

Board Member Biographies

As of January 2021

Kyle Heeley - Chair

Kyle is a Project Coordinator with the Regional Municipality of York, working on a variety of projects including large scale tree planting, stream restoration, site restoration and outreach events. He holds a BSc in Environmental Science from Trent University, and an Honours Diploma from Sir Sandford Fleming College's School of Environmental and Natural Resource Sciences. He has served on the GCF Board since 2015, and has been Chair since 2017.

Fiona McGuinness - Treasurer

Fiona is a Senior Policy Advisor - Species at Risk Recovery with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, and has expertise in provincial scale conservation ecology, renewable energy, and natural resource management. She joined the GCF Board in 2017.

Catherine Warren - Secretary

Catherine Warren is currently a District Planner with Peterborough District's Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's office. Catherine worked in the Active & Safe Routes to School program with Green Communities Canada from 2004-2006 and recently (2013-2014) worked with GCC on climate change communications and staff training projects. Catherine has training as a teacher and worked in environmental education with Katimavik and Rainy River First Nations. Catherine recently spent five years living and working in New Zealand where she completed a Masters of Conservation Biology and worked with the Department of Conservation in an alpine national park and in Coastal Otago.

Patricia Wilson - Director

Patricia Wilson is a nature lover at heart and passionate about conserving our environment. Patricia has her BSc in Conservation Biology and an Ecosystem Management Technician diploma.

As a natural community engager and an emerging leader in the Land Trust sector, Patricia is working at the Kawartha Land Trust as their Community Conservation Coordinator. Patricia is passionate about building community, increasing access to nature and making the outdoors a place for everyone.