

2018 National Judge



John Lohuis,
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Retired GM/CEO of
Niagara Parks Commission

Tillsonburg, ON

John was most recently GM/CEO of the Niagara Parks Commission (NPC) from 2012 to 2016 which oversees 1500 Ha along the Niagara River from Fort Erie to Niagara-On-The-Lake. Operations included the Niagara School of Horticulture, horticultural services, Niagara Parks Police, parking, attractions, culinary services, heritage services including landmarks such as the Laura Secord House, bus transportation (WEGO) along the Niagara Parkway, During his time at the NPC, gross revenues rose from \$70 million to \$100 million and from a negative profit position to over \$5 million in net revenue (now at over \$12 million). NPC most recently also contributed to Mosaic Canada for the Canada 150 display at Ottawa.

John continues to be a private consultant in the areas of master plans and studies in tourism, parks, recreation and trails management along with organizational/value for audit reviews. His most recent work is at East Gwillimbury involved in a Healthy and Active Living Master Plan (parks, recreation, tourism, culture) for the Town.

Prior to NPC, John was Director of Recreation and Parks for the City of Mississauga for 16 years with additional responsibilities as lead Director for Environment, Culture and Tourism. While at Mississauga, the City was heavily involved in Communities In Bloom with all its benefits and was recognized with a National Award in cities with population over 300,000.

John is a Past President of Ontario Parks Association, and previous Board membership of Parks & Recreation Ontario, the Leisure Information Network and the Niagara Sports Council. He was also a founding member of the Peel Youth and Children Initiative in Peel Region. John was also active in Games for the Physically Disabled while Director of Recreation at the City of Windsor.

As a new member of the Tillsonburg Rotary Club, is assisting on helping with the grounds and horticultural beds at Tillsonburg Recreation Complex and for a renewed site plan to ensure that citizens of all ages and abilities in outdoor activities may have outstanding outdoor experiences encompassing diverse vegetation, activities and placemaking.