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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **NEW WARDEN SWORN IN FOR HASTINGS COUNTY**

#### **NEWS**

Jo-Anne Albert, Reeve of the Municipality of Tweed, was officially sworn in today as the new Warden of Hastings County at the 160<sup>th</sup> Inaugural Meeting of County Council. Her term will run through 2010.

#### **QUOTES**

“I want to acknowledge and thank the members of County Council for affording me your confidence as I take on the duties of Warden. Your support means a great deal to me,” stated Albert.

“One of my primary goals this year will be to continue to promote Hastings County as a strong and vibrant community where our member municipalities can grow and businesses can thrive. Throughout 2010, Hastings County will be marketed more widely than ever before, to attract entrepreneurs and help them realize the benefits of operating a business in our area.” said Albert.

“While economic development will be a focus for us this year we must not forget that one of our primary responsibilities is ensure that we can continue to provide help to people in need throughout the County and the cities of Belleville and Quinte West. Whether it is ensuring that an ambulance can get to someone’s door as quickly as possible or helping someone who needs temporary financial assistance or finding families and seniors shelter that is affordable and safe, I am committed to ensuring our staff has the tools and resources to make a difference in our residents’ lives,” Albert emphatically stated.

“I also want to recognize the ongoing work of the Eastern Ontario Wardens’ Caucus,” said Albert. “The EOWC has been instrumental in bringing positive change to Eastern Ontario and Hastings County will continue to provide whatever support it can to the Caucus and I know that our CAO, Mr. Pine, with our support, will lend his time and

talents to the to the Caucus as well, particularly as the EOWC's regional broadband project gets fully underway in 2010," added Albert.

## **BACKGROUND**

Jo-Anne Albert was born and raised in Belleville and attended Peterborough Teachers' College, and received her Bachelor of Arts from Queen's University. She began and finished her 32-year teaching career in the Elementary panel in Tweed and also taught in Stirling and Belleville.

Her political career began in 2003 where she was elected as a councillor with the Municipality of Tweed. She was elected Reeve of the Municipality in 2006 and serves on Hastings County Council.

To view the Warden's entire inaugural remarks, please visit [www.hastingscounty.com](http://www.hastingscounty.com).

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