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### **Dr. Liette Vasseur to Receive 2011 Conservation Pioneer Award**

Sudbury... Nickel District Conservation Authority (NDCA) Chair Bob Rogers and the Members of the General Board are extremely pleased to announce that Dr. Liette Vasseur will receive the prestigious 2011 A.D. Latornell Conservation Pioneer Award on November 17, 2011 at the Nottawasaga Inn in Alliston, Ontario.

The A.D. Latornell Symposium from November 16 to 18, 2011, is one of Ontario's largest annual conferences focusing on environmental and conservation issues. Attracting over 1,000 people over a three-day period, it is a vibrant gathering of conservation professionals. The theme of the 2011 conference is **Water: The Future of the Source**.

"Dr. Vasseur exemplifies the important traits of a Latornell Pioneer Award recipient," said Bob Rogers. "Liette is a dedicated individual who has made long-term contributions and achievements through her academic, research and community-based work in the fields of conservation and ecosystem management."

Dr. Vasseur noted that, "working with communities is great as it brings the basic and applied research that I do into the real world. Climate change and environmental degradation are serious issues that require and will continue to require both types of research." "I am honoured to receive the Conservation Pioneer Award," said Vasseur. "Greater Sudbury demonstrates the strength and cohesion of a community that strives to move ahead and is a great model to follow."

Dr. Vasseur is a Full Professor at Brock University. Prior to that Liette was Associate Vice-President of Research at Laurentian University in Sudbury. While in Sudbury Dr. Vasseur served on the NDCA General Board from 2006 to 2008. Dr. Vasseur has been recognized over the years in Ontario, across Canada and around the world for her work associated with climate change adaptation, capacity building and developing sustainable communities. Liette has mentored and trained many students at the undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate level.

“I along with others from the NDCA will be deeply honoured to be with Liette on November 17<sup>th</sup> when she receives this well-deserved recognition,” stated NDCA Chair Bob Rogers. “As a well respected woman in science, Dr. Vasseur’s significant contribution to science and community development is an inspiration to the women and men of science and the next generation of citizen science advocates.”

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