

# SOIL CONSERVATION COUNCIL OF CANADA CONSEIL CANADIEN DE CONSERVATION DES SOLS

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# **SCCC Introduces Our Board Members**

his new year brings some new faces to the Soil Conservation Council of Canada (SCCC.) We've added two new members, adding experience and capacity to our board of directors.

#### **NEW DIRECTORS**

Catherine King, vice-president Communications Stakeholder and **Relations for Fertilizer Canada.** King says that throughout her career, she has "Looked for unique opportunities to partner with people outside of the agriculture sphere." These partnerships are crucial in educating Canadians about soil health and helping us better protect our soils. King is currently working on Canada's Agriculture Museum's Soil Superheroes display, which gives an overview of "soil, why it's important, what it does for us every day." King says projects like this are exciting and can bring some spirited conversation to the table.

Dr. Haben Asgedom Tedla, research scientist — Systems Agro-Ecology with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. His current focus is on nutrient management and mitigation of GHG emissions using BMPs. Asgedom's passion for soil health is obvious. "I was always interested in soils as a living material where its productivity depends on how well it's maintained." After receiving his PhD in 2008, Asgedom worked as a research associate at the University of Manitoba, then as a research scientist and systems developer with Farmers Edge. Today Asgedom focuses on nitrous oxide emissions, water quality and nutrient management through precision application.

#### CONTINUING DIRECTORS

### Kier Miller, producer — chair

Miller has been with us for more than five years. He lives and farms in Sussex Corner N.B. and is committed to 100 per cent no-till and cover cropping practices on his farm. He is a longtime member of the New Brunswick Soil and Crop Improvement Association and chair of the New Brunswick Grain Commission.

#### Ian Boyd, producer — vice-chair

Boyd is a producer from northeast Saskatchewan, known for his commitment to soil health. He







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Vernon Campbell



**Misty Croney** 



Dr. Justine Taylor



Dr. David Lobb



Tim Nerbas

has a strong interest in regenerative agriculture and continues to experiment with cover crops, intercropping and a variety of livestock on his farm.

#### Vernon Campbell, Mull Na Beinne Farms Ltd.

Campbell farms with his wife in the New London area of P.E.I. He says that as part of the seventh generation of Campbells to farm the area, sustainability is key for him. He has been inducted into Canada's Soil Conservation

# **Misty Croney, LP Consulting**

Croney is vice-president and partner at LP Consulting, an agriculture consulting company. She works closely with producers to achieve higher yields and long-term profitability through improved soil health. Croney's commitment to the creation of waste-to-resource initiatives has yielded excellent soil amendment products.

# Dr. Justine Taylor, Croplife Canada

Taylor is the director of stewardship and sustainability for CropLife, and supports industry stewardship efforts and contributes to the larger sustainability efforts of Canada's plant science sector.

#### Dr. David Lobb, University of Manitoba

Lobb is a professor in the Department of Soil Science at the University of Manitoba. His research, teaching, and extension activities include soil erosion, soil and water conservation and sustainable agriculture. Lobb's commitment to sustainable soil management is internationally recognized.

# Tim Nerbas, P.Ag, producer

Past-chair Nerbas has been with us since 2015. He is an agrologist and producer in northwest Saskatchewan and has worked as a pedologist and extension specialist.

## Jack Swainson, producer

Swainson is a producer on his family farm west of Red Deer, Alta. An active member of the agriculture community, his admirable dedication to environmental stewardship and farming sustainability has been seen in his commitment to zero till and diverse crop rotations since the late 90s

Our directors are crucial to SCCC's success. Their scientific and practical understanding of carbon and soil management drives our work of supporting Canadian farmers in implementing sustainable soil management systems. Become a member of the Soil Conservation Council of Canada today! Together, we can promote and demonstrate the benefits of soil health to all Canadians.