



# General Manager

Conservation Ontario is a not-for-profit association that supports the network of Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities. We are governed by a Board of Directors and directed by a Council comprised of representatives from each of the Conservation Authorities. **Conservation Authorities** are community-based watershed management agencies, whose mandate is to undertake watershed-based programs to protect people and property from flooding, and other natural hazards, and to conserve natural resources for economic, social and environmental benefits.

Our vision is to engage Conservation Authorities in matters of common interest and to shape effective policy relating to Conservation Authorities. Our mission is to promote and continually strengthen a watershed-based conservation coalition in Ontario. The business programs we are accountable for include Policy and Program Development, Business Development and Partnerships, Government Relations, Information Management and Research, Education and Training, Collective Corporate Services and Communications.

## Your Opportunity Makes a Difference

As the ideal candidate you are an inspiring, principled and collaborative leader with a proven track record of accomplishments. You have exceptional communication skills and political acumen to interact with government and diverse stakeholders, foster the development of relationships and partnerships, and inspire our employees. In addition, you will have a comprehensive knowledge of public policy formulation and a solid understanding of the mandate, programs and practices of conservation authorities.

A minimum of 10 years in a position with a conservation authority, government, business, not-for-profit or an association is required. A degree in Environmental Sciences, Political Science, Public or Business Administration is a preferred qualification.

As our new **General Manager** you will be responsible for the strategic leadership in the development and implementation of policies and programs, and the decisions of its Council and Board of Directors. This includes:

- leading and directing a network that monitors emerging issues and opportunities related to the business of **Conservation Authorities**. Acting as a spokesperson and sharing Conservation Ontario's positioning, communicating the value of conservation authorities and advocating a collective position.
- government relations/advocacy to establish and maintain an excellent working relationship with officials at all levels of government and with key stakeholders to inform and influence legislative and regulatory changes that will impact the conservation authorities.
- responsibility for implementing overall administrative and fiduciary controls including staff management, budget management, policy development, coordination of business operations, improving administrative services and most importantly, ensuring valued member services.

## How to Apply

To explore this opportunity please apply via email **by June 17, 2022 or sooner to [careers@waterhousesearch.ca](mailto:careers@waterhousesearch.ca)** quoting project **CO-GM**. Should you wish to speak to our Executive Recruiter or to receive a detailed position description please contact Amy Oliveira at 416-214-9299 x4, [amyoliveira@waterhousesearch.com](mailto:amyoliveira@waterhousesearch.com) or Jon Stungevicius at 416-214-9299 x1, [jon@waterhousesearch.com](mailto:jon@waterhousesearch.com).

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