

BIOGRAPHY

Donald R. Pearson General Manager, Conservation Ontario



Mr. Donald R. Pearson was recently hired as the new General Manager for Conservation Ontario, an organization that represents Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities. Conservation Authorities offer programs and services managing natural resources in partnership with government and communities.

Prior to joining Conservation Ontario Mr. Pearson was the Chief Administrative Officer of the County of Perth since September 15, 2003. In this capacity he was responsible for the coordination and leadership of five County operating departments.

Mr. Pearson was General Manager of the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority for more than two decades, where under his leadership the Authority earned a reputation for excellence and innovation in environmental management with particular emphasis on water quality, soil conservation and community involvement programs. With the UTRCA's support, the Thames was designated as a Canadian Heritage River in 2000.

Don earned a Masters Degree in Public Administration from the University of Western Ontario in 1998 and holds an Honours Science Degree from the University of Waterloo (1975). Outside of work, he serves as Chair of the Board of the Fanshawe Pioneer Village and has been an active community volunteer for the United Way of London and Middlesex (Vice-Chair, Board of Directors and Campaign Chair in 1999 and 2000), the 2001 Canada Summer Games, the Southwestern Ontario Travel Association and the Grand Bend Harbour Committee.

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