



# Ontario Ground Water Association

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## Past Presidents:

1952 Wilfred Field  
1953 - 54 Frank Hammond  
1955 - 56 Carl Laramie  
1957 Doug McLean  
1958 Ellis McLaughlin  
1959 - 61 Norm Faulkner  
1962 Clayton Shantz  
1963 - 64 Doug McLean  
1965 Bill Dale  
1966 Carol Rutledge  
1967 Russ McLaughlin  
1968 Fred Johnston  
1969 Bill Wilson  
1970 Ken Hart  
1971 Ralph Snider  
1972 Neil Hopper  
1973 Andy Knelsen  
1974 Ken Constable  
1975 Gerry Charbonneau  
1976 Doug Davidson  
1977 John E. Wilson  
1978 Jim Faulkner  
1979 Ray Field  
1980 - 81 Bob Bisson  
1982 - 83 Yvon Allard  
1984 - 85 Durl Hopper  
1986 - 87 John R. Wilson  
1988 - 89 Clarke Watson  
1990 - 91 Theo Gerrits  
1992 - 93 Jim Rennison  
1994 - 95 Herb Lang  
1996 - 97 Peter Wilson  
1998 - 99 Bill Davidson  
2000 - 02 Terry Marquardt  
2003 - 05 Allan Wright  
2005 - 07 Kevin Constable  
2007 - 09 K.C. Craig Stainton

“When the well is dry, we know the worth of water.” – Benjamin Franklin 1746

## Mission Statement

The Ontario Ground Water Association is a not-for-profit organization established in 1952. OGWA is comprised of diverse ground water professionals. The board of OGWA is made up of volunteers passionate about protecting Ontario’s most precious resource, ground water. Our purpose is to provide guidance to members, government representatives, and the public for sound scientific, economic, and beneficial development, protection, and management of ground water resources.

OGWA facilitates accessible worthwhile seminars, conferences and opportunities for idea exchange and problem solving amongst members and interested parties. OGWA has an interest in education as ongoing protection of ground water can only occur if the public and industry are knowledgeable.

## OGWA’s goals are to:

- Continually serve as recognized stewards of ground water in Ontario
- Promote the understanding of scientific, technical, legal, and public policy aspects of ground water
- Provide a forum for exchange of information among ground water professionals, governmental representatives, and other interested parties on all aspects of ground water resources
- Disseminate information to governments, schools, and civic professional organizations, and educate the general public regarding ground water resources
- Promote professional awareness and technical skills among ground water professionals
- Be a clearinghouse for complaints
- Be self governing, allowing OGWA an opportunity to guide members and ground water professionals in proper construction and utilization of ground water
- Develop strong partnerships to further these goals

*“Dedicated to protecting and promoting Ontario’s most precious resource.”*



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## Who We Are

The Ontario Ground Water Association has members in 5 divisions of ground water professionals-- Well Drillers, Environmental/Geotechnical Drillers, Pump Installers, Manufacturers and Suppliers, and Scientists and Engineers.

**Drillers:** represent companies that drill and repair water wells for homes, farms, businesses, factories and cities throughout Ontario. Contractors in this division hold a Class 1 or Class 2 license.

**Environmental and Geotechnical Drillers:** Members of this division are involved in hydrogeological studies installing monitoring wells or geotechnical boreholes. Members of this division may have a Class 1 or Class 3 license.

**Pump Installers:** Members of this division install and repair pumps that pump water from different wells. Pump installers conduct a yield test and can make minor alterations to a well to accommodate pumping equipment. Some members of this division also install and service water treatment equipment. Members of this division hold a Class 4 license.

**Manufacturers and Suppliers:** Members of this division represent companies that distribute pumps, drilling machines, tools, pipe, tanks, controls, and many other products to the ground water industry. These companies do not sell to the general public. Manufacturers are the actual makers of the materials that suppliers distribute.

**Groundwater Scientists and Engineers:** Members of this division are persons or companies representing geologists, hydrogeologists, engineers, regulators and consultants all of who work on scientific matters relating to ground water. Some of these do actual field drilling or monitoring well installation and other work involving, among others things, hydrogeological studies and the movement of ground water. Members of this division may have a Class 3 or Class 5 license or may be licensed through Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario or Professional Engineers of Ontario.