



GREATER TORONTO COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEER APPOINTMENTS

NEW DCC MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

I am pleased to announce the appointment of **Keith Nunn as DCC Member Engagement**. In this role Keith will develop programs that engage members in the governance and decision making process for Scouts Canada, Greater Toronto Council, Areas and Groups. Keith has a long history as a Scout in both his youth and adult life and will use this experience in fulfilling his mandate.

NEW AREA COMMISSIONER – WILLOW VALLEY

I am pleased to announce the appointment of **William Wong** as the **Area Commissioner** for **Willow Valley**. William currently serves as a **DAC Program Support** and as the **Community Development Commissioner - Chinese Community**. He is also involved with **11th Toronto** and the **Chinese Scouter Association**. Living in the Willow Valley Area, this is where William also started Scouting.

Please join me in congratulating Keith and William on their appointments.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

NEW COUNCIL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – GREATER TORONTO & SHINING WATERS COUNCILS

Debra Thomson was appointed as Executive Director, Greater Toronto and Shining Waters Councils on January 3, 2012. She is thrilled to be part of the Scouts Canada team and is looking forward to working in a career focused on providing opportunities for Canadian youth. Debra has extensive experience in Association Management having worked with the Canadian Physiotherapy Association as Director, Business & Professional Development and then as Director, Member Services. Debra oversaw the departments responsible for member recruitment and retention, registration, registration systems, volunteer engagement & recognition as well the awards program.

In addition, Debra has worked at three community colleges (Humber, Sheridan and Centennial) as Director, Corporate Affairs, and held other positions overseeing student government and alumni association management, which allowed her to work closely with youth in leadership positions. Debra also has considerable experience in the development and execution of large national and international conferences and special events.

An interesting career curve was when she was recruited to work in a Toronto law firm with Mr. Allan Gotlieb, former Canadian Ambassador to the United States and senior advisor to Pierre Trudeau.



Debra and her husband Robin live in Markham with their dog Teddi. They have three sons – Matthew, Taylor and Ryan - who are dedicated hockey players and the entire family are loyal Toronto Maple Leaf fans. The boys were involved in Scouting in their younger years, and Debra has many great memories of their experiences.

She is eager to meet Scouting volunteers and members and looks forward to visiting various groups and meetings in the months to come. She can be reached at **416-690-6364 x233** or thomsond@scouts.ca.

RESIGNATIONS

It is with regret that I announce the resignation of **Frank Ferreira as Council Treasurer** and **Stephen Monica as Area Commissioner for Humber West**. Both have served the Council well and their contributions will be missed.

Should you be interested in filling any of these positions, please feel free to contact me directly via email at tim.mcnaughton@scouts.ca.