

**2016 Annual General Meeting Agenda of the
Centre for Applied Sciences in Ontario Protected Areas (CASIOPA)**

Day 1: Protected Areas in a Landscape Context

Day 2: Protected Areas in the Great Lakes

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University of Waterloo (School of Environment, Resources & Sustainability)

**Thursday October 20 and Friday October 21
at the University of Waterloo Federation Hall Conference Centre**



Audience. We intend this conference to appeal to a broad audience of professionals and students from private, government, NGO, and academic sectors interested in expert advice, roundtable participation, and contributing presentations to the thorny problem of concurrent management and motivating people to visit parks and protected areas that improve human health and maintain ecological integrity.

Registration is Online: <https://www.regonline.ca/registration/Checkin.aspx?EventID=1884242>

(Fees detailed there; in summary: \$50 2-day including lunch+breaks/\$40 1-day/\$20 students)

Accommodation: There are several nearby hotels (Google search; several are near St. Jacob's Market)

Reaching the University of Waterloo (last link is updates on road construction; there is a lot of construction):

- <https://uwaterloo.ca/about/how-find-us/maps-and-directions>
- <http://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/gettingAround/To-and-From-the-Region.asp>
- http://www.waterloo.ca/en/closures/closures.aspx?_mid_=797

Thursday October 20: Protected Areas in a Landscape Context

0915-1000	Protected areas in a landscape context Steve Murphy/Heather Cray/Michael McTavish/Patricia Huynh/Tomm Mandryk University of Waterloo
1000-1030	Refreshment Break (provided)
1030-1200	Developing an ecological integrity strategy and action plan for provincial parks and conservation reserves Leala Pomfret-Schiller, OMNRF (Presentation) & Stephen Murphy, U Waterloo (Roundtable Discussion Facilitator)
1200-1300	Lunch (provided)
1300-1330	Policy and planning framework for the Far North initiative Elaine Hardy & Adam King, OMNRF
1330-1430	Climate change vulnerability in protected areas: Example of the Hudson Bay Lowlands Jim McLaughlin, OMNRF
1430-1500	Roundtable on Far North Initiative/climate change vulnerability Stephen Murphy (Roundtable Discussion Facilitator)
1500-1530	Refreshment Break (provided)
1530-1630	Protecting landscapes for environmental sustainability: The example of sand dunes in Israel Pua Bar, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
1630-1800	Free time (pre-dinner)
1800-onward	Dinner (pay as you go) at East Side Mario's near University Campus

Friday October 21: Protected Areas in the Great Lakes

0900-1000	Great Lakes protected areas: Great challenges, Great opportunities Scott Parker, Parks Canada
1000-1030	Refreshment Break (provided)
1030-1130	Standing on the shore: The extent of protected and other conservation lands within the Coastal Plain of the Lower Great Lakes Graham Bryan, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Canadian Wildlife Service
1130-1200 <i>Lightning Talks by Students on their research in progress</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perceived human health & well-being benefits of diverse natural environments in Pinery Provincial Park: Catherine Reining, WLU • Restoring Coastal Lake Huron: Laura Williams, University of Waterloo • Turnabout – Using pest species for ecological restoration: Erin Palmer-Kirkham, University of Waterloo
1200-1300	Lunch (provided)
1300-1330	European fire ants in protected areas Carolyn Duthie, York University
1330-1400	Double crested cormorants in Great Lakes protected areas Gail Fraser, York University
1400-1430	Biodiversity hotspots transformed by invasive grass Rebecca Rooney, University of Waterloo
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