



2003 CONSERVATION PIONEER AWARDS



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Ron Scott

Ron has provided 17 years of service to conservation in the Otonabee Region Conservation Authority watershed.

His involvement has included several positions within the Authority including:

- ◆ Member of the Water Management Advisory Board from 1986-1993
- ◆ Chair of the Watershed Management Advisory Board from 1987-1989
- ◆ Member of the Board of Directors from 1986 until 1992, holding both Chair and Vice-Chair positions.

Appointed to the Board of Directors of the Otonabee Region Conservation Foundation in 1991, Ron has held the position of Chair from 1999 until present. During this time, he has also been actively

involved with the A.D. Latonell Conservation Symposium, sitting on the Steering Committee and assuming responsibility for the Silent Auction.

A teacher by day, Ron was instrumental in the establishment and on-going activities of the Norwood Young Conservationists Club. He is also well known for creating the "Scott Model" for watershed management which developed into the Trent Conservation Coalition.

In addition to his conservation duties, Ron is also an active member of his local community. He has served as President of the Norwood Lions Club, Associate Director of the Norwood Agricultural Fair, and Charter Member of the Norwood Horticultural Society.

In his "spare time", Ron plays the Bag Pipes, loves to travel, enjoys fishing and gardening. He is married to Elaine and has three children; Andrew, Kerstin and Lindsay.



Jack MacPherson

For nearly 40 years, Jack MacPherson has been an innovator in the areas of hydrology and flood forecasting computer programs.

Largely self-taught, Jack has worked in both the public and private sector.

Throughout his career he has shown a commitment to:

- ◆ Improving our understanding of the consequences of flooding
- ◆ Developing a better understanding of hydrological cycle and its impact on humans
- ◆ Using this information to assist Conservation Authorities to fulfill their flood warning and flood forecasting mandates by developing specialized computer program packages
- ◆ Working to continuously improve these programs
- ◆ Encouraging standardization of the programs, tools and equipment used in flood forecasting

During his career Jack has been involved in:

- ◆ The development of floodplain mapping for various urban and rural areas
- ◆ Numerous floodplain policy studies
- ◆ Watershed studies for several Conservation Authorities
- ◆ The design and construction of weirs, dams and flood control channels
- ◆ The creation of a real time flood forecast model currently being used by a number of Conservation Authorities
- ◆ The network design and analysis of flood warning systems for nine Conservation Authorities
- ◆ Assisting with the development and design of Provincial Flood Warning Criteria

Always generous with his time and expertise, Jack has been a willing teacher, conveying his knowledge of watershed to colleagues and the general public. Jack is well respected by his peers and upon his retirement this year, will leave a legacy using innovative approaches to upgrading our flood forecasting capabilities and improving our capacity to protect lives and property.



Arthur Herbert Richardson (1890 - 1971)

A.H. Richardson is one of Ontario's great conservation pioneers. He had a hand in forming 31 of the province's conservation authorities. A.H. Richardson had exceptional skills on how to market and communicate

the conservation message to the people of the province. By teaching forest conservation to boy scouts, he was attempting to instill in youth a heightened regard for the complex relation between man, animals and nature. He wrote many publications, but one in particular - The Ganaraska Report - set the stage for the future.

Monuments to his public service are spread throughout the Province in the form of parks, playgrounds, swimming areas, flood control and reforestation projects, pioneer villages and land use demonstrations.

One such place is Richardson's Lookout, which was dedicated to Mr. Richardson in 1964. This location takes in a spectacular view of the Ganaraska Watershed where it all began. Richardson described it as a place where you can absorb the splendour of man's work in harmony with nature.

With his drive, determination and leadership, he was a major player in the advancement of forestry in Canada. Mr. Richardson always thought that it was important to bring the government to the people.

Mr. Richardson retired after 41 years of service with the provincial government at 71 years of age. During his 10 years of retirement, he wrote the book *Conservation for the People*. The completion of the book seemed to be a signal that he had finished what he wanted to do in his life.



Greta McGillivray

Born 74 years ago on her parents farm atop the Niagara Escarpment near Belfountain, Greta McGillivray (nee Jepson) and her sisters walked and cross-country skied the 2.2 miles up and

down the mountain to the country school house. She has often said that she learned more about life, about flora and fauna, about the intricate interdependence of all life systems on her way to and from school than she ever learned in school.

