## **NVCA** welcomes interim CAO

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) board of directors is pleased to announce that Gayle Wood will join the authority as interim Chief Administrative Officer starting in October.

?We are excited that someone of Gayle's calibre has agreed to step into the CAO position,? said Nina Bifolchi, Wasaga Beach Councillor and Chair of NVCA. ?The board is confident that with her wealth of experience, Gayle will be a significant asset to NVCA during this period of transition and moving forward.?

Ms. Wood has a long and impressive career in integrated watershed management. Ms. Wood is set to retire from the CAO position at Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA), a position she has held for nearly two decades.

In addition to her time at LSRCA, Ms. Wood has worked with the provincial ministries of Natural Resources and Environment, and with the Niagara Peninsula and Ganaraska Region conservation authorities. Her work on watershed management has extended beyond the province. Ms. Wood has trained delegates from China, Thailand and several other countries, and continues to serve on the International Joint Commission's Water Quality Board.

Ms. Wood takes over from Wayne Wilson, who had been in the role for the past 22 years. She is expected to serve as CAO for the next six months, and will guide the search for a permanent successor.