

## Town appoints acting CAO

Caledon's Director of Parks and Recreation is likely to get a lot busier later this month.

The Town announced last week that Laura Johnston will be acting Chief Administrative Officer, effective Oct. 26.

"Laura is a natural collaborator and community builder," commented Mayor Allan Thompson. "We are fortunate to have her on our leadership team and we are pleased to have her serve Council and the Caledon community as Interim CAO."

She will be taking over for current CAO Doug Barnes, who will be retiring.

Johnston has had two career assignments at the Town of Caledon. She was the Town's Communications Specialist and, later, Manager of Communications from 2008 to 2011. Between that and appointment with the Parks and Recreation Department, she was Director of the Communications Department at the City of Kitchener.

Johnston has proven to be an effective leader in all three of these endeavours. In communications, she focused on promoting Caledon and creating the Caledon brand. In Kitchener, she was responsible for the City's marketing initiatives and strategic communications. In her current role in Parks and Recreation, she has created a new culture of community building and fostering partnerships.

"I'm honoured with the opportunity, and excited by the potential of leading community for the next few months," Johnston commented

