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Mike Garrett

Mike Garrett has a wealth of experience in multiple stakeholder environments, including assisting deputy minister and director of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Water Management. As the general manager of South Nation River (a federal-provincial partnership to address flooding in the region), Mike was instrumental in developing policies and programs to address flooding concerns in the region. He is known for his leadership in developing sustainable flood management plans that balance the needs of natural and human systems.

Mike has a passion for environmental education and has been a key figure in natural resource management in Ontario. His leadership in the establishment of environmental education programs and initiatives has helped to create a culture of environmental awareness in Ontario. His years of experience have made him a respected figure in the natural resource management community.

Mike is a strong advocate for the importance of collaboration and engagement in environmental decision-making. He believes that involving stakeholders in the decision-making process is crucial to achieving successful outcomes and has been instrumental in facilitating these collaborations in many of his previous roles.

Mike’s leadership and contributions to natural resource management in Ontario have earned him numerous awards and recognition. He is a recipient of the Ontario Nature Conservation Award and the Ontario Biodiversity Council Award, among others.

Mike Garrett’s dedication to environmental education and management has made a significant impact on natural resource management in Ontario. He continues to be a leader in the field and a driving force for change in the natural resource management sector.

PETER MIDDLETON

For over 50 years, Mike Pearson has contributed to the conservation and management of natural resources in Ontario. A leading figure in the field, Mike has been a vocal advocate for the importance of environmental education and has helped to establish many educational programs and initiatives in the region.

Mike has held positions in both the public and private sectors and has been involved in a wide range of environmental projects throughout his career. He has been a key figure in initiatives such as the establishment of environmental education programs in schools and municipalities, and the development of environmental management plans for natural areas.

Mike’s dedication to environmental education and management is evident in his commitment to sharing knowledge and fostering a sense of responsibility for the environment. He has been a strong supporter of organizations such as the Ontario Nature Conservation Council and the Ontario Biodiversity Council, and has been recognized with numerous awards for his contributions to conservation efforts.

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OWEN SOUND

Bill Dickinson

Bill Dickinson was a pioneer in the field of environmental management and has spent his career working to protect the natural environment. He was one of the first people to recognize the importance of environmental management in Ontario and has been a driving force in the field for over 50 years.

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Mike Garrett
Nominated by: Muskoka Conservation
Mike Garrett has a reputation for being a multi-faceted conservation leader who has worked extensively in natural resources management and leadership. Mike Garrett has spent over 25 years working with various conservation organizations, including assistant district minister and director of the Ontario Water Resources and River Management Branch. As the general manager of South Nation River (a region with significant biodiversity, Mike Garrett has been instrumental in the development of strategic plans and projects that have positively impacted the local environment. Mike Garrett's leadership has been recognized at various levels, from local partnerships to international collaborations. His passion for environmental stewardship and his ability to inspire others have made him a respected figure in the conservation community.

Tom Brown
Nominated by: Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
Tom Brown has been a key figure in the conservation movement, working tirelessly to protect the natural environment in and around Toronto. With over 25 years of experience in the field, Tom Brown has played a crucial role in promoting sustainable practices and protecting biodiversity. His dedication to conservation has earned him numerous awards and recognition, underscoring his commitment to the future of our planet.

Peter Middleton
Nominated by: City of Toronto
Peter Middleton has been a driving force in urban conservation and environmental education. For over 50 years, Peter Middleton has spent the majority of his life working towards the conservation of the natural environment. His influence has been province-wide, and his legacy continues to inspire future generations of conservationists.

Russ Powell
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Owen Sound
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Owen Sound Environment Centre is an organization that is dedicated to environmental protection and education. The centre works to raise public awareness of environmental issues and encourages individuals to take action to protect the environment. Owen Sound Environment Centre's focus on environmental education and public engagement has been instrumental in raising awareness and fostering a sense of responsibility among the community.

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Jean-Marc Filion
Nominated by: Norfolk County
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Mastor of Ceremonies
Don Pearson
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer - Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority
Don Pearson joined the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority in January 7, 2003, following nearly 4 years as General Manager of the London District Conservation Authority. During his time with Conservation Ontario, Mr. Pearson served on the Natural Spaces Committee, the Thames Valley Conservation Authority, and the Ontario Biodiversity Council. He is presently a board member of Canadian Mutua, the Ontario Heritage Trust and the Canadian Wildlife Federation. From 1991 until 2010, Mr. Pearson was General Manager of the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority where, under his leadership, the Authority earned a reputation for innovation in environmental management and community engagement. The Thames Valley Conservation Authority was honored as a Canadian Heritage River in 2005 with the strong support of the Upper Thames River and Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authorities.

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2011
- Jim Andersen, Liette Vasseur, Paul Aird, Tom Taylor

2010
- Stew Hills, Vicki Barron, Don Ross, Gil Henderson

2009
- Ian Parrish, Ian Macinab, Allan Ralph, Ernie Crossland, Craig Mather

2008
- Dr. John Gunn, Lorne Smith, Harold Parker, Jim Myslik, Bob Whittam

2007
- Bruce Duncan, Deborah Beatty, Lou Wise, Michael Hough, Ted Mesquin

2006
- Sally Beaton, Robert Bowles, Ron Reid, George Stormont

2005
- Don Lobb, Dr. Gray Merriam, Dr. David Pearson, Dr. Anthony Smith, Ben Vanderbrug

2004
- Malcolm Kirk, Patrick J. McManus, Dr. Duncan Sinclair, David Cressman, Maria and Paul Heissler

2003
- Ren Scott, Jack Macpherson, Arthur Herbert Richardson, Greta Mc Gillivray, William McLean

2002
- Hai Hooke, Terry Sprague, Jim Bruce, Terk Bayly, Rheal Proulx, Tom Millar, Peter Harvie

2001
- Ken Mayall, Murray Miller, Douglas Hoffman, Elwood Moore, George R. Richardson, Gordon Oldfield

2000
- Jim Bauer, Janet Fletcher, Harry Barrett, Trevor Dickinson, Ray Lowes, Bob Burgar

1999
- John Murray, Charles Alexander, Len Johnson, Dr. Dave Ankeney, Christine Nornabell, Russell Piper, Mac Coults, Ken Higgs