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**Hamilton Port Authority continues to make the environment a priority**

The Hamilton Port Authority (HPA) is pleased to announce that Marilyn Baxter will be joining the staff as Manager, Environmental reporting to Linda MacDonald, Vice-President, Operations and Harbour Master.

Marilyn was most recently Executive Director of the Bay Area Restoration Council, the community not-for-profit group that assesses and promotes clean-up projects for the Hamilton Harbour and its watershed. Marilyn is a past recipient of a Conservation Halton Award of Excellence and is currently steering committee chair of the Hamilton Area Eco-Network.

“The entire management and staff are thrilled that Marilyn has taken on this challenge” said President and CEO Keith Robson, adding “this position was a difficult one for our human resources department to fill, however Marilyn’s integrity and commitment to the environment is unquestioned and we could not have selected a more qualified and dedicated candidate”

In this newly created position Marilyn will assume responsibility for assessing and implementing the HPA’s environmental code of conduct and will contribute to the Randle Reef and Fishermans Pier planning process. In addition, she will coordinate HPA participation in important industry initiatives such as Green Marine and Great Ships.

“If anyone had any doubt about this organizations commitment to environmental responsibility this appointment should go a long way towards dispelling them” stated HPA chair Al Peckham “we are the first port on the Great Lakes to have an employee dedicated full time to ensuring that we meet our environmental targets, we believe it is that important”.

The Port of Hamilton is the leading Canadian Port on the Great Lakes for maritime trade handling over 12 million tonnes of cargo and more than 700 vessel calls per year. The Hamilton Port Authority is committed to contributing to the economic and environmental vitality of our community.

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