

Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation



Presentation to the LSRCA Board of Directors

May 26, 2023

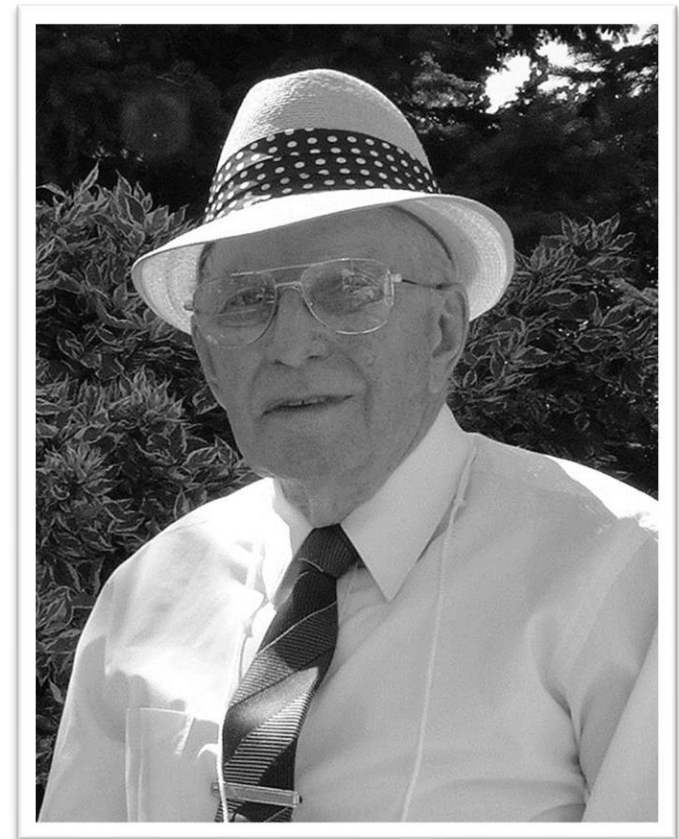


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LSCF Organization: History

- 1973:
 - Incorporated to “aid the Authority in the cultivation and advancement of conservation by serving as a permanent custodian of their endowment funds”
First years
 - \$ via George Richardson Conservation Dinner
- 2004: LSCF and LSRCA are administratively separate organization. First Executive Director and Development Officer.
- 2010:
 - Foundation moved to “advancement” governance model - integrated staff into the Authority but still maintained a separate Board of Directors, letters patent and by-laws.
 - Executive Director is an active member of the Executive Management Team, and committees
- It’s our 50th Anniversary this year!



Our New Vision

We envision a healthy,
resilient Lake Simcoe
and its surrounding
land that will enrich
our lives for
generations to come.



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Our **New** Mission

We raise funds for the environmental and educational initiatives of Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority that lessen the impact of climate change and inspire action.



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2023-2026

Strategic Goals:

