

News Release

Mayor Anne Krassilowsky honoured with OMWA Award of Exceptional Merit

Belleville, May 12, 2008 - At the Ontario Municipal Water Association's annual general meeting in London on April 28th, Director Mark Howson, Chair of the Sault Ste. Marie Public Utilities Commission, proudly announced that Dryden Mayor Anne Krassilowsky is the recipient of the 2008 OMWA Award of Exceptional Merit.

In presenting the award, Mark Howson said, "Mayor Krassilowsky has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to bringing the issues of public water supply in Northern Ontario to the attention of OMWA members and to the Provincial government through her participation on the OMWA Board of Directors".

This award is presented to those individuals who have made a contribution of exceptional merit to OMWA or the waterworks industry either over an extended period of time or by distinguished service to a special project.

"I am thrilled to accept this award from OMWA. We all share a commitment to providing safe drinking water to our communities," said Mayor Anne Krassilowsky. "Some of the challenges we face in Northern communities are different from the rest of Ontario, and require special consideration."

Mayor Krassilowsky has been a director on the Ontario Municipal Water Association since 2004. Working in collaboration with her fellow OMWA directors from Northern Ontario, she has been instrumental in bringing members of the OMWA Board of Directors to Northern Ontario, to participate at key Northern conferences on public water supply and to hear first hand from Northern Ontarians of the challenges that their smaller communities face on a daily basis.

The Ontario Municipal Water Association has a membership of over 190 municipalities with over 50 from Northern Ontario. Twenty five percent of the Board of Directors comes from the north. The President for 2008-2009 is Nick Benkovich, Director Water and Wastewater Services for the City of Greater Sudbury.

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