

REGISTRATION

To register, please fill out the registration form and mail to:

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E-mail: waterforum@grandriver.ca

You can also register on-line at
www.grandriver.ca/waterforum

Please register by September 10, 2010.

Registration fee:
\$100 + \$13 HST
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\$55 + \$7.15 HST

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Please make cheques payable to the Grand River Conservation Authority and complete a separate registration form for each person attending.

The Water Forum will be held outdoors under a "grand" marquee on the grounds of the GRCA Administration Centre. **Please dress accordingly.** Lunch is included in the registration and will accommodate vegetarian diets.

ORGANIZING PARTNERS: Grand River Conservation Authority, Regional Municipality of Waterloo, Ontario Centres of Excellence - Earth & Environment Technologies, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, City of Guelph, MTE Consultants Inc., Six Nations EcoCentre, Trout Unlimited Canada

Morning Program

8:00 - 8:30 a.m. *Registration & Coffee*

8:00 - 2:00 p.m. *Interactive Exhibits & Displays*

8:30 - 8:40 a.m. **Welcome and Greetings**

8:40 - 9:00 a.m. **Ontario Minister of the Environment** - Hon. John Gerretsen (invited)

9:00 - 9:15 a.m. **2010 Watershed Report** - Paul Emerson, CAO, Grand River Conservation Authority

9:15 - 9:45 a.m. **Grand River Watershed Water Forum - A 10 Year Retrospective** - Gord Miller, Environmental Commissioner of Ontario

9:45 - 10:15 a.m. *Refreshment Break*

10:15 - 11:45 a.m. **Panel Discussion: A Grand Future**

- Rob Nixon, Maintenance & Engineering Leader, Owens Corning, Guelph
- Tim Jackson, Tech Capital Partners & CEO, Accelerator Centre, Waterloo
- Municipal Water Managers Working Group
- David Rudolph, Executive & Scientific Director, The Water Institute and Professor, Earth & Environmental Sciences, University of Waterloo (invited)

11:55 - 1:10 p.m. *Luncheon ~ Networking ~ Interactive Exhibits*

Afternoon Program

1:10 - 1:15 p.m. **Welcome**

1:15 - 1:45 p.m. **Keynote Speaker** - Ken Kirkby, Renowned Artist & President, Nile Creek Enhancement Society, Bowser, British Columbia

1:45 - 3:00 p.m. **Panel Discussion: A Grand Community**

- Mark Reusser, Zone Director, Ontario Federation of Agriculture
- Larry Mellors, Grand River Fisheries Management Committee
- Blain Albin, Grand River Dinner Cruises
- Crawford Reid, Chairman, Grand River Conservation Foundation

3:00 - 3:25 p.m. **Wrapping It All Up** - Gord Miller, Environmental Commissioner of Ontario

3:25 - 3:30 p.m. **Closing Comments**

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Inspiring Grand Transformations:
Our Preferred Future

Friday, September 17, 2010

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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400 Clyde Road, Cambridge, Ontario

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Over the past decade, the Grand River Watershed Water Forum has grown to become a premiere gathering of experts on key water issues, growth trends, emerging technologies and innovative solutions.

Inspiring Grand Transformations: Our Preferred Future will allow us to collectively look forward as we focus on ensuring healthy and resilient watersheds for years to come. This event will be of interest to government leaders, municipalities, businesses, farmers, tourism and recreation providers; as well as individuals who truly care about the Grand River Watershed.

Keynote Speakers - Inspiring Grand Transformations: Our Preferred Future

Gord Miller

Environmental Commissioner of Ontario

Gord Miller was first sworn in as the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario in January, 2000 to oversee the continued implementation of, and compliance with, the Environmental Bill of Rights. He has now been re-appointed for his third term. He oversees 14 ministries and monitors and reports annually on environmental activities in Ontario. Prior to his appointment as Environmental Commissioner, Gord worked as a scientist in pollution abatement and in environmental education and training.



Photo: Hayley Easto

Gord, besides providing his unique observations in summarizing the day's discussions, will also look back at the past ten years of the Water Forum, encapsulating the discussion, actions and changes that have transpired as we continue toward "our preferred future" in water management.

Ken Kirkby

Renowned Artist & President, Nile Creek Enhancement Society, British Columbia

Ken Kirkby's passion for melding both the cultural and natural worlds of Canada is truly awe inspiring. At 18, he arrived in Canada ready to explore the country and its people. He has created countless works depicting the arctic and first nations cultures, including the world's largest oil-on-canvas portrait "Isumataq" which introduced many of us to the inukshuk (stone cairn) built by the Inuit. Ken's valuable contributions to the arctic government led to being awarded the 125th Anniversary Confederation of Canada medal.

From his home on Vancouver Island where he continues to paint, Ken has dedicated countless hours to the restoration of nearby creeks. He and other volunteers of the Nile Creek Enhancement Society successfully brought pink salmon back to a stream that had been essentially devoid of fish. In so doing, the Society was awarded the first ever Environmental Restoration & Rehabilitation Gold Award in 2007 by Canadian Geographic and the Canadian Government for its accomplishments.



Paul Emerson

Chief Administrative Officer, Grand River Conservation Authority

Paul Emerson grew up in Paris, Ontario. He holds a Bachelor of Environmental Studies Degree from the University of Waterloo and is a member of the Ontario Professional Planners Institute. During his time with the GRCA his duties have ranged from general conservation labour and field inspections to responsibility for the administration of the authority's resource planning / regulation programs. In 2000, Paul was appointed to the position of Chief Administrative Officer. He is a Director and Past President of the Brant Waterways Foundation, and a former Executive Committee member of the Soil and Water Conservation Society.



Water Forum Panel Discussions

This year's panel discussions have been adapted to incorporate an exchange of ideas between the participants, as well as an opportunity for significant interaction from the audience. The morning panel will focus on *Our Grand Future*, discussing how we are managing and conserving our water resources; while the afternoon panel, *Our Grand Community*, will highlight the importance and appreciation for our watersheds. All panelists will be looking toward *Our Preferred Future*.