



## **Directors to be Elected in 2020**

### **Jordan Banninga**

*Manager, Program Planning and Evaluation, Middlesex-London Health Unit*

Jordan is an experienced public servant with a history of working in Public Health. He is skilled in Program Evaluation, Public Speaking, Health Promotion, Strategic Planning, and People, Program and Project Management. Jordan has a Master of Science in Public Health from London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, U. of London. He is looking forward to joining the TTLT board.

### **Sarah Hodgkiss**

*Planning Ecologist, St. Clair Region Conservation Authority*

Sarah is the Planning Ecologist for the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority. She has been involved with TTLT through the Property Management Committee and Land Securement Committee since 2011. She previously worked for the Couchiching Conservancy in Orillia, where she was introduced to the work of land trusts in Ontario. She has worked in the conservation field for over a decade for a wide range of environmental organizations. Sarah enjoys traveling, and outdoor activities including hiking, kayaking and stand up paddle boarding.

### **Adrienne James**

*Chartered Professional Accountant, Partner, Wilkinson Rogers, LLP*

Adrienne is a Chartered Professional Accountant who has worked in public accounting since 2006. Adrienne has a Bachelor of Business Administration from Wilfrid Laurier University and obtained her CPA, CA designation in 2008. Adrienne's practice consists of all aspects of personal taxation and providing assurance, accounting and taxation services to owner managed business and not for profit organizations. A resident of London since 2007, Adrienne served on the Board of Directors of the London and District Distress Centre and was appointed to the board of TTLT in 2017. In her spare time, Adrienne enjoys travelling and camping and she also loves to cycle and run along the many trails that we are lucky to enjoy in the Forest City.

### **Iva Konjhodzic**

*Employee Relations Consultant, Grand River Hospital*

Iva is a Certified Human Resources Leader with over 10 years of experience in HR. Iva has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Pedagogy from University of Rijeka, Croatia, as well as a Postgraduate Certificate in

Human Resources Management from Lambton College. Iva has a diverse HR background, having honed her expertise in companies across telecommunications, manufacturing, transportation, hospitality, gaming and healthcare sectors.

In her spare time, Iva enjoys going on walks with her two adopted greyhounds, Georgie and Kiwi, along the many nature trails available in our beautiful city.

### **Paul Mensink**

*Assistant Professor of Biology and Environmental Science, Western University*

Paul is an assistant professor at Western University in Centre for Environment and Sustainability. Paul teaches Western's first-year environmental science courses and is also an instructor for the Masters in Environment and Sustainability (Ecosystem Health and Foundations in Sustainability). He is the graduate chair for the Collaborative Specialization in Environment and Sustainability, which brings together graduate students from across the university to work in interdisciplinary teams aligned with community partners. Paul earned his PhD (Marine Biology) from Victoria University of Wellington (New Zealand) before moving to Northern Ireland to teach at Queen's University Belfast. Paul returned to London and Western in 2018 and in addition to teaching, conducts research on the behavior and population dynamics of vulnerable species.

### **Ric Symmes**

*Executive*

A graduate of Industrial Engineering at the University of Toronto, Ric is an avid photographer, canoeist and wilderness tripper. He has a long history of volunteering in the field of land conservation. Ric is a past president of Carolinian Canada Coalition, founder and past Chair of both the Huronia Land Conservancy and the Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation and former Vice Chair of the Ontario Parks Board. After retiring as a food industry executive, he worked for a variety of natural heritage organizations including the Nature Conservancy of Canada, Bird Studies Canada, World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and two terms as Executive Director of FON (now Ontario Nature). Ric and his wife Sandy moved to London in 2010 where they enjoy living in Carolinian Canada.

### **Bernie VanDenBelt**

*Retired Teacher*

Bernie is an elementary school teacher and part-time farmer who resides with his wife, Christine, and their two daughters near Delaware in the municipality of Middlesex Centre. He is a Founding Member and former President of the Thames Talbot Land Trust. From 2003 – 2005, Bernie served as of Chair of the Ontario Land Trust Alliance (OLTA). Bernie also serves on the Trust's Governance and Land Securement committees.

**Katie Van Den Berg***Experienced and Passionate Conservation Coordinator*

Katie has wide-ranging experience in business and in the not-for-profit sector from conservation organizations, nature hiking groups and local family operated greenhouses. She has planted hundreds of trees, and worked as a staff member and volunteer with both the Nature Conservancy of Canada and Reforest London. Katie is at home in a forest, thrilled to spot a turtle while on a hike, has a passion for protecting species at risk, and her favourite tree is the Eastern White Pine. In addition to her field experience, Katie has worked in administration, volunteer management and event planning, communications, fundraising, and marketing for local non-profit organizations. Katie has volunteered with TTLT over the years for on the ground restoration work, assisted in the office with property management plans, and recently joined the Property Management Committee.