

NEW CHAIR OF THE MISSISSIPPI-RIDEAU SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED

FEBRUARY 27, 2017, RIDEAU VALLEY AND MISSISSIPPI VALLEY WATERSHEDS – The Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee has a new Chair. The Ontario Minister of Environment and Climate Change has appointed Ken Graham to take on this important role under Ontario's *Clean Water Act*.

The Source Protection Committee represents multiple stakeholders and oversees the drinking water source protection program locally. Source protection involves establishing and implementing policies to protect drinking water sources, specifically the rivers and groundwater that supply municipal drinking water systems.

Ken Graham brings to the position of Chair broad experience related to environmental protection and many years of service to his community in a variety of capacities. He served 20 years as an elected Smiths Falls Town Councillor and 11 years on the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors including three as Chair. Mr. Graham has also held Board of Directors positions at numerous other organizations such as the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit, the Smiths Falls Airport Commission, the Perth and Smiths Falls District Hospital, Smiths Falls Child Development Center and the Smiths Falls Heritage House Museum. In his professional career, Mr. Graham was a civilian employee of the Ontario Provincial Police, a Police Officer with the Smiths Falls Police Service and an Investigator with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment.

In making the appointment, Minister Glen Murray stated that clean and safe drinking water is one of the most significant priorities facing Ontario and Ken Graham's leadership as Chair of the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee will be key to the local success of the drinking water source protection program.

– end –

For more information contact:

Allison Gibbons, Source Protection Project Manager, RVCA
613-692-3571 or 1-800-267-3504, ext. 1148
allison.gibbons@mrsourcewater.ca
www.mrsourcewater.ca

Rideau Valley
Conservation Authority
3889 Rideau Valley Drive
PO Box 599
Manotick, ON K4M 1A5

613 692 3571
800 267 3504

info@rvca.ca
www.rvca.ca