

New name, new attitude at conservation authority

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Credit Valley Conservation's (CVC) new moniker represents more than a change of name.

It represents a change of attitude, according to Harold Kennedy, who was re-elected chairman Thursday.

In an interview the day after he won his third term at the helm of the 22-member group, former Ward 1 city councillor Kennedy said he wants to get away from the paternalistic, bureaucratic image that was projected by the having the term "authority" at the end of the name.

Kennedy said he was particularly struck by an incident a couple of years ago where a landowner on a small tributary of the Credit River in Caledon used a small dam to create a beautiful landscaped pond on his property.

Although it didn't really affect anyone else, the construction was done without a permit and the authority pressed charges as a result. The upset landowner

fought the case and won.

"That really got me thinking that we should be paying more attention to people and what they have to say," said Kennedy.

"We have to remember when we apply a general set of rules that every case is different.

On Thursday, Paul Dray of Erin Township was acclaimed to his post as vice-chairman. Ward 4 Councillor Frank Dale retained his seat on the six-member executive.

As well as Dale and Kennedy, council appointed Councillors David Culham, Pat Mullin and Pat Saito. Mississauga resident Neil Haldane also sits on the CVC. He was re-appointed to another three-year term recently by the Ontario Cabinet.



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