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Cambridge CAO Retires Council Thanks Smith for Commitment and Dedication

Cambridge, Ontario. March 10, 2009...The City of Cambridge announces today the retirement of their Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Don Smith which will take effect on March 15, 2009.

"After considerable soul searching and extensive reflection, I have decided, after more than twenty years as CAO, that it is time for a change," says Don Smith. "I have been extremely privileged to enjoy the trust and confidence of successive city councils and mayors and, most of all, to work in this great community. The men and women employed by the City of Cambridge are outstanding public servants and it has been a privilege to lead this group for so long. While there is always more to be done, I am confident in the team I have led and in the future of Cambridge."

Smith is best known for his work in achieving a debt-free status for the corporation; leadership in building the University of Waterloo - School of Architecture; overseeing the construction of Cambridge City Hall, Canada's greenest city hall; and facilitating major investments to the City including the establishment of Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada. Throughout his service with the corporation, he emphasized the importance of honesty and integrity in carrying out any initiative.

Mayor Doug Craig says Don Smith is a dedicated CAO who will retire to pursue other opportunities. "For more than 20 years, Don has served this community and served it well. On behalf of City Council and the people of the City of Cambridge, I thank Don for his dedication, his hard work and his commitment to public service."

Don Smith, M.Sc., M.C.I.P. has been Chief Administrative Officer with the City of Cambridge since 1988. He began his career with the City in 1985 as Commissioner of Planning. A graduate of the University of Waterloo where he attended the School of Urban and Regional Planning, Don also attended the London School of Economics (LSE) where he majored in Public Policy and Public Administration. He graduated with Distinction from LSE in 1984. During his career, Don has worked for the Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario, as well as a number of municipalities. He is a Registered Professional Planner, and active in a number of important professional organizations including: the Canadian Institute of Planners, the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators, the International City Managers' Association, and the Ontario Municipal Administrators' Association where he served as President in

1998. Don is a dynamic member of the community dedicating time to roles with the United Way as Public Sector Chair; the One Voice, One Vision Hospital Fundraising Campaign as Co-Chair Major Gifts and as past Chair and Board member of the Cambridge Memorial Hospital Foundation. Don's leadership helped to establish the regional economic development organization, Canada's Technology Triangle and the newly formed Waterloo Region Tourism Marketing Corporation.

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The City of Cambridge is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. It is strategically located astride highway 401 in Southwestern Ontario, part of Canada's Technology Triangle. In 2009, the population reached over 126,000 people. With a multicultural mix and a strong foundation of support services, Cambridge has a diverse economic base with leading industries in manufacturing, automotive, high technology, pharmaceutical, business and financial services and hospitality/retail. The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is an employer with a work environment that offers the opportunity to provide service to the community through creativity and innovation, and with opportunities for career growth and advancement. Based on the 2007 BMA Management Consulting Inc Municipal Study, the City of Cambridge is one of only four municipalities in the province that is debt free.

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