

January 23, 2008

Lakehead Region Conservation Authority holds Annual Meeting

Bill Bartley has been returned as Chairman of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) Board of Directors. Also during the Authority's Annual Meeting held earlier this evening, Grant Arnold was elected as the new Vice-Chairman.

Bartley says in the year ahead the Authority will work to stress the importance of watershed management which encompasses both water quantity and quality, both of which are vital for the health of humans and the environment.

"The newly established Source Protection Committee will be working on the creation of a local plan to protect the sources of our municipal drinking water systems," says Bartley. "The process, which is expected to take between three and five years, is funded by the Provincial Government."

"The Authority will also focus on community outreach to ensure area water courses remain healthy with a Stewardship project currently being developed for the Neebing River."

Lakehead Conservation's Board is comprised of eleven representatives from our eight member municipalities. Our Area of Jurisdiction covers 2600 square kilometres and encompasses the Townships of Conmee, Dorion, Gillies and O'Connor; the Municipalities of Neebing, Oliver Paipouge and Shuniah; as well as the City of Thunder Bay. The Board is responsible for making policy and budget decisions regarding the Authority's watershed management activities.

The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority is a community-based environmental agency. We are responsible for the wise management of renewable natural resources in our watershed. Conservation Authorities undertake a broad range of programs, including: flood control; floodplain management; wetland protection; erosion control; reforestation; conservation lands; and conservation education.

Lakehead Region Conservation Authority
2008 Board of Directors

Chairman -	Bill Bartley	City of Thunder Bay
Vice-Chairman -	Grant Arnold	Township of Conmee
	Ed Chambers	Township of Dorion
	Rick Kieri	Township of Gillies
	Beverley Dale	Municipality of Neebing
	LeeAnn Nygard	Township of O'Connor
	David Hearn	Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge
	Donna Blunt	Municipality of Shuniah
	Iain Angus	City of Thunder Bay
	Gary Murchison	City of Thunder Bay
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