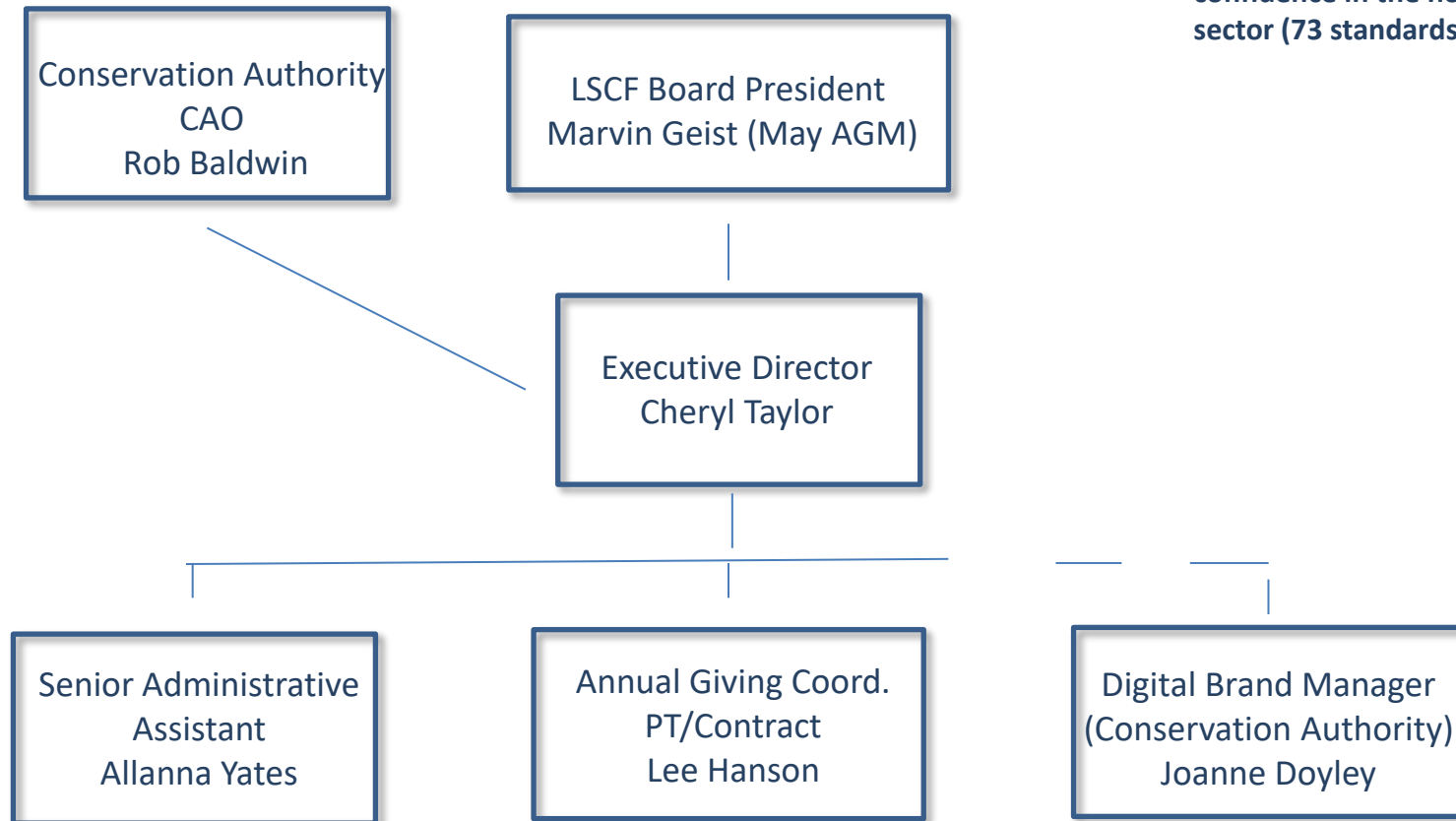
1. **Grow Operational Capacity of the Foundation.** Attract and retain staff and volunteers for the Foundation.
2. **Grow Brand Awareness.** A well-managed and successful Foundation with an effective, dedicated, and professional Board of Directors and Staff.
3. **Grow Revenue.** Generate sufficient revenues and operational reserves to meet the Conservation Authority programming priorities of today and into the future.



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LSCF Organization

LSCF is accredited in the distinguished Imagine Canada accreditation after demonstrating the **highest standards for public confidence in the non-profit sector (73 standards)**



2022-2023 Board of Directors



Marvin Geist
President; *ret.*
and Past Pres
May 31, 2023



Sarah Kurtz
Vice President



Clarence Lui
Secretary-Treasurer



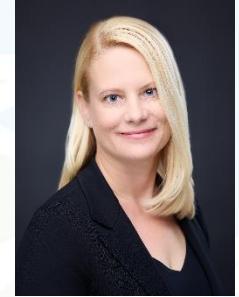
Matthew Allen



Debby Beatty
ret. May 31
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Bruce Buchan



