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Minister Cansfield canoes the world-class Minesing Wetland

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The Honourable Donna Cansfield, Minister of Natural Resources, visited the internationally-significant Minesing Wetland on May 20th for a canoe trip with staff and board members from the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority. The group saw many species that make the wetland one of the most diverse in the world, including Hackberry trees, pairs of nesting waterfowl, Yellow Leg shorebirds and climbing poison ivy plants which grow about 40 feet tall. NVCA staff explained to the Minister how significant the Minesing Wetland is to the local area for flood reduction. The wetland acts like a sponge during spring runoff and slowly releases water over a 10-day period, greatly reducing flood damage downstream in Wasaga Beach. The NVCA owns and manages 9,700 acres of the Minesing Wetland, which serves as a great example of a provincial/conservation authority partnership to protect significant environmental lands. For more information on the Minesing Wetland, please visit www.nvca.on.ca.
In this photo: Byron Wesson, NVCA Director of Lands, Operations & Stewardship Services, and Minister Donna Cansfield.

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About the NVCA

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority is a public agency dedicated to the preservation of a healthy environment through specialized programs to protect, conserve and enhance our water, wetlands, forests and lands.

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