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**Cataraqui Region  
Conservation Authority**

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**CRCA Announces New  
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer**

**Kingston** – Following the November 30<sup>th</sup> Board meeting of the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA), the Board is pleased to announce the hiring of Geoff Rae as the new General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of the CRCA. Mr. Rae will be taking over from Steve Knechtel who is retiring after 34 years of service to the Authority.

Mr. Rae has a degree in Engineering and a Master's degree in Business Administration. Geoff comes to the CRCA from his previous position as CAO of the City of Brantford. He brings a broad background in municipal government, with a strong emphasis on strategic leadership, municipal finance, staff development, business and engineering. His business strengths relevant to the CRCA include asset management, capital planning and budget forecasting. Engineering strengths are extensive and include storm water management as well as site alteration administration. He sat on the Lake Erie Source Water Protection Committee from 2007 to 2010 and the Grand River Conservation Authority Watershed Wide Optimization Project as a steering committee member from 2008 to 2015.

Mr. Steve Knechtel joined the CRCA in 1982. After working successfully in various positions in the organization, Mr. Knechtel became the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer in 2004. He demonstrated a great commitment to the work of the CRCA and the communities it serves. Because of Steve's leadership by example and personal integrity, the Authority has a team of dedicated and hardworking professionals. He earned the trust of the staff, and the respect of the communities and partners with which the CRCA collaborates. He moves on to a well-deserved retirement with the best wishes and thanks from all of the CRCA community.

The Board welcomes Geoff and looks forward to working with him when he starts in his new position on December 8, 2016.

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