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### Mayor Mitchell Re-Elected To 4<sup>th</sup> Term As Chair Of Central Lake Ontario Conservation

At the Central Lake Ontario Conservation's (CLOCA) 61<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) on January 16, 2018, Mayor Don Mitchell of the Town of Whitby was re-elected as Chair and Councillor Bob Chapman of the City of Oshawa, was re-elected as Vice-Chair, both for a fourth term.

The meeting started with CLOCA Chair Mayor Mitchell welcoming everyone and highlighting some of the accomplishments of Central Lake Ontario Conservation over the past year.

*"It has been a pleasure to serve as Chair of Central Lake Ontario Conservation in 2017 and I would like to share a number of highlights of this past year which significantly support CLOCA's Strategic Plan and vision of **Healthy Watersheds for Today and Tomorrow**.*

- *We continued to create a number of action plans to support our watershed management goals and objectives. In 2017, we completed the following:*
  - *Instream Barrier Action Plan*
  - *Ecological Goods and Services Plan*
  - *Riparian Restoration Action Plan*
- *With Record high water levels in Lake Ontario CLOCA staff worked with our municipal partners during a number of flooding events, issuing numerous flood safety, flood watch and flood warnings.*
- *We completed a watershed flood risk assessment which identified 92 areas across our jurisdiction where water poses flood risk to the surrounding public and property.*
- *The CLOCA Invasive Species Management Strategy was completed to guide us in creating awareness and delivering management and prevention programs to address this watershed wide threat to our natural heritage systems.*
- *CLOCA issued 270 permits under the Ontario Regulation 42/06 to help protect the environment, people and property from natural hazards. This was up from 220 permits in 2016.*
- *CLOCA staff continue to play an important role in the development of provincial legislation providing comments on 5 provincial documents in 2017.*
- *We successfully completed the new entrance at Heber Down Conservation Area and a multi-use trail linkage to Cullen Park in partnership with The Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program and the Town of Whitby.*
- *We initiated the restoration plan for an abandoned aggregate pit located in the Enniskillen Conservation Area.*

- *The new Integrated Monitoring Program completed its first year in 2017 as part of our commitment to continued advancement in watershed science.*
- *We hosted a very successful Low Impact Development workshop at Heritage Hall for consultants, municipal staff and other professionals to consider alternatives for stormwater management in our urban areas.*
- *Staff provided marketing and communication support for the Bowmanville Fishway to purchase and operate a state of the art fish counter.*
- *We introduced a program to assist private landowners with grants for abandoned wells that are being decommissioned, further protecting our groundwater resources.*
- *We celebrated 20 years of delivering the Durham Children's Watershed Festival, along with a name change and our first ever public evening at Camp Samac.*
- *We hosted our first ever Duck Day with Ducks Unlimited Canada, where participants were introduced to hands-on creatures and wetland activities.*
- *We continued to increase forest cover with the planting of native trees and shrubs and an estimated 41.95 hectares of land reforested.*
- *With our partners, we hosted 18 corporate programs and events, provided 21 community and corporate presentations, attended 6 community events, delivered 5 curriculum based education programs to 12,067 students, produced 5 corporate communication products, engaged 1,501 volunteers and hosted 2,299 youth at summer camp programs.*

*So it has been a busy and productive year and I want to thank our Board of Directors and our CAO Chris Darling and his staff for their dedication and hard work. I would also like to say thank you to our community partners and the Region of Durham for their strong support for the work of Central Lake Ontario Conservation."*

At the conclusion of the election, Chair Mayor Mitchell conducted the remainder of the meeting with the following opening address, "It is a pleasure to serve again as Chair and I look forward to 2018 as Central Lake Ontario Conservation celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of protecting and enhancing the watersheds in which we live."

Upon being re-elected, Vice-Chair Councillor Chapman stated, "I would like to express my appreciation to the Directors for their support and I look forward to serving a fourth term as Vice-Chair of Central Lake Ontario Conservation."

For more information please contact the Conservation office at (905) 579-0411 or visit our web site at [www.cloca.com](http://www.cloca.com).

***Healthy watersheds for today and tomorrow.***

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