

# NB - Temporary

## DevCo

### aide appointed

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NEW BRUNSWICK — Herbert T. Nelson, an administrative assistant for Johnson & Johnson, has temporarily become the chief administrator for the New Brunswick Development Corp. (DevCo).

A 26-year employe of J&J, Nelson has been designated by the DevCo board to direct the day-to-day functions of the agency until a successor is found for David Nesbitt.

Nesbitt's last day as \$45,000-a-year the nearly president of DevCo was yesterday. He resigned to take a job as a consultant with the East Baltimore Community Corp. He will assist the Maryland revitalization agency in organizing a nonprofit development corporation.

He said he leaves with mixed feelings: "I still believe in the revitalization process. It's going to work in New Brunswick."

Although Nesbitt says his departure is voluntary, some informed sources have said he was asked to resign because of the continual delays in construction of a second downtown commercial plaza office building. According to some speculation, Nesbitt was made a scapegoat.

First hired as the president of New Brunswick Tomorrow in July of last year, Nesbitt joined the sister development corporation in February and became its first president. The proposed second office building is its first major project.

The DevCo board met last week, but a spokesman yesterday would only give this status report, without elaboration: "The corporation is actively pursuing tenants and reviewing the different financial alternatives. It is very optimistic that the project will become a reality in the future."

The board has not yet established a screening committee to process candidates applying for the presidency. A mechanism for conducting interviews is being devised, said the spokesman.

Nesbitt said he will commute to Baltimore until he disposes of his house in New Brunswick in December. He will be available for advice to DevCo during the transition to a new president.

A Westfield resident, Nelson has been active behind the scenes for New Brunswick Tomorrow since it was organized, and more recently for DevCo. An expert on finances, he has been on part-time loan by J&J throughout this period.

For the past two weeks, he has been working full time for DevCo and will remain full time until or after a new president takes over, said the DevCo spokesman. J&J will continue to pay all his salary.