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APPENDIX B. SPEAKER BIOS

Role of Stewardship in the 2011 Renewal of Ontario Biodiversity Strategy

Carla Grant has held the position of Executive Director of the Ontario Forestry Association since the fall of 2003 after serving two years as the organization's forestry programs manager. Carla has a background in forest management and sociology, graduating in 2001 from the University of New Brunswick with a degree in Forestry and Environmental Management. She has been involved in the Stewardship Network of Ontario and its Leadership Committee since 2005.

Mark Stabb, Central Ontario Program Manager, Nature Conservancy of Canada. A long-time Ontario Nature member, Mark has worked for 30 years in the conservation field, including 10 years as biologist and park planner for Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and later as a freelance ecologist, writer and educator. He holds an environmental studies degree from University of Waterloo and has undertaken research while at University of Toronto on southern flying squirrels. Mark has worked as a volunteer on both Breeding Bird Atlases and with land trusts. He is currently a member of East Duffins Headwaters land stewardship committee, assisting in the development of a new management plan for lands in the Uxbridge area. Mark lives with his family in Uxbridge.

Moreen Miller became president of the Ontario Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (OSSGA) in February 2009. Moreen joined the OSSGA from Lafarge where she served as Vice President of Land for the Aggregates & Concrete Division worldwide. Prior to joining Lafarge in 2000, Moreen held a number of other positions within the aggregate industry in Ontario, including land manager of Blue Circle Aggregates, a consultant specializing in licensing and rehabilitation, and a staff member at both the OSSGA (formerly APAO) and Ministry of Natural Resources. Moreen holds a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from the University of Guelph and a diploma in Geology from Fleming College. Additionally, Moreen sits on the Niagara Escarpment Commission where she was appointed commissioner.

Don McCabe is vice president of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. He is a no-till, grain and oilseeds farmer. Mr. McCabe has considerable experience representing agriculture at the local, provincial and federal levels. He is the current vice president of the Soil Conservation Council of Canada; BIOCAP Canada; Canadian Federation of Agriculture Environment Committee; National CAIS Committee; Grain Growers of Canada Environment Committee (past chair); Ontario Federation of Agriculture (executive); Ontario Biodiversity Council; Ontario Agri-Food Education (past chair); Ontario Farm Environmental Coalition Greenhouse Working Group (past chair); Ontario Wheat Board Marketing Board; Ontario Corn Producer's Association; and Ontario Field Crop Research Coalition.

Concurrent Session: Species-at-Risk

Elizabeth Holmes began working with the Eastern Ontario Model Forest (EOMF) in 1993, shortly after the inception of the organization. Early involvement included work with the Mohawk community of Akwesasne on black ash preservation and regeneration efforts, as well as work on local level indicator development, and communications and outreach program delivery. In her current capacity as Program Planning & Analysis Coordinator, she oversees the planning and delivery of the many and varied forest conservation programs and activities of the EOMF. Elizabeth's professional interests include private land stewardship and community involvement, community capacity building, governance mechanisms and natural resources policy, and First Nations environmental philosophies.

Elizabeth is currently pursuing her PhD at the University of Guelph in the Department of Geography. In the context of her research, she is examining governance mechanisms for better recognizing and rewarding private landowners for their contributions in protecting ecological goods and services. She is also a member of the Leadership Committee for

Stewardship Network Ontario.

Kerry Coleman retired in 2009, after a 35 year career with the Ministry of Natural Resources. Kerry has kept himself busy in retirement. He is on the Leeds and Grenville Stewardship Council; Chairman of the Rideau-Grenville Ducks Unlimited fund raising committee; he is Vice Chair of Zone F of the OFAH and on the provincial Board of Directors; he is a Director on the Lower Ottawa Valley Woodlot Owners Assoc., Chairman of the Eastern Ontario Deer Advisory committee, a co-chair on the EOMF communications committee and a member of the Friends of Limerick Forest. All of these organizations conspire to keep Kerry very busy, but the pay is very poor. He is frequently reminded of that by his wife, who is still working. Kerry owns 115 acres of mostly forest and wetland on what was once the family farm.