Susana Donaldson



Ahmed ElGanzouri



Kerigan Kelly



Allan MacPherson



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Brad Rogers



Tom Vegh



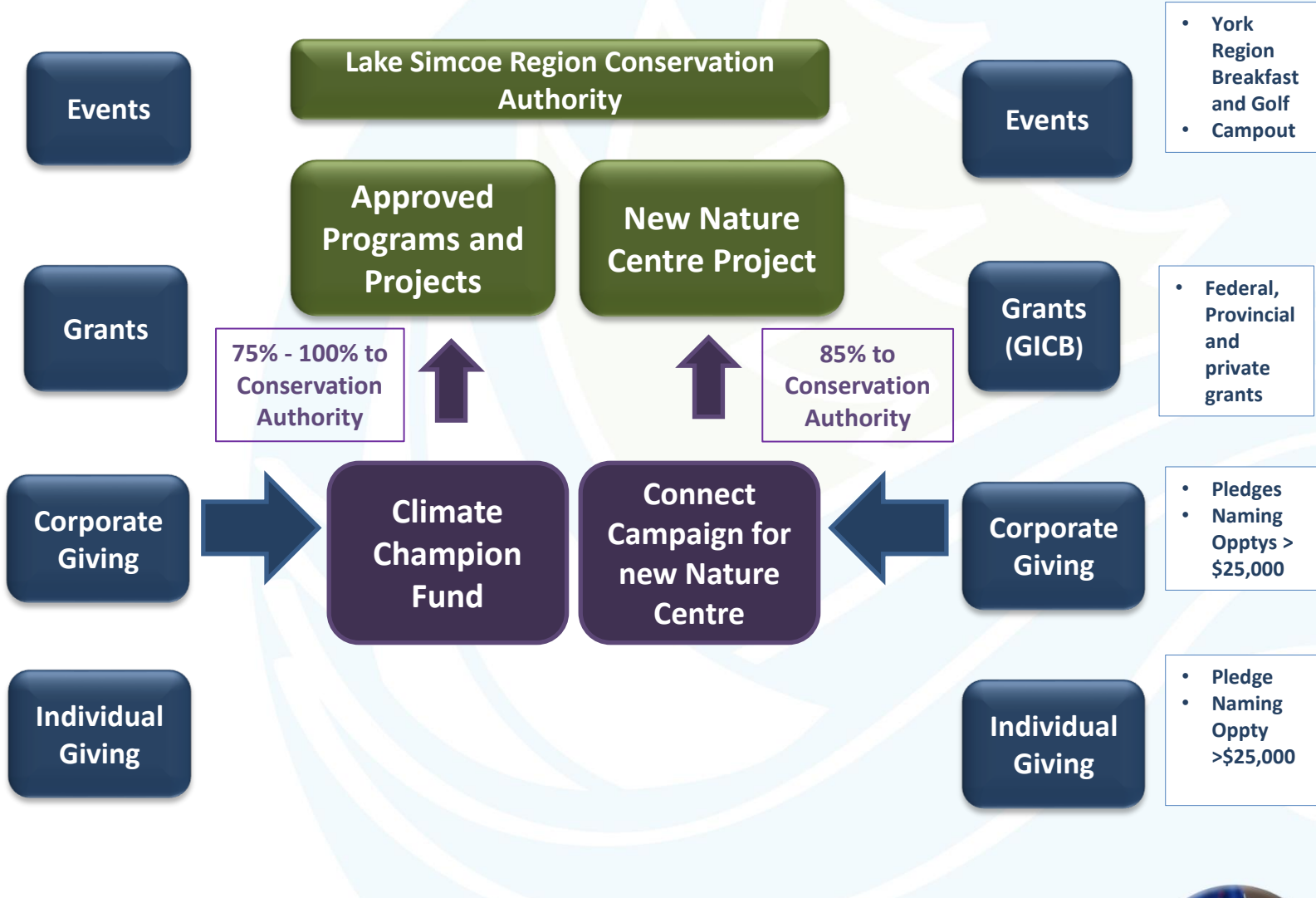
How We Receive Donations

- Conservation Dinner
- Franklin Fishing
- Golf
- L.S. Socials

- Example:
- TD Fof E
 - RBC Tech for Nature
 - etc

- Inspiring Greener Communities
- Lake Simcoe Marinas
- Conservation Day Program

- Direct Mail
- Major Gifts: Leadership Circle
- Tributes
- Foundation Family
- General



