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CONSERVATION ONTARIO ELECTS NEW CHAIR



NEWMARKET (APRIL 27, 2006) – We are pleased to announce the election of Dick Hibma of Owen Sound as the new Chair of Conservation Ontario, the provincial network of Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities.

Mr. Hibma previously served five years as Vice Chair with Conservation Ontario and is currently the Chair of Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA). Serving on the GSCA as a public appointment from the City of Owen Sound, Mr. Hibma has been a Director of that organization since 1994 and the Chair since January 1998. Mr. Hibma was a former municipal councillor in City of Owen Sound from 1994 through 2003.

Throughout his tenure with Conservation Ontario, Mr. Hibma was very active in the previous Marketing and Communications strategic committee, playing an important role in finalizing the new brand for Conservation Ontario. Mr. Hibma was elected as one of two Vice Chairs in 2001.

Mr. Hibma, 50, is employed as a Work Management Coordinator with the Bruce Power and is a lifetime resident of Owen Sound and area.

Mr. Hibma replaces Peter Krause, who retired as the former Chair of Conservation Ontario after five years. Conservation Ontario gratefully acknowledges the long time commitment of Mr. Krause who has been a very active representative on behalf of Conservation Ontario on many provincial committees around source water protection. Mr. Krause will continue to serve as Chair of the Grand River Conservation Authority and a member of Conservation Ontario's Council.

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