

January 28, 2009

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 re-elected as the Vice-Chairman.

A new Member was welcomed to the Board. Mayor Lucy Kloosterhuis of Oliver Paipoonge has been appointed as the Municipality's new representative. Previously Mayor Kloosterhuis served on the LRCA Board in 2002 and 2003.

Significant projects are planned by the LRCA in 2009. The 25th Anniversary of the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway will be observed with several events. A Confluence of the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway and Lake Superior Debris and Sedimentation Study will be completed. The Study will help with planning future maintenance of the Floodway. A new Marketing and Business/Strategic Plan for Hazelwood Lake Nature Centre will be implemented. Also in 2009, Source Protection Planning will move to the next level with the development of the Assessment Report.

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 Paipoonge 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
2009 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
	Lucy Kloosterhuis	Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge
	Donna Blunt	Municipality of Shuniah
	Iain Angus	City of Thunder Bay
	Gary Murchison	City of Thunder Bay
	Linda Rydholm	City of Thunder Bay