The Ontario Municipal Board (OMB or “the board”) is a provincial tribunal authorized to hear and adjudicate appeals to local land use decisions in Ontario, Canada. Its mandate, in the North American context, is uniquely expansive as it is empowered to review and potentially overturn all municipal planning decisions brought before it on appeal. This study focuses on the board’s application of planning policy, specifically its demonstrated solicitude towards the private interests of property owners above certain matters of the public interest. Through content analysis of the board’s decisions, this thesis finds that the OMB has retained its fundamental private-interest orientation even after the implementation of recent legislative amendments designed, ostensibly, to make the OMB more responsive to local and provincial planning policy.