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Jim McMillen new Kawartha Conservation chair

(Lindsay, January 15, 2009) Jim McMillen, from the Township of Scugog, became the new chair of Kawartha Region Conservation Authority (KRCA) last night at the organization's 30th Annual General Meeting.

"I'm pleased to become the new chair and help make Kawartha Conservation stronger," said Mr. McMillen, who has been a board member since January 2007. "One of our main objectives as a board this year will be to begin the process of hiring a new Chief Administrative Officer."

"As chair, I want to ensure our resources are protected for present and future generations as we face certain environmental challenges such as increasing development pressures and climate change," added Mr. McMillen. "Kawartha Conservation is the mechanism through which we can protect our natural resources and maintain our quality of life."

Out going chair Larry O'Connor said he was pleased to see Mr. McMillen become the new chair. He also expressed his continued commitment to KRCA as a board member.

City of Kawartha Lakes Councillor Donna Villemaire accepted the nomination of vice chair and will remain in the position for another term.

During the meeting, three board members and three KRCA staff were recognized for their years of service. Board members Larry O'Connor, Donna Villemaire and Lynn Philip Hodgson were honoured for their five years on the board of directors. Hydrologist Iryna Shulyarenko and GIS Specialist Nancy Aspden were also honoured for their five years of service. Acting CAO Wanda Stephen was honoured for her twenty years of service to KRCA.

The next regular board meeting is on January 21, 6:30 p.m. at the Kawartha Conservation Administrative Office (277 Kenrei Rd.). These meetings are open to the public. The complete schedule for 2009 is posted at www.kawarthaconservation.com/about/board_meetings.html .

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Kawartha Conservation is a watershed based, non-profit environmental organization that provides conservation, restoration and responsible management of water, land and natural habitats through programs and services that balance human, environmental and economic needs. It is governed by the six municipalities that overlap the natural boundaries of the Kawartha Conservation watershed, which include the City of Kawartha Lakes; Township of Scugog; Township of Brock; Municipality of Clarington; Galway-Cavendish & Harvey; and Cavan Monaghan.
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2009 Kawartha Conservation Board of Directors



From left to right:

- Lloyd Robertson, City of Kawartha Lakes
- Ron Hooper, Municipality of Clarington
- Peter Franzen, Township of Galway-Cavendish & Harvey
- David Marsh, City of Kawartha Lakes
- Lynn Philip Hodgson, Township of Scugog
- Alex Ruth, Cavan Monaghan
- Vice Chair Donna Villemaire, City of Kawartha Lakes
- Chair Jim McMillen, Township of Scugog
- Larry O'Connor, Township of Brock

Kawartha Conservation is governed by the municipalities that overlap the natural boundaries of the Kawartha Conservation watershed through representation on its board of directors.

The board is responsible for overseeing the operation of Kawartha Conservation and providing direction and vision for the Kawartha Conservation watershed.

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