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ANNOUNCEMENT: The Honourable Eleanor McMahon
New Member, Advisory Committee, Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation
University of Waterloo

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We are pleased to announce that The Honourable Eleanor McMahon (“Eleanor”) has joined the Advisory Committee, Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation, University of Waterloo.



Eleanor is a seasoned executive experienced in the private, public and non-profit sectors. She spent the early years of her career working on Parliament Hill, including as press secretary to the Rt. Honourable Jean Chrétien. Later, she brought her consensus-building know-how to a variety of other roles including Director Public Affairs, Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association, and Vice-President at the Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

Eleanor served as the Member of Provincial Parliament for Burlington from 2014 to 2018 and was appointed to Cabinet as Ontario’s Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport and as the President of the Treasury Board.

Following her public service career, Eleanor served as CEO of the Trans Canada Trail, and at the University of Waterloo as Vice President University Relations. She continues to serve as a Director on several boards.

Eleanor currently leads her own consulting firm McMahon Public Affairs and Communications, supporting clients and organizations in a variety of sectors across Canada with government relations and public affairs counsel.

We are pleased that Eleanor will bring her insights to advance Canada’s preparedness for climate change and extreme weather risk.

Sincerely,



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