

Members of the Board

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Arnold De Graaff - Member at Large

Arnold was born in the Netherlands and came to Canada in 1951. He and his wife, Rita Reitsma, have lived in Mono for 26 years. They are both psychotherapists. Arnold is a member, and previous board member of the Dufferin Arts Council, through which he participated in the paint-ins of the Artists Against the Quarry. As he has become more and more concerned about the global degradation of the environment he began a study project

which has turned into a book which he hopes to get published soon. He is chair of MC² Environment Committee in large part because he wants to do something very practical for our children and young people in this area with regard to the environment and how to become more resilient and self-sufficient. He loves to garden and paint.

Ed Kroeker - Member at Large

Ed is a life-long agriculturalist who has also spent the past 40 years as an environmental engineer specializing in water and wastewater treatment systems, solid waste management and recycling and agricultural waste management. He spent the first 18 years of his life on his family's mixed farm in southern Manitoba. From there he went on to obtain a B. Sc. in Agricultural Engineering from the University of Manitoba; this was followed by an M.Sc. in Agricultural Waste Management and Environmental Engineering from Cornell University. Since the mid 1970's, Ed's professional engineering experience has included an 18 year career as senior manager at Stantec--a large Canadian consulting engineering company. While there he managed numerous projects involving wastewater treatment in agriculture and food processing, oil and gas, pulp and paper, and mining industries. His particular area of interest has been the development and implementation of innovative technologies for these sectors. His experience

has included the evaluation of soils effects from the application of wastewater sludges and he has authored several design manuals for the land disposal of food processing wastewaters and wastewater biosolids. Ed has recently been involved as engineering manager of a large biodiesel project in Ghana, West Africa. He is currently in the development and commercialization of a new cavitation technology that has application in the wastewater treatment industry as well as in biofuels production.

During this past year Ed participated as an expert witness last fall in the Normal Farm Practices Protection Board Hearing on the Cox fill case in the Town of Mono. More recently he has been representing MC² on the Singer water skiing proposal hearing at the Town of Mono.

In addition to his professional engineering pursuits, Mr. Kroeker, together with his wife, also owns and operates a small farm located in the Town of Mono, Ontario

Don MacFarlane - Interim President & Treasurer

Don has served on MC² Board for the past several years and was elected President at the 2009 AGM, and has held that position since. Don worked as a human resources/labour relations consultant after he formally retired in 2003. Since 2010 he has been fully retired from the

business world. Don's business career involved extensive world travel including extended periods living with his family in the USA and in Mexico. He and his wife Frances have been full time residents of Mulmur Township since 2006 but have lived in Mulmur part-time for more than a

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Bob Mitchell - Member at Large

After graduating from commerce at Carleton University, Bob began a very successful career in the construction equipment business. He is a retired senior executive with Toromont Cat, the Caterpillar dealership for Ontario, Manitoba, Nunavut and Newfoundland/Labrador. He spent 35 years mainly in operations and laterally as CFO of the Caterpillar dealership. He was a board member of the Ontario Road Builders

Association for 6 years and active in other related organizations. After retiring in 2006, he became involved in the Town of Mono citizens' committees and was successful running for Town Council from 2011 to 2014. He is a proud Canadian and strong advocate for our environment, cultural heritage and human rights.

Rita Reitsma - Secretary

Rita has lived in Mono for 26 years. Though initially reluctant to leave Toronto, she has loved it here and hopes to never leave. She continues to practice psychotherapy with people from a wide range of ages, challenges and backgrounds which is a richly fulfilling job. She has been involved in local arts events, social

justice initiatives and now as well in our citizens' coalition. Rita is currently secretary for the Environment Committee and for the Board. She loves to spend time with friends, grandchildren, volunteer at schools in the intermediate division, and make handmade books. She likes to read poetry and garden.

Cheryl Russel - Member at Large

Cheryl and her husband, Hugh, have been residents of Mulmur for over 30 years. She has retired from a career in nursing, working as an RN in various hospitals and then as a nurse manager. Currently she manages her family's art business. Cheryl has had long experience in Dufferin County community affairs. She was on the

Board of the Headwaters Art Festival and chaired the annual Art Show and Sale. She served 7 years on the Board of CORE and has attended most Mulmur Township Council meetings for the past several years. Cheryl brings to our Board a strong experience in municipal affairs, and particularly in land use issues.