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Councillor Rick Johnson Elected Chair of Central Lake Ontario Conservation

At the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority's (CLOCA) board meeting on January 19, 2010 in Oshawa, Councillor Rick Johnson of the City of Pickering was elected to the position of Chair of the Conservation Authority and Councillor Gerry Emm from the Town of Whitby was acclaimed as Vice-Chair.

The meeting started with 2009 Authority Chair Gerry Emm welcoming the board members and stating that he will not be seeking a 4th term as Chair of CLOCA. Chair Emm then proceeded with his opening remarks commenting on the accomplishments of Central Lake Ontario Conservation over the past three years and highlights of 2009.

"It has been a pleasure to serve as Chair of Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority for the years 2007, 2008 and 2009. Highlights over that three year period include the following:

- *Completed floodplain mapping for 5 watersheds*
- *Acquired 805 acres of land across the jurisdiction which included 67 acres at Heber Down, 184 acres at Enniskillen, 262 acres at Long Sault and 292 acres at Lynde Shores Conservation Areas*
- *Re-opened Stephen's Gulch Conservation Area*
- *Completed the Stewardship Plan for the Enniskillen Conservation Area and its new land holdings*
- *Celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Durham Children's Groundwater Festival in 2007, and as of 2009, we have engaged more than 50,000 students from Durham Region*
- *Celebrated CLOCA's 50th Anniversary*
- *Renovated the former Conference Centre to include improved storage, office and parking facilities at our main office*

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I also want to draw attention to specific accomplishments in 2009.

- *Completed the Black/Harmony/Farewell Creek Existing Conditions Report*
- *Completed floodplain mapping for Bowmanville/Soper Creek watersheds, and initiated floodplain mapping for the Robinson Creek and Black/Harmony/Farewell Creek watersheds*
- *Significant habitat and species sightings included tall grass prairie confirmed at Long Sault Conservation Area and river otters in the Bowmanville Westside Marshes Conservation Area*
- *Completed our commitments to the Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation for the Caring For the Moraine Project enhancing 50 hectares of private land in our watershed headwaters since 2006*
- *Completed the Royal Ashburn Golf Club Wetland Project and co-hosted the first annual Wetland Conservation Golf Tournament raising \$60,000 towards conservation education*
- *Completed CLOCA's first Watershed Checkup called Protecting Our Watershed, Nature's Precious Resource for distribution to the general public and stakeholders*
- *Enhancement of trails and public use structures at Heber Down Conservation Area;*
- *And hosted the biennial CLOCA Watershed Awards honoring the outstanding environmental contributions made by all of our communities*

In closing, I would like to thank the members and staff for their support in making my three years as Chair of CLOCA a rewarding and pleasurable experience."

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At the conclusion of the election, Chair Rick Johnson conducted the remainder of the meeting with the following opening address:

"I would like to thank the Directors for their vote of confidence and I look forward to working with them and staff over the coming year. It is a pleasure to serve once again as Chair and I look forward to 2010 as we work closely with our municipal partners, Durham Region and the community to protect and enhance the watersheds in which we live."

After the opening remarks, Chair Johnson presented Councillor Emm with a gift for his work and dedication over the past three years as Chair of Central Lake Ontario Conservation.

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Councillor Gerry Emm
(Town of Whitby)



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