

MEET OUR 2018-2019 EXECUTIVE



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Back row, l-r: Alexis Whalen (Markham), Membership/Outreach; Gord McGregor (Brougham), Honorary Chair; Mary Delaney (Brougham), Chair; Pat Valentine (Claremont), Communications; David Masters (Claremont), Treasurer; Joanne Brown (Whitby), Officer at Large; Susan Reesor (Altona), Vice-Chair; Gabrielle Unterman (Claremont), Secretary. Front: Heather Rigby (Claremont), Officer at Large; Ellen Reesor (Stouffville), Fundraising; Jim Miller (Claremont), Officer at Large; Stephen Marshall (Pickering), Events/Volunteer Coordinator; Reid Williamson (Toronto), Officer at Large. **Our sincerest thanks and best wishes to outgoing executive members Laura Springate and Maggie Channon.**

TIME FOR TAKING STOCK AND LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

June 20 was an AGM bookend day for us. In the morning, our chair was the keynote speaker at the 2018 Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Farmland Trust, in Guelph. While there, we were delighted to be able to present a copy of our ground-breaking agricultural economics study, “A Future for the Lands,” to the area’s new MPP, Green Party leader Mike Schreiner, who vigorously supports our efforts!

That evening, it was back to Pickering, to our supporters in the historic Brougham Hall, for our own Annual General Meeting, where our Chair delivered a report on Land Over Landings’ very

busy and highly successful year. Supporters voted in two new executive members:

- Ellen Reesor
- Stephen Marshall

Welcome to both of you!

Our keynote speakers were four very special guests (a teacher and three of his students) from the Boussole Environmental Leadership Program of l’École Secondaire Ronald-Marion in Pickering. As one of their projects this past year, the students used Heather Rigby’s original vision map of North Pickering Farms to create a GIS (Geographical Information Systems) map to bring to vivid life the



Photos: Alexis Whalen, Mary Delaney, Mathieu Morin

Top left: Land Over Landings' Reid Williamson and Heather Rigby present a copy of Heather's North Pickering Farms map to students Hannah Boutcher (left), Tesnime Hidjir (second from right), Victoria Pawson (right), and their teacher Mathieu Morin. Top right and below: The students tour the Federal Lands in preparation for completing their classroom project.

kind of businesses we imagined for the Lands if the future contained No Pickering Airport!

Treat yourself to a glimpse of the exciting, enticing, delectable, and utterly possible future that could be North Pickering's if Ottawa decided to replace its 1960s airport plan with this 21st-century landscape of tempting destinations.

You can access the GIS map from our website's home page. We're sure you'll enjoy your visit. Prepare to be amazed and inspired!

DURHAM DIGS ON JULY 28

Our fellow local-food "AGvocates," Durham Integrated Growers (DIG), will be holding their 7th annual community garden tour on Saturday, July 28. The tour will feature the W. Galen Weston Centre for Food at Durham College, a number of field-to-fork projects and community gardens, and a stop at "R" Farm in Uxbridge. Tickets are \$20 and include lunch. More details can be found here: <http://www.durhamdigs.ca/> We dig it!

Food Day Canada



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This national celebration of local food in Canada is coming up on **August 4th!** What will *you* be eating? #CanadaIsFood

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