

## **BARC announces new board of directors**

### **Newly elected vice president hails from the Mountain**

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The Bay Area Restoration Council (BARC) has elected a new president and vice president to its board of directors along with the appointment of four new members.

New president Larry Russell is a business consultant and former chair of the Hamilton Port Authority Board. New vice president Debra McBride is an educator, artist and an active community volunteer who lives on the Mountain.

Other new members include McMaster University biology department chair Dr. Pat Chow-Fraser, director of the McMaster Institute for Environment and Health Dr. Bruce Newbold, ArcelorMittal environmental specialist Sarodha Rajkumar, and Hamilton Port Authority port technologist Jonathan Wetselaar.

Welcoming these new appointees are five veterans on the board, bringing the board total to 11.

The Bay Area Restoration Council is at the centre of citizen efforts to restore and protect the ecosystem health of Hamilton Harbour and its watershed. A community non-profit group, BARC functions as a watchdog organization, assessing and promoting the clean up projects for the bay.

In addition to community event series, BARC also delivers school programs, public planting events and shoreline clean ups, newsletters and reports on the state of the harbour, as well as guidelines and recommendations to government.