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### **New Interpretive Display at Mission Island Marsh Conservation Area**

The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority and representatives of Ontario Power Generation's Northwest Fossil stations, cut the ribbon on a new display at Mission Island Marsh Conservation Area.

Seven new panels have been installed in the pavilion at the Marsh, replacing the original displays that had been in place since the pavilion opened in 1996. The themes of the panels are: "Protecting Life, Property and our Natural Environment," "Protecting Our Source Water," "Water," "Lake Superior" and "Watersheds."

"The panels deliver important messages about water conservation," says LRCA Chairman, Bill Bartley. "They include interactive exercises such as a trivia quiz or instructions on how to create your own water cycle at home."

Three of the panels feature original artwork by local painter Ruth Tye-McKenzie.

Funding for the project, which was over two years in the making, was provided by Ontario Power Generation.

"The support of partners, such as Ontario Power Generation, is essential in order to maintain and upgrade these facilities for the benefit of the entire community," says Bartley.

"We are most pleased with the long-term partnership we've enjoyed with the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority and look forward to continuing to help promote environmental sustainability in our community," says Derrick Brooks of Ontario Power Generation's Northwest Fossil stations.

Mission Island Marsh is one of eight Conservation Areas maintained by the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority. Its history is a true success story: Beginning in the 1940s, a portion of the area was used by the City of Fort William for a landfill site, which operated until the mid-1960s. In the 1980s, the LRCA signed a long-term lease with the City of Thunder Bay and began developing the Conservation Area, which was officially opened in 1989.