Raising her six children in Collingwood Ontario, eventually, an emptying nest allowed Greta's protective, nurturing and advocacy skills to expand beyond child-rearing to focus on the greater natural world surrounding her. The last twenty years have seen her emerge as a fierce and tireless defender of the environment.

Among her many accomplishments:

- ◆ Founding member and President of the Senior Leagues Endowment Society of Collingwood, Inc., and organization which raised over \$100,000 to purchase and preserve the Feversham Gorge
- ◆ Chair and Public Liaison Coordinator for the Georgian Triangle Waste Management Master Plan
- ◆ Participated in the Collingwood Harbour Remedial Action Plan - de-listing of the Harbour as a Great Lakes Area of Concern
- ◆ Organized Earth Day celebrations and tree planting throughout Collingwood

- ◆ Served two terms on the Niagara Escarpment Commission
- ◆ Director of the Ontario Heritage Foundation
- ◆ Organized a public meeting to discuss water quality and quantity problems. Subsequently the Ministry of Environment provided funding for the AEMOT Groundwater Management Study

Greta is the founding member and Co-President (and environmental conscience) of the Blue Mountain Watershed Trust Foundation. The BMWTF has run out of the back of her house and Greta has answered telephone inquiries 24-7 on a volunteer basis, ensuring that the organization's time and funds raised are spent on in-ground projects, not administration. The BMWTF has assisted with the planting of over 260,000 trees, administered the \$100,000 Beaver River Water Quality Improvement Project (47 rehabilitation projects). The BMWTF is also working with the Town of Collingwood to preserve the Silver Creek Wetlands on the southern shores of Georgian Bay. At Council in December of 2001, she encouraged the Town to enact an Interim Control By-Law thus preventing the developers to proceed immediately with construction of an 18-hole golf course in this Provincially Significant Wetland. The Trust has backed the Town in the subsequent OMB hearing. Currently, the Trust is rallying public support to oppose the Castle Glen Resort Community which proposed three golf courses and a 5,000-person town on the slopes of the Niagara Escarpment in an area of extremely vulnerable Karst topography.

Greta was named to the Order of Collingwood several years ago and received the "Companions of the Order of Collingwood" in 2003.



William McLean

Since his conservation career began in 1959, Bill has dedicated his energy and efforts towards the protection of greenspace and the natural resources of our region. Upon graduating in

geography from McMaster University in 1959, Bill joined the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority as a Conservation Area Planner. He became Conservation Area Administrator in 1961 and was appointed Director of an Interagency Task Force to establish a Waterfront Division at MTRCA in 1970.

As the first Administrator of the Waterfront Division, Bill was instrumental in developing a system of waterfront access and recreation sites over the 50 km stretch of waterfront. He also initiated shoreline management measures such as erosion protection works and regulations controlling shoreline alterations. Bill served as the Director of Planning and Policy from 1975 to 1981. In this capacity, he helped prepare a comprehensive Watershed Plan setting new directions and priorities for MTRCA. Bill became

Deputy General Manager in 1981 and was seconded to the Conservation Authorities Branch of the Ministry of Natural Resources in 1982 to prepare a Provincial Strategy for Conservation Authority Waterfront Programs. Upon his return to MTRCA, Bill was appointed General Manager in 1983, a position which he held until his retirement in 1992.

When he retired from MTRCA, Bill directed his energy and dedication to The Conservation Foundation of Greater Toronto. He's been a prominent member of the Conservation Foundation since 1992, including a four-year term as President.

In addition, he was a member of the Canadian Water Resources Association and the Soil and Water Conservation Society of America, and he was President of the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association. Throughout his career, he was a big supporter of the Association of Conservation Authorities of Ontario, now Conservation Ontario. Bill has also been an active member of his community through his involvement in the Rotary Club, the Runnymede Hospital Corporation, and the Humbercrest United Church.

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The Pioneer Conservation Award is given to individuals who have made long-term contributions and achievements through either work, career or volunteer efforts in the conservation field.

These contributions can include but are not limited to:

- ◆
Conservation legislation/policy development and reform
- ◆
Conservation innovation i.e. best management practices in forestry, agriculture, etc.
- ◆
Habitat enhancement – large restoration/rehabilitation projects
- ◆
Conservation research
- ◆
Field work and studies
- ◆
Education
- ◆
Planning
- ◆
Advocacy
- ◆
Community organization

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