



LOWER TRENT
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Heads of Conservation Board Remain Same for 2018

The Chair and Vice Chair of the Lower Trent Conservation Board of Directors will remain unchanged for 2018 following its Annual Meeting held last night. Jim Alyea, long-time municipal representative on the Board and Deputy Mayor of the City of Quinte West, and Eric Sandford, representative of the Municipality of Centre Hastings, were both acclaimed to the Chair and Vice Chair respectively. Alyea was first appointed to the Board representing the former Murray Township from 1990 to 1997 and returned in 2007. Sandford joined the Board in 2015.

The 2018 budget of \$1,916,886 was approved by the Board at the meeting. The seven local municipalities will provide 49 per cent, or \$940,312 in general levy, an increase of just under eight per cent over last year. The remainder of funding comes from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, grants, fundraising, user fees, and partnerships.

“We continue to find creative ways to get our conservation work done”, said Glenda Rodgers, Lower Trent Conservation CAO. “For every \$1 we receive from local municipalities, we are able to convert that to \$2 in support for our watershed management programs. The increase in municipal funding this year is needed primarily to support the addition of a staff member to address the sharp rise in the number of environmental planning and regulation applications we have been seeing over the past couple years.”

The Board of Directors concluded the meeting by formally acknowledging the 50 year anniversary of the Conservation Authority’s formation. Established on May 16, 1968, a number of celebration activities will be held throughout 2018.

“We are delighted to be celebrating 50 years of conservation,” announced Rodgers. “This will be a year to share our success and how we have made a significant contribution to the health and prosperity of the Lower Trent watershed region.”

For the people living within the Lower Trent watershed region, the programs and services of Lower Trent Conservation are focused on a 2,070 square kilometre area that stretches from Grafton to Quinte West, and from Rice Lake to Lake Ontario and the Bay of Quinte. The watershed region includes the Trent River valley and the watersheds of eight main tributaries, as well as areas that flow directly into Lake Ontario and the Bay of Quinte.

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The seven municipalities within this watershed region appoint members to the Board of Directors which oversees the activities of the Conservation Authority and sets its budget. The 10-member Board includes the following municipal representatives for 2018:

Township of Alnwick/Haldimand	Ray Bennis
Municipality of Brighton	Mary Tadman, John Martinello
Municipality of Centre Hastings	Eric Sandford (Vice-Chair)
Township of Cramahe	Don Clark
City of Quinte West	Jim Alyea (Chair), Karen Sharpe
Township of Stirling - Rawdon	Bob Mullin
Municipality of Trent Hills	Bill Thompson, Rick English

In 2018, the Board of Directors will meet the second Thursday of the month. Members of the public are invited to attend the meetings of the Board. Meetings begin at 6:30 PM and are held at the Lower Trent Conservation office located just south of Wooler at 714 Murray Street, Quinte West. Meeting agendas are available at <http://www.ltc.on.ca/> in advance of each meeting.

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