



## OAK RIDGES MORaine LAND TRUST

Dear Friends of the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust,

It is a privilege to introduce myself as the new CEO of the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust.

For me, this is more than the beginning of a new role. It is an opportunity to help steward a place that is deeply important to the communities, ecosystems, and landscapes it sustains, and to build on the extraordinary work that has made the Land Trust what it is today.

I join ORMLT with tremendous respect for the people who have shaped this organization over many years: our staff, Board, volunteers, landowners, donors, partners, supporters, and, of course, my predecessor, Susan. Their commitment has protected important lands, built lasting relationships, and established a strong foundation for the future.

My first priority is to listen and learn.

I want to better understand the people, places, partnerships, and stories that define the Land Trust, while spending time with those who know the Moraine best. I also want to hear what you believe is possible for this organization and for the landscape we are collectively working to protect.

Because the opportunity before us is significant.

The Oak Ridges Moraine is not simply a beautiful landscape. It is a living system that supports communities, provides habitat, protects water, connects ecosystems, and contributes to the environmental health of a much larger region.

Protecting it requires more than conservation alone. It requires relationships. Awareness. Stewardship. Partnership. Generosity. And a shared understanding that the future of the Moraine belongs to all of us.

In the years ahead, I believe there is an opportunity to introduce many more people to this remarkable place, deepen the connections between conservation and community, strengthen the relationships that make our work possible, and ensure the Land Trust is positioned to protect even more of what matters.

That work will build on the strong foundation already in place.

As I begin, I am grateful for the warmth with which I have been welcomed and for the trust placed in me by the Board. I am especially looking forward to meeting many of you in the

weeks and months ahead, on the Moraine, in our communities, and through the work we will undertake together.

There will be much more to share as this next chapter unfolds.

For now, thank you for protecting this extraordinary landscape, for believing in the work of the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust, and for allowing me the opportunity to be part of what comes next.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, featuring a large, stylized 'P' followed by a series of vertical strokes.