

Executive Director Announcement

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The Board of Directors of the Rural Ontario Institute (ROI) is pleased to announce the appointment of Ellen Sinclair as Executive Director, effective September 13, 2021. Ellen replaces Norman Ragetlie who recently retired.

Ellen brings vast experience in planning; economic, business and community development; community liaison and government relations; and leadership. She has worked in northern Ontario as well as the southwest region of the province.

Board Chair Suzanne Trivers stated, “Ellen brings impressive work and life experiences that will ensure a smooth transition of leadership and the continuation of what ROI does best, developing and facilitating collaboration between leaders who are invested in rural and northern Ontario issues. We wish Norm well and thank him for his dedication and leadership. We look forward to supporting Ellen as she leads us into the future.”

Ellen will be formally introduced to our stakeholders at the upcoming AGM. The AGM will be held virtually on September 23, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. To register, please go to the events tab at our website ruralontarioinstitute.ca.

For Further Information: Please contact Suzanne Trivers, Board Chair at suzannetrivers@gmail.com

About ROI

Established in 2010, the Rural Ontario Institute (ROI) was created through the amalgamation of The Centre for Rural Leadership (TCRL) and The Ontario Rural Council (TORC). ROI is a charitable not-for-profit that delivers programs that develop strong leaders who are critical voices around opportunities and key issues facing rural and northern Ontario.