


From: [Clerks](#)
To: [Lydia Gerritsen](#); [Alexander Harras](#); [Cheryl Bandel](#); [Leigh Fleury](#)
Subject: FW: Media Release: New Chair and Vice Chair elected at the Annual General Meeting - Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
Date: January 29, 2024 10:44:47 AM
Attachments: [Outlook-kwhxsl3a.png](#)

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	January 30, 2024 8:45 am
Original To:	CIP
Copies To:	
Take Appropriate Action	<input type="checkbox"/> File <input type="checkbox"/>
Notes/Comments:	

Hello,

Please add to the CIP.

Thank you,
Sheila

From: Trish Barnett <T.Barnett@lsrca.on.ca>
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2024 10:13 AM
To: Clerks <Clerks@durham.ca>; Aurora Clerks Department <clerks@aurora.ca>; Becky Jamieson (Whitbchurch-Stouffville) <becky.jamieson@townofws.ca>; Brock Clerks Department <clerks@brock.ca>; BWG Clerks (Bradford West Gwillimbury) <clerk@townofbwg.com>; Cathie Ritchie (Kawartha Lakes) <critchie@kawarthalakes.ca>; Christopher Raynor (York Region) <christopher.raynor@york.ca>; Debbie Leroux <dleroux@uxbridge.ca>; Denny Timm (King) <dtimm@king.ca>; Janette Teeter (Oro-Medonte) <jteeter@oro-medonte.ca>; Jennifer Connor (Ramara) <jconnor@ramara.ca>; John Daly (Simcoe) <john.daly@simcoe.ca>; Karen Shea (kshea@innisfil.ca) <kshea@innisfil.ca>; Kiran Saini (Newmarket) <ksaini@newmarket.ca>; Kristine Preston <kpreston@orillia.ca>; Lisa Lyons (Newmarket) <llyons@newmarket.ca>; Maralee Drake <Maralee.Drake@brock.ca>; Mike Derond (Aurora) <mderond@aurora.ca>; Pam Fettes (New Tecumseth) <pfettes@newtecumseth.ca> <pfettes@newtecumseth.ca>; Patty Thoma <pthoma@innisfil.ca>; Rachel Dillabough (Georgina) <rdillabough@georgina.ca>; Ralph Walton (Scugog) <rwalton@scugog.ca>; Robin Cadeau (Orillia) <rcadeau@orillia.ca>; Tara Lajevardi (East Gwillimbury) <tlajevardi@eastgwillimbury.ca>; Tara Reynolds (Bradford West Gwillimbury) <treynolds@townofbwg.com>; Wendy Cooke (Barrie) <wendy.cooke@barrie.ca>; Yvonne Aubichon (Oro-Medonte) <yaubichon@oro-medonte.ca>
Subject: Media Release: New Chair and Vice Chair elected at the Annual General Meeting - Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority

Good morning Regional and Municipal Clerks:

I hope you all had a great weekend!

On Friday, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's Board of Directors held its Annual General Meeting. Below is our media release following this meeting, which we ask that you please share with your members of Council.

Thank you and best regards,
Trish

Trish Barnett

Chief of Staff

Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority

120 Bayview Parkway,

Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 3W3

905-895-1281, ext. 223 | 1-800-465-0437 |

t.barnett@LSRCA.on.ca | www.LSRCA.on.ca

Twitter: @LSRCA

Facebook: LakeSimcoeConservation

The information in this message (including attachments) is directed in confidence solely to the person(s) named above and may not be otherwise distributed, copied or disclosed. The message may contain information that is privileged, confidential and exempt from disclosure under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and by the Personal Information Protection Electronic Documents Act. If you have received this message in error, please notify the sender immediately and delete the message without making a copy. Thank you.



For Immediate Release

New Chair and Vice Chair elected at the Annual General Meeting

Lake Simcoe watershed – January 29, 2024 – At its 73rd Annual General Meeting, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board members and staff closed out the business of 2023 and officially launched the business of 2024 with the election of a new Chair and Vice Chair.

One of the meeting highlights was a presentation by Dr. Brian Ginn on the health of Lake Simcoe. Dr. Ginn emphasized the importance of taking a holistic view and considering the many indicators of lake health. “Much like when we go to the doctor, there are many indicators, such as blood pressure, vitamin and mineral levels, weight, and much more that are factored into being given a clean bill of health. Lake Simcoe is no different,” he told the Board. “Lake health can’t just be determined based on phosphorus levels, or any other one indicator. We need to continue to measure and monitor many factors, and then adapt our management decisions based on our findings.”

Chief Administrative Officer, Rob Baldwin highlighted that some significant work was completed in 2023, to transition and implement recent changes made to the *Conservation*

Authorities Act. He also introduced a year-in-review video compilation, highlighting noteworthy achievements. To view the 2023 Year-In-Review video the metrics and infographic, please visit: <https://lsrca.on.ca/index.php/home/annual-reports/>

Annually, the Board of Directors elects a Chair and a Vice Chair and after five and three years, respectively, in their positions, Chair, Wayne Emmerson, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Region of York and Vice Chair, Bradford Councillor, Peter Ferragine both stepped aside to usher in new members to these posts.

Barrie Councillor, Clare Riepma, was elected Chair and Oro Medonte Mayor, Randy Greenlaw, was elected to the position of Vice Chair. Both expressed their gratitude to the rest of the Board for their trust and support, and their enthusiasm for the work that lies in the year ahead.

The outgoing Chair, Wayne Emmerson, thanked Board members and the staff of the Conservation Authority for their hard work and their support. “I have thoroughly enjoyed chairing this Board,” he said. “I always knew the Conservation Authority did great work, but as the Chair, I had the opportunity to see firsthand the tremendous knowledge, skill, and determination these folks apply to preserving and improving the health of the Lake and the watershed. We’re privileged to have an organization like this working behind the scenes.”

Peter Ferragine also thanked the Board and staff, saying, “I have been a long-standing member of this Board and as Vice Chair over the last three years, I’ve had the opportunity to get more involved and lend my support for the significant conservation and restoration work that the team at the Conservation Authority are continuously implementing. I’m proud to continue on the Board, and to offer up my experience and counsel to the new Chair and Vice Chair.”

The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority’s mission is to collaborate to protect and restore the Lake Simcoe watershed with innovative research, policy, and action.

- 30 -

Media Contact:

Sinem Connor, Senior Communications Advisor
E-Mail: s.connor@lsrca.on.ca

Mobile: 289-763-4507

Media Room: <https://lsrca.on.ca/index.php/about-us/media-room/>