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**VAN HORNE ESTATE ON MINISTERS ISLAND ANNOUNCES  
NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WILL KERNOHAN**

March 9, 2023 — Will Kernohan has been appointed Executive Director of Van Horne Estate on Ministers Island (VHEMI), a 500-acre Maritime tidal island and designated Canadian heritage site.

Will Kernohan brings a wealth of experience in heritage site management and a passion for participatory programming. He has spent twenty years designing, developing, and delivering dynamic and participatory programs for museums, municipalities, cultural sites, and parks. His programs have engaged audiences at a variety of sites including a children's museum (Waterloo Regional Children's Museum), a living history museum (Joseph Schneider Haus National Historic Site), and community museums (Stratford-Perth Museum and Huron County Museum & Historic Gaol) and, most recently, Roosevelt Campobello International Park.

"On behalf of the Van Horne Estate on Ministers Island Board of Directors, I am delighted to share that Will Kernohan will join us as our new Executive Director given his extensive experience as a heritage and cultural programming and administrative professional," said Gordon Gilman, Chair of the Board. "We are thankful to the Board's Search Committee for their diligent work in recruiting for this role to ensure VHEMI continues to deliver on its mission to protect, preserve, develop, and promote the legacy of Ministers Island."

"I am excited to be selected as the new Executive Director of Van Horne Estate on Ministers Island and will strive to further the vision of the VHEMI organization and membership," said Will Kernohan. "I look forward to continuing to position Ministers Island as a premiere tourism destination in the region and working with VHEMI's talented staff and volunteers and nearby communities. As a resident of St Andrews, I am proud to share the unique story that Ministers Island has to tell through its natural beauty and social history."

Will Kernohan will assume his responsibilities as Executive Director of Van Horne Estate on Ministers Island on March 20, 2023.

Ministers Island (Consquamcook), located off the coast of St Andrews, New Brunswick, is Canada's largest tidal island and is a designated Federal and Provincial historic site. The island has many layers of natural and social history, from the stewardship of the Peskotomuhkati (Passamaquoddy) First Nation to settlement by Loyalists in the late eighteenth-century to the construction of a summer estate of the entrepreneurial industrialist, artist and Canadian nation builder, Sir William Van Horne. Ministers Island is operated by VHEMI, a not-for-profit charitable organization. In 2008, the provincial government of New Brunswick signed a long-term lease with the Van Horne Estate on Ministers Island which through its volunteer membership base is tasked with protecting, preserving and developing Ministers Island, as a nationally and provincially designated historic site. For more information, please visit [ministersisland.net](http://ministersisland.net)