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## **OUELLETTE PLEASED MNR MOVING FORWARD WITH ONTARIO ELK HUNT FOR 2011**

*Opposition Critic congratulates conservation groups, partners and  
volunteers for their efforts*

**Queen's Park** – Jerry Ouellette, MPP Oshawa and Official Opposition Natural Resources Critic, today congratulated all the conservation groups, partners and volunteers for their years of hard work, dedication and resources towards the elk re-introduction program that has resulted in Ontario's first planned elk hunt in over 100 years.

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources recently announced a fall elk hunt for the Bancroft-North Hastings area where the population of animals has expanded and grown significantly. The elk hunt will assist in managing the herd at optimum levels while providing unique hunting opportunities for this region of Ontario.

"This is great news for the outdoor community and is a testament to the vision and hard work of those who persevered with the re-introduction program", affirmed Ouellette.

The restoration of wild elk back into the province of Ontario is a huge success story. Ouellette, who participated in the initial restoration planning phases and was part of the former PC government which initiated the elk restoration plan back in 1997, said the timing is right.

"In the Bancroft area where the elk population has expanded to over 500 animals, a carefully controlled hunt for elk is welcome news as a means to manage the population, assist landowners, provide hunting opportunities to help local economies and stimulate revenue to manage the elk program", said Ouellette. "I applaud the MNR for moving forward with this initiative for 2011".

The MNR has confirmed the 2011 resident elk hunt will take place from September 19 to 25 in certain areas of Wildlife Management Units 57, 58, 60, 61, 62 and 63A. A three-step application process will be required for a random draw with a specified location and party hunting for up to four hunters. More details for the elk hunt will be available in the Ontario Hunting Regulations Summary.

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