Larry Cornelis is Past President of Lambton Wildlife Inc in Sarnia and Past President of the Sydenham Field Naturalists in Chatham/Kent, still on both boards. I have been very involved in protecting and restoring our natural heritage for over 25 years now. He is also on the Rural Lambton Stewardship Network board and has contributed many volunteer hours of work to the Nature Conservancy of Canada, Carolinian Canada Coalition, Ontario Nature and other organizations. In June 2011 he was awarded the Russ Piper award at an Ontario Stewardship conference in Haliburton.

Peter Jeffery began his employment with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture in March 1987. In 1994, Peter joined OFA's Farm Policy Research Group as a Farm Policy Researcher. Within the Farm Policy Research Group, his responsibilities include the preparation of briefs, reports and correspondence, as well as providing issues analysis and advice for the OFA President, Executive Committee, Board of Directors and the Policy Advisory Council on subjects related to land use and farm property. Among the land use and farm property-related issues that Peter works on are, abandoned railway rights-of-way, endangered species, wildlife, predator control/compensation, official plans, line fences, on-farm fuel storage and the application of the Highway Traffic Act to farm vehicles on the roads. Peter was born in Toronto, and he received his Bachelor of Environmental Studies (BES) from the University of Waterloo in 1979, where he majored in Physical Geography.

Michelle Kanter has held the position of Executive Director of the Carolinian Canada Coalition since 2003 and has been involved with the Coalition since its inception in 1984. With 25 years of conservation experience in wildlife research and land stewardship, she has worked with a broad range of stakeholders around the world. As a consultant, she developed an award-winning community stewardship program and at the Nature Conservancy of Canada, she helped protect some of the best remaining natural areas in the Carolinian Life Zone. She currently sits on the Ontario Species at Risk Policy Advisory Committee.

Concurrent Session: Indicators of Stewardship Progress

Suzanne Barrett, Principal of Barrett Consulting, is a free-lance consultant with over 25 years of experience in environmental planning, waterfront revitalization, communications, and public engagement. Suzanne directed the Waterfront Regeneration Trust's program on the Lake Ontario Waterfront Greenway and Trail from 1992-2002, working with 28 communities from Niagara-on-the-Lake to Kingston. Suzanne also directed the environmental program of the Toronto 2008 Olympic Bid, coordinating a volunteer committee, consultant teams and public participation to prepare a sustainable environment policy and an environmental review.

Suzanne's consulting work involves a range of disciplines and stakeholders, ranging from Groundwater Policies for the CTC Source Protection Region to Watershed Plans for the Rouge and Humber Rivers, a Cormorant Management Strategy for Tommy Thompson Park in Toronto, and a Stewardship Strategy for the Oak Ridges Moraine. Suzanne has served on the Board of Ontario Nature, the Friends of Second Marsh, and the City of Toronto's Environmental Task Force. She is currently Chair of the Etobicoke-Mimico Watersheds Coalition and the Stewardship Network of Ontario.

Rebecca Zeran was raised in eastern Ontario. She has a B.Sc. in Zoology from the University of Guelph and has a M.Sc. in Natural Resource Sciences/Entomology from McGill University. Her career with the Ministry of Natural Resources began in 2001 in north-western Ontario as part of the Ministry's internship program. Since then she has worked with a variety of programs in MNR, including protected areas planning, wetland conservation, bird conservation, stewardship and land securement. As part of MNR's Biodiversity Policy Section, she currently works with a number of collaborative initiatives, including: the Eastern Habitat Joint Venture (EHJV), the Stewardship Network of Ontario (SNO) and the Biodiversity Education and Awareness Network (BEAN).

Green Energy - Implications for Stewardship

Lynette Mader began her career as a public relations manager for a national farm products agency and has worked in every aspect of agriculture from farm gate, to processing and retail. Lynette has been with Ducks Unlimited Canada for eight years and is currently Ontario Manager of Landowner Programs. Working with her team of four full time field staff, her role is to build capacity for wetland conservation by working with private and public landowners, community organizations and conservation partners to bring wetland conservation efforts to scale in Ontario.

Lynette is currently a member of the Leadership Committee for Stewardship Network Ontario, served on the Natural Spaces Alliance and is a member and supporter of Ducks Unlimited Canada. She is also a member of Kin Canada, a volunteer for Cystic Fibrosis Canada and writes a column called Rural Intentions for a community newspaper when she's not thinking about ducks and wetlands.

