

## Mike Walters - Biography



Michael Walters is the Chief Administrative Officer at the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) and reports to the Chair and Board of Directors (BOD).

The CAO has the full charge and direction of all employees and is responsible for providing the leadership in all operational matters pertaining to the LSRCA's mandate. The CAO provides information and acts as liaison to 20 member municipalities, Federal and Provincial agencies, and stakeholders. Michael is also responsible for providing recommendations on policy and operational matters to the BOD, coordination of strategic planning, visioning, long term business and annual work plans, the Corporate Culture initiative and performance measures. The CAO also attends meetings and provides presentations to advance the work of the LSRCA soliciting support and funding from multiple stakeholders.

Michael graduated in 1983 with an Honours Degree in Physical Geography from the University of Western Ontario and has co-authored a number of research and journal publications, and a book on watershed monitoring. Throughout his thirty year career, Michael has applied his expertise locally and internationally, developing and implementing strategic plans, pollution control strategies, planning policy, integrated watershed plans, and subsequently implemented programs to protect and improve ecosystem health.

Michael is currently serving on the Federal Great Lakes Science Annex, Provincial Lake Simcoe Protection Plan Coordinating Committee, Conservation Ontario Council and Conservation Authorities Moraine Coalition. He is a member of the International Water Association (IWA) and Canadian Water Resources Association (CWRA), and the Water Environment Federation (WEF).

Specialties: Strategic and Business Planning, Water Management, Land Use Planning, Research and Development, Watershed Modeling and Monitoring.