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Regional Councillor Bob Chapman Elected Chair of Central Lake Ontario Conservation

At Central Lake Ontario Conservation's (CLOCA) annual Board of Directors meeting on January 21, 2020, Regional Councillor Bob Chapman of the City of Oshawa was elected to the position of Chair of the Conservation Authority and Councillor Ron Hooper from the Municipality of Clarington was elected as Vice-Chair.

"I would like to thank the Board Members for their vote of confidence and look forward to working with them and staff again over the coming year," stated Chair Chapman. "2020 will be an exciting year for Central Lake Ontario Conservation. We have a dedicated team of elected officials representing our watershed municipalities who bring with them experience and a working knowledge of Central Lake Ontario Conservation.

Upon being elected, Vice-Chair Councillor Ron Hooper stated, "I would like to express my appreciation and say thank you to the Board Members for their support and the opportunity to serve again as Vice-Chair of Central Lake Ontario Conservation."

The meeting started with Chair Bob Chapman welcoming the board members and commenting on the accomplishments of Central Lake Ontario Conservation over the past year:

2019 Highlights and Accomplishments

- Former Whitby Councillor Joe Drumm was recognized for 41 years of service to the CLOCA board of directors, with his own trail at Heber Down Conservation Area.
- CLOCA became a Bee City Business with the distinction by Bee City Canada, making CLOCA the first Conservation Authority to receive this recognition.
- The Oak Ridges Moraine Groundwater Program staff were appointed to a committee established by the Standards Council of Canada to assist in setting standards for weather stations and provide input to the Federal Commissioner of the Environment & Sustainable Development regarding the management of Canada's freshwater resources.
- CLOCA continued to collaborate with municipal partners on subwatershed studies and secondary plans for more sustainable future growth.

- With funding from the National Disaster and Mitigation Program, CLOCA worked in partnership with the City of Oshawa to complete the Oshawa Creek/Goodman Creek Two-Zone Flood Study; and Initiated the update of the 1990 Lake Ontario Shoreline Hazard Management Plan.
- Completed the Hazard Management Study for Port Darlington in partnership with the Municipality of Clarington.
- Completed the Natural Heritage Restoration Prioritization Model and applied it to the Bowmanville Sopher Creek Watershed to identify projects for 2020.
- Initiated a partnership with the Ontario Tech University Kirkwood Lab to collect data on phytoplankton and zooplankton in CLOCA's coastal wetlands.
- Delivered a new turtle monitoring project, in partnership with the Durham Woodworking Club, as part of CLOCA's Integrated Watershed Monitoring Program, to determine the presence and absence of turtle species across our jurisdiction.
- Continued to update trails and signage, remove hazard trees, manage invasive species and species at risk in CLOCA's Conservation Areas.
- Developed and initiated CLOCA's first Conservation Area Trail Stewardship program at Lynde Shores Conservation Area where volunteers will assist CLOCA with trail maintenance and community engagement activities in the upcoming year.
- Continued to increase forest cover across CLOCA's jurisdiction in partnership with the Municipality of Clarington, TD Tree Days, Highway of Heroes Living Tribute and volunteers.
- Developed and delivered CLOCA's first ever Marvelous Monarch program at local libraries across their watershed.
- Delivered CLOCA's second Low Impact Development workshop to consultants, municipal staff and developers, focusing on the construction, certification, inspection and maintenance of small-and-large- scale infiltration tools for new development.
- As part of the Natural Environment and Climate Change Collaborative, CLOCA hosted the first ever Climate Change Summit to showcase the adaptation activities of municipalities and conservation authorities in Durham Region.
- Improved their flood forecasting capabilities and issued 19 flood notices with 202 days under flood notice.
- Provided over 1,000 letters of technical advice on land use planning applications to their municipal partners.
- Issued 234 permits in their regulated areas, keeping people and property safe from flooding and erosion.

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**2019 Central Lake Ontario Conservation
Board of Directors**

Chair
Councillor Bob Chapman
(City of Oshawa)

Vice-Chair
Councillor Ron Hooper
(Municipality of Clarington)



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About Central Lake Ontario Conservation (CLOCA)

Central Lake Ontario Conservation (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. CLOCA'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.

CLOCA 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. CLOCA'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.