



**LOWER TRENT**  
CONSERVATION

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## New Heads for Conservation Board

Lower Trent Conservation has a new Chair and Vice-Chair following its Annual Meeting held last week. Long-time member and representative of the City of Quinte West, Jim Alyea, and Eric Sandford, representative of the Municipality of Centre Hastings, were acclaimed to the Chair and Vice Chair, respectively. Alyea first sat on the Board representing the former Murray Township from 1990 to 1997 and returned in 2007. Sandford joined the Board in 2015.

Lower Trent Conservation's area of jurisdiction covers 2,121 sq. km. (819 sq. mi.) stretching from Grafton to Quinte West and from Lake Ontario to Rice Lake. The area includes all or portions of seven municipalities. The municipalities within this region appoint members to the Board of Directors which oversees the activities of the Conservation Authority and sets its budget. The 10-member Board of Directors includes the following municipal representatives for 2017:

Township of Alnwick/Haldimand	Ray Bennis
Municipality of Brighton	Mary Tadmán, John Martinello
Municipality of Centre Hastings	Eric Sandford
Township of Cramahe	Don Clark
City of Quinte West	Jim Alyea, Karen Sharpe
Township of Stirling-Rawdon	Rick English
Municipality of Trent Hills	Bill Thompson, Rick English

A 2017 budget of \$1,722,937 was approved by the Board at the meeting, representing a 3.5 per cent increase from the previous year. The seven local municipalities will provide 51 per cent, or \$871,002, of the total budget to support the watershed management program. An additional \$950,000 will be provided by the provincial and federal governments to coordinate programs related to the cleanup of the Bay of Quinte and the protection of sources of water used for municipal drinking water.

The Board of Directors meets the second Thursday of every month. The meetings are open to the public. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. and are held at the Lower Trent Conservation office located just south of Wooler at 714 Murray Street, Quinte West. Meeting agendas are available at <http://www.ltc.on.ca> in advance of each meeting.

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