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**YOUNG AUTHOR PRESENTS BOOK TO MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES**  
*MPP Flynn and Minister Cansfield congratulate Julie Harmgardt*

**QUEEN'S PARK** — Member of Provincial Parliament Kevin Flynn was pleased to welcome Oakville constituent, and former Legislative Page Julie Harmgardt to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. Ms. Harmgardt presented a copy of her book *Killbear, Thanks for the Memories* to Minister of Natural Resources, Donna Cansfield and had her picture taken with the Minister.

“Julie is a remarkable young woman who has taken it upon herself to produce the first ever book of this kind on Killbear park,” said MPP Flynn. “I know Julie worked very hard and the book was a real labour of love. I congratulate her on her accomplishment and was pleased to be able to arrange for her to present her first book to the Minister.”

*Killbear, Thanks for the Memories* is a 250 page book filled with a myriad of stories from adventure to romance to practical jokes to making new friends and everything in between. The book, told in a “Chicken Soup” style has raised over \$8,800 for the Friends of Killbear a volunteer group that supports the park.

“The book has provided me with the opportunity to connect with hundreds of amazing people,” said author Julie Harmgardt. “Their overwhelmingly positive response has made all the hard work worthwhile.”

“Ontario’s provincial parks are truly something to be enjoyed and celebrated,” said Minister of Natural Resources, Donna Cansfield. “I am pleased to see a young person like Julie taking such an interest in and supporting Ontario’s parks. This is a great accomplishment, it was a pleasure meeting her and I look forward to reading the book.

Julie is busy working on the next edition - due out the summer of 2010, in celebration of Killbear's 50th anniversary.

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