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Jessica Klug new Executive Director Of Huronia Community Foundation

Midland, Ontario, July 30, 2026 --- She's been a councillor, a senior town planner, digital strategist, and soon Jessica Klug will be adding to her long record of public and community service the Executive Director role of local super charity Huronia Community Foundation (HCF).

HCF has been led by former Tay Township mayor Scott Warnock since 2019. A celebration to mark his retirement will be held Sept. 24, 2026. Ms. Klug's appointment was announced at a special gathering on July 29th. She takes on leadership following the September celebration, building on HCF's 25+ years of success in promoting local giving and working with donors to create funds that are awarded to deserving charitable organizations in our area.

"Scott is leaving big boots to fill, so I'm very honoured to be given this opportunity," says Jessica. "It brings together so many of the things I'm passionate about—meeting people, hearing their stories, and being part of something that makes a real difference in our community."

"I'm looking forward to working closely with Scott and the Board, learning from their knowledge and commitment to HCF, and getting to know the fund holders, donors, sponsors, volunteers, and community partners who make the Huronia Community Foundation so special."

Laurene Hilderley, Chair of the HCF board, says there was considerable interest in the Executive Director position and thanks all of the applicants as well as the dedicated recruitment committee. "We were excited with Jessica's local family history and commitment to public service. She comes to HCF with a strong background of caring about our North Simcoe communities as a former Penetanguishene councillor, in her municipal career working for both Penetanguishene and Midland, and with the Severn Sound Environmental Association and Midland Cultural Centre - two HCF partners."

Laurene adds that Jessica has shown strong community leadership and vision as the founder and board president of the local, volunteer-run Georgian Bay Women's Cycling Club. She has a degree in Political Science and Geography and a Masters of Science in Planning, valuable resources for the next Vital Signs report and Strategic Plan. "As well, her skills in digital strategy, marketing, sponsorships and social media, along with building strong relationships and partnerships with businesses, local organizations and volunteers, the foundation for fundraising, will be strong assets as HCF aims for new goals."

Generous citizens and companies are the benefactors who fund the Huronia Community Foundation. Working with 205 other members of Community Foundations of Canada, HCF builds financial legacies through endowments, scholarships and donor advised funds spent annually in our community. Since 2000, HCF has distributed \$4.3 million so North Simcoe residents have a better place to live, work and play.

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