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Lakehead Conservation Welcomes New Vice-Chair and Board Member

The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) welcomed a new Vice-Chair and a new Board Member at its Annual General Meeting held last night.

While Bill Bartley was acclaimed as Chairman, a position he has held since 2001, Mayor Lucy Kloosterhuis of Oliver Paipoonge was acclaimed Vice-Chair. Kloosterhuis's current term on the board began last year and she also was a Member of the LRCA Board in 2002 and 2003. Jim Vezina has been appointed to represent the Township of O'Connor where he is also a Councillor.

Lakehead Conservation's Board is comprised of eleven representatives from its eight Member Municipalities. The LRCA Area of Jurisdiction covers 2600 square kilometres and encompasses the Townships of Conmee, Dorion, Gillies and O'Connor; the Municipalities of Neebing, Oliver Paipoonge and Shuniah; as well as the City of Thunder Bay. The Board is responsible for making policy, budget and regulatory 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.

The Authority is responsible for the administration of Ontario Regulation 180/06 which regulates development in areas where the control of flooding, erosion, pollution or the conservation of land may be affected by development.

**Lakehead Region Conservation Authority
2010 Board of Directors**

Chairman	Bill Bartley - City of Thunder Bay
Vice-Chairman	Mayor Lucy Kloosterhuis - Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge
	Ed Chambers - Township of Dorion
	Rick Kieri - Township of Gillies
	Jim Vezina - Township of O'Connor
	Beverley Dale - Municipality of Neebing
	Grant Arnold - Township of Conmee
	Donna Blunt - Municipality of Shuniah
	Iain Angus - City of Thunder Bay
	Linda Rydholm - City of Thunder Bay
	Gary Murchison - City of Thunder Bay