



# WATERLOO AWARD PRESENTATIONS

## September 22, 2014

### Waterloo Award Recipient Profile: **Frank Mensink**

Frank Mensink has carved a distinct role for Conestoga College, within Waterloo, a city that is also home to two major universities....He has sought to level the playing field, and create opportunities for youth entering the college's accounting program, to work towards a CGA [Certified General Accountant] professional designation....He has established an endowment fund of \$65,000....at Conestoga College to fund an annual award to a graduating student from the accounting diploma program transferring to the accounting degree program.

During his 27-year Conestoga College career - including as executive dean of the School of Business and Hospitality since 2001 - Frank has been a lifelong leader to thousands of students and faculty, providing career opportunities to many. Mr. Mensink has also been a great role model for accounting students, having completed his CA [Chartered Accountant] while in public practice and the CGA program through the Senior Academics program. In his college leadership role, Frank chaired the Heads of Ontario Community Colleges Schools of Business from 2007-2009, and represented this group to the Ministry of Training, Colleges and University, the Committee of Council presidents and to business organizations. Overall, his visionary leadership has been an integral part of shaping Ontario's fastest growing college, Conestoga, creating career-ready graduates meeting current labour market needs.

Frank Mensink has also selflessly served his community and beyond in numerous volunteer capacities. He has served CGA Ontario and CGA Canada in several roles, including as chairperson of CGA Canada's Audit Committee and a member on CGA Canada's Tax and Fiscal Policy Committee. He has prepared the Federal Tax Budget highlights for the last five federal budgets. Frank has also served on CGA Ontario's board for 11 years, including a term as their board chairperson. He has served on many CGA Ontario professional committees. For his service to the Association he was elected a Life Member. He has recently been appointed by CPA Ontario (Chartered Professional Accountants) as their representative on the CGA Board.

Frank Mensink has also raised the professional profile of Certified General Accountants locally, in serving as a board member and past chair of Kitchener-Waterloo's CGA chapter. He has also generously shared his extensive CGA volunteer experience, his work expertise in public practice, and his leadership experience with Conestoga College, in his voluntary role as Chairperson of the City of Waterloo's Audit Committee. He first served on Waterloo's Economic Development Committee, from 2004-2011, joining the city's Audit Committee in 2007 and chairing that committee since 2009. Under Frank's leadership, the Audit Committee has played an integral role in creating a sound financial management framework for the City of Waterloo.

Frank was a Greater Kitchener Waterloo Chamber of Commerce committee member for nine years, including as a founding member and catalyst for the Chamber Young Professionals. He is currently on the Community Support Connections Meals on Wheels and More board of directors as Vice-President. He volunteered with Junior Achievement Waterloo Region for nine years as member of the Business Awards selection committee and, like many parents, was involved with Boy Scouts, minor hockey and baseball as leader, volunteer and coach. This evening, we are very pleased to honour Frank Mensink with a well-earned Waterloo Award.