**Biographies**

**Peggy Beckenridge,** is formerly Mayor of Tiny Township and a County Councillor on the Simcoe County Council sitting on several committees and boards including the Severn Sound Environmental Association as well as the Severn Sound Sustainability Committee. Her career has spanned from a high school teacher to a successful business including sales and marketing positions to launching her own business. Peggy has also conducted courses and provided coaching in business planning, sales and marketing. Peggy holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Guelph and a Diploma in Education from The University of Western Ontario. She has completed a variety of business, management development and strategic marketing programs, and is a graduate of the Canadian Securities Course. She is a certified GE Workout Facilitator and an expert at coaching for small business start-ups.

Peggy is married with two children and four grandchildren.

**Rev. David Black,** of Ebenezer United Church in Tay Township, has a long history of involvement in community issues at the congregational level in churches where he has served for the past 35 years. He became involved with Dump Site 41 in February, 2009 after he was appointed pastor of a very small United Church congregation within 10 kilometres of the site. Although the congregation had been involved since the beginning of this concern a quarter of a century ago, at the critical point in 2009 he was able to help focus the congregation's efforts and to involve the regional and national church bodies in this issue. He is concerned now about two related issues: what will now happen to the dump site property and finding a workable, permanent solution to waste management.

Together with his wife, Rev. Black has four children and five grandchildren.

**Elizabeth Brass Elson** resides in Cedar Point, Ontario with her family and is a member of Beausoleil First Nation. She works for her company Seventh Generation Resource Management Inc. as an Aboriginal Resource Technician, Licensed Crown Scaler, and Certified Seed and Cone Collector. She is also a Williams Treaty First Nation Archaeological Liaison. Her company has participated in forestry development and training, insect and disease surveys, harvesting medicinal plants for cancer research, species at risk surveys and sustainable harvest planning for medicinal plants and wild foods. She enjoys working on initiatives that enhance and protects our resources, which furthers our people towards stewardship roles in the future.
**Garfield Dunlop** has been the Member of Provincial Parliament for the riding of Simcoe North since June 1999 and has served in various positions, most currently the P.C. Critic for Community Safety and Correctional Services. He has been involved in politics since 1980 when he was elected as councilor for the Village of Coldwater. From there, he was made Reeve of the Village, and then after restructuring, Deputy Mayor of the Township of Severn as well as Warden of Simcoe County until the 1999 provincial election.

Together with his wife, Garfield is involved in many local organizations. They have two children and three granddaughters.

**Shelley Essaunce** is from Beausoleil First Nation, an Anishinabe community in Georgian Bay. She works for Parks Canada as the Aboriginal Affairs Manager for the Northern Prairies Field Unit in both Prince Albert and Elk Island National Parks. As an inter-generational survivor of the residential school system, Shelley reclaims the losses that occurred during this traumatic time in Canada’s history by going forward with teachings that served her ancestors so well.

She is married with two amazing sons, Gabriel and Louis.

**Dr. Jason Gerhard** has over 15 years of experience leading research into groundwater contamination by hazardous industrial pollutants. After completing his PhD in Civil and Environmental Engineering at Queen’s University, he became an Assistant Professor at University of Edinburgh in 2002. As an Associate Professor and Canada Research Chair at Western since 2007, he co-leads RESTORE (Research for Subsurface Transport and Remediation; [www.eng.uwo.ca/research/restore/index.htm](http://www.eng.uwo.ca/research/restore/index.htm)). His research program has generated breakthroughs in understanding the behaviour of organic chemicals in soils and fractured rock, developing innovative technologies for their remediation, and creating computer models to assist researchers and practitioners restore polluted environments.

**Stephen R. Ogden**, originally from Midland, was raised on the shores of Georgian Bay. After working for Falconbridge Nickel Mines, Stephen became a utility subcontractor for Bell Canada and continues to remain self-employed. Steve was instrumental in stopping the creation of Site 41 by extensively researching the political background using the Freedom of Information Act. His investigative research galvanized the community and generated county-wide support to protect the aquifer.

Steve is married with three children.
Michael Pullen, with a postgraduate degree in Geological Engineering, has worked at a variety of engineering positions. Past projects include water supply searches in Africa and design of liners and landfills at numerous Ontario sites. Michael’s work for Waste Management of Canada Corporation has included work on landfill designs, standards and compliance management.

He is currently partnering a first year engineering project course for engineering at Queens University and developing partnerships between Queens’ Biology and Hydrogeology departments and WMCC landfills.

Steven Renzetti is a Professor of Economics at Brock University. He earned his PhD in economics at the University of British Columbia in 1990. Steven’s research is principally concerned with the economics of water resources. He is the author of The Economics of Water Demands (Kluwer, 2002) and coauthor of Economics of the Environment and Natural Resources (Blackwell, 2004). Steven has also acted as a consultant for a number of agencies including Environment Canada and the World Bank. He is an Associate Editor of Water Resources Research and recently served on the Council of Canadian Academies’ Expert Panel on Groundwater.

Anne Ritchie-Nahuis, along with her husband and three sons, are dairy farmers who reside in the clay plain in Tiny Township. Anne has volunteered on numerous boards and community organizations. Presently she is a director for the Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture, an advocacy group operated by farmers to assist farmers. Part of this group’s mandate includes farm safety, educational opportunities for farm families, and investigation into problems for the agricultural community. In 2003 Anne became staunchly opposed to Site 41. Her most recent accomplishment is co-founding Aware-Simcoe, a new non-partisan citizens’ group that works for transparency and accountability in government and to protect water, the environment and health.

Peter Rosenthal has been Professor of Mathematics at the University of Toronto since 1967. His interest in law stems from his interest in social justice. After a long career as a paralegal, he was called to the bar in 1992. He has acted in a wide variety of cases, including many in which he worked with protestors such as those opposing Dump Site 41.