
For Immediate Release**City of Cambridge Announces New CAO**

Cambridge, Ontario. March 30, 2009...Cambridge City Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Jim King as Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) effective immediately.

Mr. King has extensive knowledge of the corporation and has served the City for over three decades. Since 1976, his roles have given him a variety of high level experience in a multitude of departments. He has continued to progress through the organization having served as Assistant to the CAO, Director of Employee and Corporate Development, Director of Personnel Services, and Director of Recreation. Most recently, Commissioner of Community Services, Mr. King directed one of the City's largest departments. He recently led the Leisure Services and Facilities Master Plan update which sets the direction for the corporation over the next 20 years. A graduate of the University of Waterloo with a Bachelor of Arts, Mr. King holds a Masters of Public Administration from the University of Western Ontario.

Mayor Doug Craig says he is the pleased to have Jim assume the top staff position. "We believe in the management team and are delighted to have selected one of our own as our new leader. It is so important to have our CAO in place to address some of the immediate challenges for the City. Jim's qualifications and experience will help us continue to build momentum," says Craig.

In his role, Mr. King will be responsible for directing a municipal organization of some 600 people with an annual budget exceeding \$100 million. One of the few debt-free municipalities in the country, Cambridge continues to focus on fiscal responsibility, energy savings and friendly environmental practices.

"I am excited to take on this new role. We have a dynamic team and there are so many important initiatives underway. My first order of business is to sit down with Council and senior management to carefully review the projects and etch out a game plan going forward," says King.

Active in the community, Mr. King was a member of the Society of Directors of Municipal Recreation of Ontario; the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association; and the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators where he served as President in 1984/85. He is past Chair of the Cambridge/North Dumfries United Way fundraising campaign and has also served as a Member of the Board for the Cambridge Y.M.C.A and Can-Am Games.

What's ahead according to Mayor Craig? Attention to the many issues resulting from the downturn in the economy and developing strategies to address these challenges is key. He adds that infrastructure projects and funding will be an important focus for the City going forward.

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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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