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Water Experts to Gather for Water Week at Blue, CWRA National Conference - Shared Water, Competing Ethics: Collaboration in Water Management and Canadian Water Summit - Partnering to Innovate in the Blue Economy

Blue Mountain Resort, ON – [Water Week at Blue](#) kicks off at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, May 26th, at Blue Mountain Resort near Collingwood, ON with Welcome Remarks and an Address from **Chief Lester Anoquot, Chief of Chippewas of Saugeen First Nation**. Other Keynote speakers on Monday include:

- Mayor Brian Saunderson and Former Mayor Terry Geddes who will talk about taking the **Collingwood Harbour from Shipbuilding to Water Tech**
- Rob de Loë, University of Waterloo and Director of the Water Policy and Governance Group, who will discuss **Collaboration's Future in the Great Lakes Basin**

Tuesday's Keynote speaker will be **Merrell-Ann Phare**, one of Canada's three newly appointed Commissioners of the International Joint Commission and a respected lawyer on water governance and Indigenous rights.

This year, the Canadian Water Resources Association (CWRA) has partnered with the Canadian Water Summit to host [Water Week at Blue](#) from May 26 - 31. Experts in water resources management and relationships with water will gather at Blue Mountain Resort to discuss various topics and issues related to the conference themes of [Shared Water, Competing Ethics: Collaboration in Water Management and Partnering to Innovate in the Blue Economy](#).

Various presentations, workshops, special sessions, and meetings will highlight different perspectives from a large cross section of water experts from Indigenous communities, not-for-profit organizations, academia, private sector, and municipal, provincial, and federal governments. "As water resources professionals, it is our passion to protect and manage these resources effectively as the built environment and global climate change add new pressures on our watersheds" says CWRA Ontario Branch President Jeff Hirvonen.

CWRA is Canada's largest non-government organization dealing with water. The CWRA is a national organization of water resource professionals from the public, private, and academic sectors who are committed to promoting responsible, innovative, and effective water resources management. Formed in 1947 as the Western Canada Reclamation Association, CWRA is the only national organization addressing all water resources issues across all regions of Canada. We offer a range of services and programs focused on professional development, providing expertise and advice, education, and collaboration. Further details about CWRA can be found at www.cwra.org. The National Conference Program can be found at www.conference.cwra.org/program.

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