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Dear Members and Supporters,

As in past municipal elections, the North Pigeon Lake Association (NPLA), early this past summer, began to consider which candidates best supported the NPLA Purpose in the upcoming election and also would represent Trent Lakes well for the next 4 years. A NPLA sub committee was formed and had the opportunity to interview 8 candidates. Each candidate came well prepared and spoke to different strengths and passions. All candidates clearly have a strong commitment to Trent Lakes.

The following is a summary of our endorsements and the rationale for our recommendations.

FOR MAYOR

We endorse Peter Raymond for Mayor. He is a first-time Councillor from Harvey Ward. His leadership style is his distinguishing feature. It involves careful listening and a thoughtful, forward-looking, quiet-spoken and collegial approach that will best serve our community's interests as TEAM leader going forward. He listens to his constituents, and fellow Councillors, asks difficult questions and is not afraid to re-think and admit missteps that arise as we enter a complex and rapidly changing environment for municipalities. Mr. Raymond researches each issue that comes to Council and has gained confidence in his first term in office and freely passes on that experience to the community and other Councillors. He has already demonstrated his commitment to the environment; high on the priority list of the NPLA. He has advanced a number of creative initiatives to improve consultation with the differing communities that make up Trent Lakes, also a very high priority for the NPLA.

FOR DEPUTY MAYOR

We endorse Adri Eastman for Deputy Mayor. Ms. Eastman led a successful fight against the Dewdney Mountain mega-Quarry when others said it couldn't be done. She learned much in that daily six-year struggle and attended the majority of Council meetings for those six years (and some Peterborough County Council meetings as well). Ms. Eastman has gained powerful insights on the importance of local government to its citizens, including the all-important character of really listening to citizens. She has served on municipal committees for the past four years and while claiming she is still learning about all the various issues affecting the diverse communities that make up Trent Lakes, Ms. Eastman is already advancing innovative solutions that she has been thinking about while sitting in the Council gallery. Her experience sets her apart as a valuable member of the Trent Lakes leadership team. Sitting on County Council, she, along with the mayor, would be a powerful voice for Trent Lakes' interests at the next highest tier of local government where many of the important decisions affecting us are decided.

FOR MEMBER-AT LARGE

We endorse Terry Lamshead for Member-at-Large. Mr. Lamshead, too, has completed his first term as a Councillor (for Galway-Cavendish) and has learned the complexities of Trent Lakes on the job and is deserving of another term to put into practice all the things that he has learned, mixed with his proven passion about the community, protecting the environment (especially our water) and the quality of our lives.

FOR HARVEY WARD

We endorse Kim Letto for Harvey Ward. Ms. Letto has been the busy immediate Past President of the Big Bald Lake Cottagers' Association which has been noted for its creative activities over the years. She has also served on a number of local bodies and her commitment to being open to more consultation with the community, and a collegial approach with other members of Council, combined with creative ideas for advancing Trent Lakes would make her an outstanding member of any leadership team. She has an extensive business background that she hopes can be translated to benefit the Harvey and Trent Lakes community.

FOR GALWAY-CAVENDISH WARD

We endorse Carole Armstrong for Galway-Cavendish Ward. Ms. Armstrong is a very strong and thoughtful candidate. She is now retired and prepared to work full-time as the Councillor for Galway-Cavendish. Like the other candidates we have endorsed, she is passionate about preserving the quality of our lives and the environment, and to improving Council communications with the community. She researches issues tirelessly, including spending over a year to review on-line materials about local government, so as to better represent local citizens. Ms. Armstrong also has gained a wealth of experience in business that she hopes to bring to a leadership team to advance the interests of the people of Galway-Cavendish and Trent Lakes.

The mandate of our sub-committee flowed from our Constitution:

ARTICLE 2 PURPOSE

1. 2.1 To consider all subjects and issues that tend to preserve and promote the welfare of the shoreline and waters of north Pigeon Lake and its catchment area (herein after referred to as the "Area") see Appendix A for map.
2. 2.2 To consider, recommend and promote such provincial, federal, municipal and other measures as may be deemed wise by the voting members, and expedient in the interests of the Area.
3. 2.3 To plan, recommend and promote the adoption of such measures that will act to beautify enhance, protect and improve the Area.
4. 2.4 To facilitate communications between NPLA members with external bodies and associations with similar objectives.
5. 2.5 To promote good government, including environmental stewardship, particularly as it affects the Area.

All candidates for office (including those for Ward 2 in Kawartha Lakes) were invited to the Annual General Meeting of the NPLA. Following that, the NPLA struck a five-person sub-committee to conduct interviews with various candidates from Trent Lakes to elicit a better understanding of what they offered the community in line with our organization's mandate (see Purposes outlined in Article 2 above). At this time, we didn't feel we had the resources to interview candidates from Bobcaygeon. We will attempt to rectify that in future.

Members of the NPLA sub-committee spent the best part of August and September conducting interviews of Trent Lakes candidates and attending all of the all-candidates and other meetings to get a better knowledge of the various candidates; and above are the distilled collective and unanimous findings of your sub-committee.

The sub-committee developed a list of 12 basic questions, e.g. reasons for running, municipal budgets, climate change, community advisory bodies, economic development, dealings with the Province and County Council, additional quarries, internet and cellphone reception, etc. that we put to all of the candidates that we interviewed. Answers to those questions and statements they made at various meetings formed the basis of our decision-making.

First, we believe all of the candidates putting themselves forward for election demonstrated a profound commitment to the betterment of our community.

Second, there is a wealth of knowledge and experience demonstrated by all of the candidates that we hope will be put to positive use by whoever becomes the successful candidates after October 22.

Third, if there was a common theme expressed by all candidates in all of the meetings and interviews, it was the need for greater input and relationship-building with the community to tap the incredible knowledge base in the community as we go forward in what promises to be extremely challenging times for local municipalities.

It was a difficult task to narrow down our five choices for office, best reflecting our mandate.

Nevertheless, we believe the five that we have endorsed come closest to reflecting consistently the aims and objectives of the NPLA and thus we urge your support for them, without in any way diminishing the talent, experience, and commitment of those others offering themselves for election. There are big questions facing our community as we continue to act to protect our quality of life and our environment. We believe our recommendations constitute the most forward-thinking candidates to help us deal with the future of our township.