



Long Point Region Conservation Authority
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LPRCA Elects New Chair and Vice-Chair

The Long Point Region Conservation Authority (LPRCA) has a new chair and vice-chair. Noel Haydt, a councillor in Norfolk County, has been elected chair and John Scholten, a councillor in the Township of Norwich, has been elected vice-chair.

Both Haydt and Scholten were elected by the LPRCA board of directors at the board meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2017. Elections are held for both positions at the first board meeting each year.

The 11-member LPRCA board is composed of representatives appointed by the municipalities within the Long Point Region watershed.

Haydt was elected as councillor for Ward 1 in Norfolk County in 2014, and was subsequently appointed as a member of the LPRCA board. He is the owner of a computer networking company.

In his remarks, Haydt expressed his gratitude to the board for their support.

He noted that he looks forward to his leadership role on the LPRCA board, and to collaborating with his fellow board members in navigating policies, programs and budgets in order to make strategic decisions at the watershed level. "Moving forward, it is important that we continue to make good business decisions that will improve infrastructure, cash flow and streamline the services LPRCA provides to residents."

He identifies working with all stakeholders to find a balance between preserving and enhancing the natural assets of the watershed and serving the needs of the community as one of the primary goals LPRCA will face this year.

The chairman pointed to the work to be done to revise and update a number of policies. "It is very important to have public insight and experience factored into our decision-making process so that we may continue to improve," stated Haydt.

Scholten has been a member of the LPRCA board since 2014. He is the former General Manager of a farm equipment company and was elected to the Township of Norwich council in 2014.

Noel Haydt replaces Mike Columbus, who was elected as the chair of the LPRCA board of directors in 2015, and John Scholten replaces Dave Beres, who was elected as the vice-chair, also in 2015.

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