdowne Avenue, have complained for years about fumes and noise from about 20 factories which sit side-by-side with houses in the neighborhood.

The 1981 bylaw had been challenged by Glidden Co., a paint manufacturer, and Viceroy Rubber and Plastics Ltd. Both companies have factories in the area.

The ruling, designating the factories as "non-conforming uses," means industries will not be able to expand without approval from the city. The only exceptions for now are Royce-Dupont Ltd., a poultry packer, and Pep Construction Co. The board reserved its decision on those firms until July.

Glidden, which has been charged by the provincial Environment Ministry over its emissions in June and July, argued before the board that it is not the city's job to control environmental matters. The company said the city's restrictions could slow down alterations at its Wallace Avenue plant that could improve the environment.

But the board said in its ruling it was not persuaded the company would be seriously inconvenienced.

Many residents of the area have said they are fed up with waiting for the province, the city and the industries to clean up, and believe the factories should be moved out of their neighborhood. One major chemical spill in the area last year sent five people to hospital.