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Ottawa Valley Waste Management Board Re-Elects Chair and Vice-Chair

Many 2008 Board Projects Already Underway

Pembroke, ON: At its January 24th, 2008 meeting, the Ottawa Valley Waste Management Board re-elected Laurentian Valley Councillor Steve Bennett as the Chair and Petawawa Councillor Tom Mohns as Vice-Chair. Both are not new to the position as this will be Councillor Bennett's fifth year as Chair and Councillor Mohns's third year as Vice-Chair.

"The Board's role is an important aspect to the operation of our integrated waste management programs." Comments Sue Campbell, General Manager of the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre. **"It's their support that has allowed our communities to become Ontario's waste management leaders."**

The Centre has certainly been successful in waste diversion since it started operation in January 2002 and the Board looks forward to working with their respective municipalities to implement best practices that will further increase diversion rates.

"We know our diversion rates are among the highest in Ontario." Comments Board Chair, Mr. Bennett. **"We also know that implementing best practices will be required to reach even higher diversion rates and sustain the lifespan of our landfill site. Laurentian Valley has already taken that first step by reducing bag limits starting in April. We hope other communities will follow."**

The Board expects announcements from the Ministry of Environment in 2008 regarding new diversion program opportunities for Hazardous and Electronic Waste. Comments Vice-Chair, Mr. Mohns, **"the Board is looking forward to continuing to provide cost effective waste management opportunities for our residents and looks forward to working with the Ministry and Industry to ensure that the growing quantities of electronic wastes do not fill up our landfills and are properly recycled."**

Other projects the Board will be supporting Centre staff to undertake in 2008 include a Battery Recovery Program and continued liaison with the local commercial sector to increase diversion opportunities for large and small businesses.

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