



## News Release

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### **Councillor Jim Schell Re-elected To Second Term As Chair Of Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority**

At the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority's 46<sup>th</sup> annual meeting held in Oshawa on January 18, 2005, Councillor Jim Schell of the Municipality of Clarington was re-elected to his second term as Chair of the Authority. Councillor Pat Perkins representing the Town of Whitby was re-elected Vice-Chair of the Conservation Authority for a second term.

Before the election of officers, Chair Schell highlighted a number of significant points from the past year:

*"On September 23, 2004 the Authority opened the new addition of the Administration Office along with the renovation of the old office space. The new office layout provides a more efficient space for staff to better serve watershed residents.*

*Land acquisition was a major focus with 565 acres of environmentally sensitive land being brought under the care of the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority. The Authority currently has over 4,000 acres of land under its protection. I would also like to thank the many external organizations that assisted the Authority in the purchase of these lands and other stewardship projects: Region of Durham, Ministry of Natural Resources, Ministry of the Environment, Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation, Ducks Unlimited, Ontario Power Generation and the Town of Whitby.*

*Over the past year I have had an opportunity to visit many of the conservation areas and I am very impressed with the various trails and facilities that are open for the public to enjoy. The more than 30km of trails in the conservation areas are a wonderful resource for watershed residents and the rerouting of the Oak Ridges Trail through Long Sault Conservation Area is a great addition. The annual Maple Syrup Festival at Purple Woods C.A., organized by Authority staff, provides a great opportunity for the public to visit their local conservation area.*

*The launch of the Authority's Clean Water Stewardship Program in January 2004 was a great success. Over 16,000 tree seedlings were sold to 36 local land owners, 2 well upgrades were completed, 3 cattle crossings installed, 1 solar livestock watering system installed, 1 solar powered livestock fencing system installed and 1 farm land conservation project is underway with one in development.*

*Providing environmental education opportunities for today's youth is a priority of Central Lake Ontario Conservation. The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Durham Children's Groundwater Festival was once again a great success with more than 4,600 grade four students attending and learning how their actions affect the watershed in which they live. During the festival over 300 secondary students volunteer and are trained as activity center hosts creating a double learning opportunity. I would also like to say thank you to all of the sponsors and to the organizing committee that makes this event possible each year.*

*On a sad note, the Conservation Authority lost a staff member to cancer. Mr. Don Wright was with the Authority since November 1985 and passed away in the fall of this year. Don's dedication and his love for the preservation of the environment will be missed.*

*In closing I would like to say thank you to the Board of Directors and Authority Staff for their assistance over the past year. I see 2005 to be full of challenges as conservation authorities across Ontario take the lead on water source protection, Central Lake Ontario Conservation will work with the municipalities on the Provincial Greenbelt Strategy and continue to partner with Durham Region on the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan."*

After the election Chair Schell thanked the Directors for their continued support and confidence. Chair Jim Schell was also appointed to represent the Authority on the Conservation Ontario Council.

**The 2005 Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority  
Board of Directors**

**Chair**  
**Councillor Jim Schell**  
(Municipality of Clarington)



**Vice-Chair**  
**Councillor Pat Perkins**  
(Town of Whitby)



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