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## **Cambridge Extends CAO's Term Jim King will lead the corporation through to September 2013**

Cambridge, Ontario. March 10, 2011...Mayor Doug Craig and members of Cambridge City Council are pleased to announce that the current Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Jim King, will continue to serve the corporation until September 2013.

King was appointed CAO in April 2009 and his contract was set to expire upon his retirement this September.

"We've had some very successful developments under Mr. King's leadership and I am pleased that he has agreed to stay on for an extended period to see us through many important initiatives," said Mayor Doug Craig.

One important project includes his leadership on the city-wide service review. He recently concluded the first and second phases of the corporate service review which trimmed more than \$5 million off the starting point for the 2011 budget process.

"The two phases of the service review have allowed our team to examine operations, find efficiencies and build a four year strategy," says King. "Council recently approved phase 3, the final phase of the internally-driven review, that will investigate the capital programs with a view to addressing priorities for the next budget cycle."

King has dedicated over 30 years to the City of Cambridge. His extensive experience touches nearly every facet of the corporation; He has served as Assistant to the CAO, Director of Employee and Corporate Development, Director of Personnel Services, Director of Recreation, and Commissioner of Community Services. A graduate of the University of Waterloo with a Bachelor of Arts, King holds a Masters of Public Administration from the University of Western Ontario.

The City of Cambridge manages more than \$2 billion in assets and its 2011 operating and capital budgets surpass \$75 million. The corporation was recently named the first 'Smarter City' in Canada by IBM. In keeping with sustainable development practices, King is also driving the development of an official "green" corporate policy. The latest capital project at the Public Works Yard incorporates a green wall bio-filter and solar power generation in the mix.

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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 2010, the population was over 130,000 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. It's about choice, options and value when you become part of the community.

You meet the nicest people in Cambridge. It's a place that understands all about coming together. There is so much more to Cambridge than the beautiful lands created at the convergence of two rivers or its logistically perfect location in the heart of Ontario's economic corridor. Cambridge is the coming together of people from diverse, close-knit and proud communities. The people of Cambridge 'do the right thing' by respecting history, family values, a sound work ethic, the arts, environment and advancement. A young city, Cambridge is a master of balancing the excitement and promise of the new with the historical significance and stability of the old. A place where coming together is just the start. Uniting together is what sets Cambridge apart. Undiscovered-Cambridge families and entrepreneurs get more for less, and sacrifice nothing.

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 potential for career growth and advancement. For more information on the area or the corporation visit [www.cambridge.ca](http://www.cambridge.ca). The City of Cambridge press room is located at <http://www.cambridge.ca/pressroom>. To opt out of the news release distribution, please send an email to Linda Fegan [feganl@cambridge.ca](mailto:feganl@cambridge.ca).