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Severn Sound Environmental Association Announces 2026 Board Executive

Port McNicoll, Ontario – At its January 2026 Meeting, the Severn Sound Environmental Association (SSEA) Board of Directors concluded its 2025 business and officially launched the 2026 term with the election of the 2026 Executive.

Key meeting highlights included celebrating the SSEA Team securing over \$1 million in external funding for 2025-2028 and Board approval of an updated agreement and confirmation of the funding formula. The board expressed strong confidence that these actions will enhance transparency, strengthen governance, and better showcase the value SSEA delivers to its member municipalities.

As part of the proceedings, the Board elected its leadership team for 2026. SSEA is pleased to announce the 2026 SSEA Board Executive:

- Township of Springwater Councillor Danielle Alexander, Chair
- Town of Penetanguishene Councillor Suzanne Marchand, Vice-Chair
- Township of Severn Councillor Mark Taylor, third Executive Committee Member

Incoming Chair Danielle Alexander expressed appreciation for the Board's confidence, noting, "I am honoured to continue to serve as Chair of the SSEA. The work of SSEA is critical to the long-term health and sustainability of our watershed and our municipalities, and I look forward to supporting staff and our member municipalities as we advance this vital work in 2026."

Vice-Chair Suzanne Marchand highlighted the strength of SSEA's staff: "The SSEA delivers meaningful, science-driven results for our communities and I am continually impressed with the staff and their ability to raise external funds. I look forward to serving my second term as Vice Chair as we build on the successes of 2025."

Executive member Mark Taylor added, "I'm excited to contribute to the Executive Committee and support the dedicated team at SSEA. I am a strong advocate for the SSEA's mission and together, we will continue to protect and enhance the Severn Sound watershed for the benefit of current and future generations."

The SSEA's mission is Leading and galvanizing action to protect the lands and waters of the Severn Sound area through sound science, collaboration, and partnerships.

The Severn Sound Environmental Association is a Joint Municipal Service Board working on behalf of seven municipalities (Midland, Oro-Medonte, Penetanguishene, Severn, Springwater, Tay, Tiny) to protect and enhance the environmental health of the Severn Sound watershed. To learn more about SSEA and our initiatives, visit www.severnsound.ca.

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