



Kawartha Conservation names new CAO

(Lindsay, June 15, 2009) Jim McMillen, Chair of Kawartha Conservation, announced today the appointment of Rob Messervey as Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), beginning July 8.

“Mr. Messervey brings a wealth of experience and qualifications that will greatly benefit our watershed community,” said Chair McMillen. “We are very pleased that he has accepted the position, and are looking forward to his leadership and management skills to carry on Kawartha Conservation’s important watershed management role.”

“I am thrilled to join such a vibrant, professional team,” said Mr. Messervey after a meeting at Kawartha Conservation. “I am very excited to work with staff and the watershed community to continue enhancing the vital programs and services provided by Kawartha Conservation.”

Mr. Messervey has worked with conservation authorities for many years. His career began with the Otonabee Region Conservation Authority and Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority. He then served as General Manager of the Lower Trent Region Conservation Authority for 6 years.

In 1986, he moved to the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and assumed regional then provincial responsibilities for the Conservation Authorities Program before taking on District Manager responsibilities in the Aylmer, Midhurst and Aurora District field offices.

In 2002, Mr. Messervey became the manager of Water Resources with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources in Peterborough. In that role, he had oversight for the Conservation Authorities Program, and responsibilities for Great Lakes protection and management, various emergency management programs, surface water monitoring and drinking water source protection.

Mr. Messervey also holds an Honours Bachelor of Environmental Studies degree from the University of Waterloo and a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Western Ontario.

“As someone who has a deep understanding of conservation authorities and watershed management, and has exceptional administrative skills, Mr. Messervey’s transition will be seamless,” said Kawartha Conservation Vice Chair Donna Villemaire. “We are very pleased to welcome him to the Kawartha Conservation team.”

Kawartha Conservation is a watershed based, non-profit environmental organization that provides conservation, restoration and responsible management of water, land and natural habitats through programs and services that balance human, environmental and economic needs. It is governed by the six municipalities that overlap the natural boundaries of the Kawartha Conservation watershed, which include the City of Kawartha Lakes; Township of Scugog; Township of Brock; Municipality of Clarington; Galway-Cavendish & Harvey; and Cavan Monaghan.

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