



## News Release

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### **Councillor Gerry Emm Re-elected To Second Term As Chair Of Central Lake Ontario Conservation**

At the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority's board meeting on January 15, 2008, Councillor Gerry Emm, of the Town of Whitby, was re-elected to his second term as Chair of the Conservation Authority. Councillor Brian Nicholson, representing the City of Oshawa, was also re-elected Vice-Chair of the Authority for a second term.

Before the election of officers, Chair Emm welcomed all to the meeting and highlighted a number of the accomplishments of the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, from the past year:

*“As we look forward to 2008, it seems appropriate today to reflect on some of the highlights of 2007 and the accomplishments of our organization in partnership with local and regional municipalities, partners and community stakeholders.*

- *Release of the Existing Conditions Report for the Lynde Creek Watershed as the first phase in the preparation of a Watershed Management Plan for Lynde Creek.*
- *Formation of the CTC Source Protection Planning Committee for the CTC Source Protection Regions.*
- *Completed new floodplain mapping for the full Lynde Creek watershed, Tooley Creek watershed in the Municipality of Clarington and a portion of the Oshawa Creek located in the Town of Whitby.*
- *Completed the Central Lake Ontario Fisheries Management Plan for our 4 primary watersheds in partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Department of Fisheries and Oceans and our community stakeholders.*
- *On private lands in the Oak Ridges Moraine, we planted 12 hectares of trees (21,000 trees in total), protected and rehabilitated 1 kilometre of stream and enhanced 1 hectare of wetland with support from the Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation Caring for the Moraine Program.*
- *Completed 7 well decommissioning projects in 2 of Durham Region's Well Head Protection Areas, increasing uptake through targeted workshops and direct landowner contact.*
- *Completed the natural heritage inventory of the Heber Down Conservation Area.*
- *Re-opened the Stephen's Gulch Conservation Area with a 3 kilometre loop trail, signage, parking and information kiosk.*

- Hosted a Check Your Watershed Day event for the Oshawa Creek Watershed in July, engaging 50 community volunteers and collecting data for 118 stream crossings.
- Celebrated our 32<sup>nd</sup> year Purple Woods Maple Syrup Festival with over 10,000 visitors.
- And finally, we hosted the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Durham Children’s Groundwater Festival.

*At this time I would like to thank staff for their tremendous dedication in completing these and the many other projects and achievements in 2007 in support of healthy watersheds in Durham Region.”*

After the election, Chair Emm thanked the Directors for their continued support and confidence and commented on the upcoming year.

*“2008 will be an exciting year as Central Lake Ontario Conservation celebrates their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Officially opened on July 17, 1958, Central Lake Ontario Conservation has evolved into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century to become a leader in watershed planning, municipal plan review, flood regulation and response, environmental monitoring, environmental education, stewardship and land conservation. We look forward to a landmark year, ‘Celebrating 50 Years of Protecting Local Watersheds.’”*

Chair Emm was also appointed to represent the Authority on the Conservation Ontario Council.

## 2008 Central Lake Ontario Conservation Board of Directors

**Chair**  
**Councillor Gerry Emm**  
(Town of Whitby)



**Vice-Chair**  
**Councillor Brian Nicholson**  
(City of Oshawa)



### Directors

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