The Bruce Beckons

Ontario Nature's 85th Annual Gathering

June 3-5, 2016
Evergreen Resort, South Bruce Peninsula

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

8:45—9:45 a.m. on Saturday, June 4th

Ontario's Environmental Bill of Rights: A Toolkit for Change

Ellen Schwartzel, Deputy Environmental Commissioner of Ontario

Protecting and funding natural heritage lands, species at risk, bird collisions with buildings, and barriers to fish movements; these are a few of the topics **Ellen Schwartzel** will share from the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario's most recent Annual Report, Small Things Matter. Ellen will also provide a bird's eye view of Ontario's premier toolkit for citizen advocacy, the Environmental Bill of Rights. Learn how citizen engagement has made a difference on many issues and how your input matters.

Ellen Schwartzel joined the ECO in 1995. She has advised former commissioners on a broad suite of policy areas, including climate change, urban air quality, sand and gravel extraction, water taking, environmental assessment and municipal wastewater management. One of her current priorities is to help Ontarians use their citizen engagement toolkit under the Environmental Bill of Rights. Prior to joining the ECO, Ellen spent several years in advocacy for environmental organizations. Her academic background is in botany, and she shares a small Toronto garden with her husband, two kids and an ever-changing scramble of native plants, birds and bugs.

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