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OCSI speaks with one voice on behalf of Ontario's infrastructure professionals

The Ontario Coalition for Sustainable Infrastructure (OCSI) is pleased to announce the appointment of Carl Bodimeade as Chair, Paul Jankowski as Vice-Chair and Catherine Jefferson as Executive Director.

The mission of OCSI is the promotion of "Safe and Sustainable Infrastructure". Originally formed in 2006, OCSI has evolved as a unified voice progressively promoting infrastructure needs and concerns. OCSI's objectives are:

- to be an authoritative and professional voice on public infrastructure matters;
- to provide professional and technical advice and commentary relating to public infrastructure;
- to promote reasonable, workable legislation relating to public infrastructure;
- to facilitate the sharing of information among member organizations and coordinate approaches to common issues;
- to speak with a single, coordinated voice on behalf of the five member organizations.

OCSI brings together the combined resources of five well-established organizations, with a combined membership of private and public sector professionals from municipalities, academia, consulting/engineering firms, equipment suppliers, First Nations, provincial/federal government departments, and others., to work toward sustainable infrastructure in Ontario. The Coalition comprises:

- Municipal Engineers Association (MEA)
- Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA)
- Ontario Public Works Association (OPWA)
- Ontario Water Works Association (OWWA)
- Water Environment Association of Ontario (WEAO).

Each of the five constituent organizations is represented in OCSI by their Executive Director, plus two Board-level representatives.

OCSI's website address is www.on-csi.ca where you can find further information on the Coalition and the issues it is working on; Catherine can be reached at 705 652-9732 or catherine.jefferson@on-csi.ca. OCSI welcomes interest from other organizations and encourages dialogue in order to bring issues to government's attention.

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