

INTEGRATED COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (ICSP)

Steering Committee Biographies

Lindsay Ayers – Blue Mountain Resorts

Lindsay works as the Planning & Environmental Specialist for Blue Mountain Resort, where she is responsible for coordinating and implementing various environmental programs. Lindsay holds degrees in Environment & Resource Studies and Education.

Lindsay served as a member of the Town of Collingwood's Sustainability Committee from 2007–2009 and was involved in the development of Collingwood's Sustainability Plan. She loves all that this area has to offer and can often be found skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, biking or paddling in The Blue Mountains and surrounding area.

Norine Baron – Beaver Valley Outreach

Norine Baron is a local resident and has worked and volunteered in all aspects of community development for 30+ years, including international development, the environment and health promotion.

Norine enjoys the outdoors and all the recreational opportunities available in The Blue Mountains – she loves physical activity and interaction with people.

Norine is a founding member and current chair of Beaver Valley Outreach a local not-for-profit organization that offers programming and services for the community

Matt Code – Free Spirit Tours

Matt Code is the owner of Free Spirit Tours, an adventure company that offers innovative programs for outdoor pursuits in the The Blue Mountains and surrounding areas.

Matt takes great pride in operating an earth-friendly business. He takes initiative to educate his staff and guests that visit the area on how to tread lightly on our unique rockscapes (caving and climbing) and waterways (canoing and kayaking).

Robert (Bob) Gamble – Councillor The Blue Mountains

Bob Gamble currently sits as a Councillor for The Blue Mountains and has served as a Municipal politician for 30 years in numerous roles including Deputy Mayor, Mayor and County Councillor.

Bob is retired and worked as a financial manager of a local industry. He is a chartered accountant by profession and a lifetime member of Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario.

Isaac Goodings – Youth Representative

Isaac Goodings is a 16 year old, grade 10 student at Georgian Bay Secondary School. He is involved in school life both as a musician, playing violin and guitar, and as a member of the volleyball, cross-country ski and rugby teams. He is an avid outdoors person who enjoys snowboarding, mountain biking and wilderness kayaking. Isaac plays and referees soccer in the summer months and currently works for Ashanti Coffee in Thornbury. Isaac volunteers at Grace United Church and has been involved in community theatre. He has benefitted from and enjoys the community of the Blue Mountains and looks forward to helping maintaining its resources for future generations.

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Paul Graham – Chief Administrative Officer The Blue Mountains

Paul Graham is a graduate of the University of Guelph Engineering Program and has a strong engineering history in environmental engineering including water and waste water treatment.

During the past 10 years, Paul has notably expanded his engineering portfolio through an increased focus on energy and sustainability issues.

His reputation as a corporate strategist is confirmed through his commitment through the Town’s Senior Management Team who view it to be their responsibility to build a thriving vibrant community; a community “Built to Last”!

Cameron Kennedy – Councillor The Blue Mountains

Cameron Kennedy currently sits as a Councilor for The Blue Mountains. He has an educational background in advertising and graphics arts and has operated a printing/graphic design company for over 30 years.

Cameron has participated on various boards and committees, including previously acting as the chair of the Thornbury Business Improvement Association, and sat on the Board of Directors of the William Osler Hospital Foundation.

Cameron is the owner and operator of the Thornbury Laundromat and has been a fulltime resident since 2003.

John McGee – Councillor The Blue Mountains

John McGee is a retired Professional Engineer with 35 years experience in engineering, marketing and sales. During his career he organized and operated a company in Asia, managed marketing and sales teams and managed engineering design teams.

He and his wife Ruth moved to The Blue Mountains 10 years ago from Glen Williams, Ontario. In 2006 John was elected as a Councilor in The Blue Mountains. Since then, he has served on the finance, infrastructure and Recreation and Planning Committees of Council. As well he sits on the Collingwood General and Marine Hospital board.

Terry McKague - Breaker Technology Inc.

Terry moved to Thornbury in 1988 to start working at Teledyne (now BTI) where he is now the Customer Service Manager. Terry grew up in the small farming community of Teeswater and graduated from Fanshawe College in the Mechanical Engineering - Mobile Equipment Program. Terry along with his wife Karen and four children live on Grey Rd 40 where they have a small farm. The family is actively involved in 4-H, hockey, fall fair, and other community related activities.

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James McKinlay - Agricultural Advisory Committee

James and Joan McKinlay with their son Robert operate Silver Springs Farms a cow-calf operation marketing breeding stock and cash crops of wheat, canola, soybeans, barley and red clover located on the mountain The Blue Mountains. James is the fourth generation on this family farm.

James has provided leadership in many agricultural groups and associations over the years and currently is Chair of the Environmental Farm Plan Peer Review for Grey County, Vice President of the Ontario Canola Growers Association, Director of Grey County Soil and Crop Improvement Association, Chair of the Agricultural Advisory Committee for The Blue Mountains, Board Member for Grace United Church and a Past President of Beef Improvement Ontario.

Their farming operation is managed to be environmentally and economically sustainable, demonstrating that they hold the land in trust and feel a responsibility and obligation to leave this resource for succeeding generations in as good or better condition than they received it.

Rob Potter – The Marsh Street Centre

Rob Potter worked as the editor of The Courier-Herald newspaper for more than 25 years and has been involved as a volunteer in community projects including The Marsh Street Centre, Thornbury Community Theatre, Craigeith Heritage Depot, The Blue Mountains CAUSE and The Blue Mountains Relay for Life. He joined the Steering Committee as a community volunteer before accepting a position with the Town as Communications and Economic Development Coordinator.