- York Region Breakfast and Golf
- Campout

- Federal, Provincial and private grants

- Pledges
- Naming Opptys > \$25,000

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2022/2023 Funded Initiatives

Program / Project	Amount
Outdoor Education @ the Nature Centre	\$102,000 102,000
Outreach Education Hybrid Vehicle	\$7,775 \$8,170
Devlin Place Restoration Project	\$25,000
Scanlon Creek Restoration Project	\$25,000
SWM Project - Barrie	\$50,000
Bayfield Mall Project - Barrie	\$25,000
404 Plaza Retrofit - Aurora	\$25,000
Tree Planting	\$5,000 \$12,000
Memorial Bench Project	\$5,000
Kennedy Street Project – Aurora	\$25,000
Nature-based Climate solutions research project (2 years)	\$71,450
Enhanced Memorial Tree Program Pilot	\$15,000
Total (does not include external grants)	\$503,395



Foundation Accomplishments

- Since 2003: raised almost \$13 Million
 - Almost \$9 Million since 2013
 - Diversified revenue base
- Supported hundreds of projects and outdoor education programs
- Hexagenia, LSRCA's research boat
- Launched the first capital campaign, the Connect Campaign
- Received the largest single grant in Foundation history: GICB \$4.17 Million
- Committed projects – funds always disbursed on time and on budget
- It's all about partnerships:
- The best at what we do – good governance
- Little resources – what a team!
- 2021 raised the most in Foundation history
- NEW Carbon Sequestration Fund – 2023 feasibility study



Connect Campaign to build a new Nature Centre



Connect

Sparking imagination TODAY and
empowering the environmental
champions of TOMORROW.



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Scanlon Creek: Proud Legacy Of Education

- Outdoor environmental education since 1978
- Multiple generational
- While educational programs have changed and evolved, Scanlon Creek remains a place where you can experience nature.



The Nature Centre Today

- 3 re-purposed portables
- 2 classrooms, capacity of 60 students
- 2,800 sq ft of space
- Inadequate washroom and storage
- Inefficient climate control
- At the end of its life cycle



The Nature Centre Inspired Design

- Architects: Gow Hastings and Two Row
- Final design Informed by Indigenous knowledge and available budget: approx. \$8,000,000
- Objectives:
 - A multi-use building with flexible rooms to accommodate learning, training and congregation
 - Replace an end-of-life building
 - Build according to Net Zero Building Standard
 - Create a community gathering space for the enhancement of knowledge of the health of the environment

Net Zero Design (GICB agreement)

- Model a zero carbon balance
- Report embodied carbon (GWP of the building (kg CO₂e)
- Report total refrigerants (kg CO₂e)
- Provide a quote for carbon offsets (statement confirming that they are aware of the cost of offsets)
- Provide a transition plan (if they have onsite combustion) (why it is necessary and how they will adapt)
- Meet one of the three energy efficiency pathways (Report TEDI (ekWh/m²/yr and EUI)
- Report on seasonal peaks (peak demand) ((kW Summer and kW Winter)
- Report and justify modelled value (airtightness) (default rate, or justification if lower value claimed)
- And apply 2 impact/innovation strategies (description/strategy)

Connect Campaign Goal: \$ 3 Million+

- Since 2018
- Led by Connect Campaign Leadership Cabinet
- Pledged to Date: \$2,357,318
- Challenges with the pandemic
- Additional support: Federal GICB for \$4.17 Million



Implications of Bill 229

- Takes effect January 1, 2024
- Lays the groundwork for what programs and services the Conservation Authority can fund via levy
- Support from the Conservation Authority for operations since 2011 ends in January 2024
- 2024 Board Transition Committee
- Healthy reserves and new Strategic Plan



Events Reminder

- 34th Conservation Dinner
 - June 14th
 - SOLD OUT
- BWG Mayor and Council's Golf Classic
 - June 16th
 - Proceeds support the Nature Centre
- 5th Annual Golf Invitational
 - August 21
 - Oakdale Golf and Country Club
 - SOLD OUT



Thank You



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