Don Sadler is celebrating 50 in a big way this year. Personally, he is marking the half-century and professionally he is heading the Ontario Parks Association as it celebrates 50 years of professional work in the province.

On Thursday, July 19, Don Sadler, Director of Parks for the City of Windsor, was elected President of OPA during the 49th Annual General Meeting and Summer Conference in Timmins.

A member of Ontario Parks Association for more than 20 years, Don has been responsible for expanding and upgrading Windsor parks during the last eleven years. Don arrived from the City of Etobicoke in 1990 to oversee 165 parks – now expanded to over 180 with 2,400 acres of parkland. He is also responsible for major upgrades to community pools and sports fields. Last year, Don worked closely with the federal government to construct the temporary tent city for the Organization of American States General Assembly in Windsor.

A graduate of Humber College, Don began his career in the National Capitol Commission before moving to the City of Ottawa and then the City of Etobicoke. He is a member of Rotary Club 1918, an avid golfer and hockey player.

The Ontario Parks Association provides training and education for its 800 members throughout Ontario. The Association’s motto, Protecting Tomorrow Today, reflects its dedication to expanding and protecting the environment.

For more information, call: John Howard, Executive Director, Ontario Parks Association, 627 Main Street East, Hamilton, Ontario L8M 1J5.

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Congratulations, Don, from the STA!

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All the lawns in the United States cover an area roughly equal to the state of Pennsylvania (approximately 45,333 square miles/117,412 square km).

— The Globe and Mail, August 27, 2001

Scholarship Winners

Gerald Rees
Saskatoon, SK
STA Scholarship Recipient
2001 Ontario Diploma in Horticulture – Turf Option

John D'Ovidio
City of Mississauga
STA Scholarship Recipient
2001 Turf Managers' Short Course

We congratulate both our scholarship winners! Pictured above is Gerald Rees (left) with Dr. Bob Sheard, STA Director. Unfortunately, we were unable to obtain a photograph of John D'Ovidio by press time.

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