

Chitra Gowda appointed new CAO at NBMCA



The North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority Board Members are pleased to announce the selection of Chitra Gowda as the new CAO of NBMCA.

Chitra brings more than 20 years of experience in collaboration, strategic planning, administration, governance, water program and policy, science and communications. She has worked in consulting, academic, municipal and conservation authority realms.

Chitra was the provincial Source Water Protection Lead at Conservation Ontario for about six years, and more recently was the Senior Manager, Watershed Planning and Source Protection at Conservation Halton. She led and co-led numerous multi-stakeholder initiatives such as knowledge management, communication strategies, climate change assessments and low impact development.

Chitra has worked with public and private sectors, Indigenous peoples, all levels of government and others towards integrated watershed management to meet socio-economic needs and environmental protection.

In 2020, Chitra was awarded the Water's Next Leader Award of the Canadian Water Summit, for demonstrated significant leadership, innovation, and influence in the Canadian water sector. Chitra embraces thinking outside the box, managing change, innovation, data driven actions, and digital transformation.

"I am very excited to begin working in the vibrant North Bay-Mattawa watershed, with its ongoing growth and opportunities surrounded by abundant natural resources. NBMCA is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, and the significant achievements of the staff and Board are commended. I look forward to our new path ahead!"

Chitra succeeds Brian Tayler, retiring June 30, 2022, whose career in conservation spanned 40 years, including the last 19 years with NBMCA.

Dave Britton
Chair

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