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Regional Councillor Bob Chapman Re-elected Chair of Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority

At Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority's (CLOCA) annual Board of Directors meeting on January 19, 2021, [Regional Councillor Bob Chapman](#) of the City of Oshawa was re-elected to the position of Chair of the Conservation Authority and [Councillor Elizabeth Roy](#) from the Town of Whitby was elected as Vice-Chair.

"I would like to thank the Board Members for their continued confidence as we face what looks to be another challenging year of this 'new normal'. Our Board Members and staff met the challenge head on in 2020 as they mitigated the impacts COVID-19 and transformed how they performed their respective duties. I am proud of our team at CLOCA and look forward to working with the Board and staff again over the coming year," stated Chair Chapman. "2021 will be an interesting year for all of us. But I rest assured because of our talented and dedicated team at CLOCA, as well as that of the elected officials representing our watershed municipalities."

Upon being elected, Vice-Chair Councillor Elizabeth Roy stated, "I am looking forward to working with the Board and staff of CLOCA in the 2020-2021 year in the capacity as Vice-Chair. I value the work of the Conservation Authority within our communities. The upcoming year will be a critical one as we work through the proposed governing policies. Collectively as a Board and an Authority we will need to ensure best practices are in place and that the Conservation Authority has the continuous support to protect our community."

This first meeting of the Board commenced with Chair Bob Chapman welcoming Board Members and staff, then commenting on the accomplishments of CLOCA over the past year:

2020 highlights and accomplishments

- Collaboration with Podium Developments
- Issued 218 permits; reviewed 1,969 technical submissions
- *Conservation and Restoration Planning Framework* completed
- Four *Watershed Plans* updated
- LiDAR Project partnership with Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

- Implemented Invasive Species Management projects on CLOCA-owned lands
- Initiated habitat and public use improvements at Lynde Shores Conservation Area
- Continued land management activities, improvements and enforcement at Conservation Areas
- Durham Region Climate Change Ensemble Model
- Completed year four of *Integrated Watershed Monitoring Program*
- Donation of 6.2 acres of land to the Enniskillen Conservation Area
- Continuation of the Oak Ridges Water Resources Coalition
- The CLOCA *Technical Guidelines for Stormwater Management Submissions* updated
- Corbett Creek Flood Plain Mapping Update
- Goodman and Oshawa Creeks Two-Zone Flood Management Study
- The *Lake Ontario Shoreline Hazards Management Plan*
- Developing scientific research through collaboration for the *Lynde Creek and McLaughlin Bay Coastal Wetland Restoration Project*
- Creation of the *RBC Smart Watersheds Project*
- Completed CLOCA *Strategic Plan* to guide our organization from 2021 to 2025

For details on these and additional information on CLOCA's 2020 accomplishments, please refer to [CLOCA's 2020 Annual Report](#). For a complete list of CLOCA's Board Members, please visit the [CLOCA website](#).

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About Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority

Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA) is a local, community-based, environmental organization and one of 36 Conservation Authorities responsible for managing watershed resources across Ontario. Established in 1958, CLOCA's jurisdiction is based on the watershed boundaries of four major watercourses and 18 minor watercourses draining an area of over 639 square kilometres. Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority's watershed stretches from the municipal boundaries of Ajax/Pickering to Clarington, and north from Lake Ontario to the crest of the Oak Ridges Moraine.

Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority provides a wide variety of science-based watershed management programs and services, delivered in partnership with their municipal partners, local landowners, environmental agencies and all levels of government. Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority's municipal partners include the Region of Durham, the cities of Oshawa and Pickering, the towns of Ajax and Whitby, the Municipality of Clarington, and the townships of Scugog and Uxbridge.