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## **Join Ottawa Riverkeeper and the International Joint Commission's Great Lakes Water Quality Board for Conversation about Effective Watershed Strategies**

On Tuesday, October 24, 2017 the Great Lakes Water Quality Board of the International Joint Commission and Ottawa Riverkeeper will host a fun, informative panel and audience discussion about the current and emerging environmental challenges affecting watersheds at local, regional and global levels. The event will be held at the Mill Street Brewery, 555 Wellington Street, Ottawa, from 6:30 – 9 p.m.

The program, entitled “From the Ottawa River Watershed to the Great Lakes Basin: Effective Strategies for Water Governance in a Quickly Changing World” includes four panelists:

**Dr. Jesse Vermaire**, Assistant Professor of Geography and Environmental Studies, Carleton University

**Meredith Brown**, Ottawa Riverkeeper, and

**Dr. Rob de Loë**, Professor in Environment and Sustainability at the University of Waterloo, and Canadian chair of the IJC's Great Lakes Water Quality Board.

**Verna McGregor**, Algonquin elder, Kitigan Zibi

The evening's conversation will be moderated by **Roy MacGregor**, an award-winning journalist and author, who has been with the *Globe and Mail* since 2002.

Space is limited, so please [register](#) today to join in on the conversation.

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The IJC was established under the [Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909](#) to help the United States and Canada prevent and resolve disputes over the use of the waters the two countries share. The IJC's responsibilities include reporting on progress made under the [Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement](#) between the nations toward restoring and maintaining the chemical, physical and biological integrity of the Great Lakes and connecting waters. For more information, contact Sally Cole-Misch at 519-257-6733 or Raj Bejankiwar at 519-257-6711.



Credit: Canadian Heritage Rivers System

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Panelists include:



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**Meredith Brown**  
Ottawa Riverkeeper



**Dr. Rob de Loë**  
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Co-chair, IJC Great Lakes Water  
Quality Board



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**Roy MacGregor**, lifelong journalist and US Rutstrum Award winner for his memoir, *A Life in the Bush*, will moderate the evening's conversation.

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