Dr. Rick Smith is Executive Director of Environmental Defence (www.EnvironmentalDefence.ca) and co-author, with Bruce Lourie, of "Slow Death by Rubber Duck: How the Toxic Chemistry of Everyday Life Affects Our Health", a surprising look at common pollutants and the ease with which they accumulate in the human body. A major Canadian bestseller and a Quill & Quire "Book of the Year" for 2009, "Slow Death by Rubber Duck" was recently released in the U.S. and has already been featured by the Washington Post (which said it "is hard-hitting in a way that turns your stomach and yet also instills hope"), Dr. Oz, Fox News, and Oprah Magazine.

With a Ph.D. in biology from the University of Guelph and a stint as Chief of Staff of the federal New Democratic Party, Rick's career has been equal parts science and policy. He is regarded as one of the country's leading environmental campaigners and has spearheaded efforts to achieve important new environmental and health protections such as Canada's first federal Endangered Species Act; the world's largest Greenbelt, now enacted around Toronto; and Canada's recent decisions to ban the toxic chemical bisphenol A (BPA) in baby bottles (becoming the first country in the world to do so), and get hormone-disrupting flame retardants out of consumer electronics and phthalates out of kids toys.

Rick spent his high-school years in Richmond Hill, on the Oak Ridges Moraine, lifeguarding at Lake Wilcox. He is a former member of the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario's Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Committee, and a Director of the Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation.

Dr. Scott Petrie received a B.Sc. from the University of Guelph in 1990 and a PhD from the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa in 1998. His work has focused primarily on the ecology of waterfowl in semi-arid environments and the staging and wintering ecology of north-temperate occurring waterfowl. Scott is the Executive Director of Long Point Waterfowl and is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Western Ontario where he teaches Wildlife Ecology and Management. Scott and his graduate students are presently studying various ecological aspects of waterfowl that stage and winter on the lower Great Lakes, including the implications of industrial wind turbine development.

Deborah Doncaster has been the Executive Director of the Community Power Fund since founding the organization in March 2007. Primary responsibilities involve managing multi-million funding programs to support the community power

sector. Before the Community Power Fund, Deborah was the Executive Director of the Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA) which she co-founded in 1999. Under Deborah's leadership, OSEA launched a campaign for a Feed-in Tariff program and Community Power Fund in 2004, which resulted in Ontario's Renewable Energy Standard Offer Program in March 2006, and a contribution of \$3 million in seed money for the Community Power Fund in 2007. Prior to OSEA, Deborah was a Project Manager with the Toronto Renewable Energy Co-operative who built Canada's first community-based, co-operatively owned wind turbine on the Toronto Waterfront.

For her work on affecting a Green Energy Act for Ontario, Deborah was honoured with the City of Toronto's 2009 Green Leadership Award for Market Transformation. She was also rated second, just behind the then Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, George Smitherman, by Green Power Magazine as the top two people most responsible for shaping and affecting Ontario's Green Energy and Economy Act. Deborah holds Master's degrees in Law from Carleton University and Environmental Studies from York University.

Vitold Kreutzer is a former organic farmer who now runs a bakery business in Proton Station where he lives and shares his philosophy that when it comes to energy, "if you don't use it, you don't need it." Kreutzer believes in self-sustainability and has outfitted his business to produce and use its own power. Any excess power produced by his property is contributed back to the community. He has helped a number of landowners in his area to do the same. Where many of today's green energy initiatives focus on developing technology to provide energy to the masses, Vitold believes the answer to Ontario's energy concerns lies in reducing consumption and focusing on individual sustainability. This includes appreciation of biodiversity as part of energy use. His business and lifestyle would seem to be proof that this is an option worthy of consideration.

James Holland is a recent graduate of the Rural Planning and Development program at the University of Guelph where his graduate research examined the factors that influence local natural heritage planning in Ontario. James has been working in the conservation field with Ducks Unlimited Canada for over ten years and is currently working with their Municipal Extension and Conservation programs. He holds a Bachelors of Environmental Studies from the York University, and recently completed a Masters of Science in the Rural Planning and Development program at the University of Guelph. His research focuses on wetland policy and its implementation through Ontario's land use planning process. James has a strong background in GIS, and is currently working towards becoming a professional planner.