



NEWS RELEASE

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EXECUTIVE FOR CKLAG CONSORTIUM

At the November organizational meeting the members of the Chatham-Kent Lambton Administrators Group, known as CKLAG re-elected the current officers:

Chair: **Paul De Sadeleer**, Director of Education of the Lambton Kent District School Board

Vice-Chair: **Margaret Nelson**, Director of Education of the St. Clair Catholic District School Board

Treasurer: **Joe Pavelka**, Chief Administrative Officer of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Paul De Sadeleer said "I am looking forward to working with the CKLAG members on key projects and initiatives for 2003. Our goal, through our collective efforts, is to provide better service at a lower cost, in health, education and municipal services, to the residents of the areas we represent. Last year, over \$1.9 million in new savings were achieved and attributed to the activities of this consortium."

The CKLAG Executive received a report from the Training Sub-Committee on their shared training initiatives, which have realized over \$30,000 in savings for staff training and development during this past year. The Information Technology Committee reported on the successful launching of the Community Web Portal, which was made possible by a Connect Ontario grant and a Geo-Smart grant, awarded to the CKLAG members. Additional grant applications, made available only through community partnerships or consortiums, such as CKLAG, are pending.

Backgrounder:

CKLAG members include the Chief Executive Officer or Chief Administrative Officer of each of the following colleges, school boards, hospitals and municipalities within Lambton and Chatham-Kent:

- Chatham-Kent Health Alliance
- City of Sarnia
- County of Lambton
- Lambton College of Applied Arts & Technology
- Lambton Hospitals Group
- Lambton Kent District School Board
- Municipality of Chatham-Kent
- Ridgetown College – University of Guelph
- St. Clair Catholic District School Board
- St. Clair College of Applied Arts & Technology – Chatham-Kent Campus

In addition to the Executive Committee, CKLAG operates with four standing sub-committees: Finance, Information Technology, Operations/Purchasing and Human Resources, which are very proactive in projects and initiatives resulting in further cost savings and efficiencies, cost avoidance and other soft benefits such as networking and sharing of knowledge and expertise.

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