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**Kawartha Works Community Cooperative (KWCC) Announces Leadership Transition**

The Board of Directors of KWCC is pleased to introduce Doug Hawe as its new Chair. Mr Hawe steps into the well worn shoes of Jim Armstrong, who is also a founder of the eleven-year-old organization dedicated to improving social infrastructure in Kawartha Lakes communities.

“Doug brings many skills and relevant experiences for organizational and community leadership, with a lifelong familiarity with the Kawartha Lakes area,” says Jim Armstrong, who is not leaving the board, but only changing his role to Past Chair.

Hawe has been a Director on the board since 2024. He has nothing but praise for Armstrong’s past leadership.

“Jim has dedicated years to helping improve our communities,” Hawe says. “He has an incredible network of contacts across the Kawarthas and he is very skilled at building partnerships. He also is capable of working hands-on with an impressive number of initiatives simultaneously. I am not sure how he creates all of that capacity but I hope to learn this from him as we transition and evolve the role of Chair at KWCC.”

As departing Chair, Armstrong believes it is immensely important, for KWCC’s vitality and sustainability, to ensure the evolution of successive leadership. “It’s wonderful to see that kind of capacity for succession on the KWCC board,” he says.

Doug Hawe is looking forward to continuing, with the board, to facilitate co-operative partnerships that grow sustainable, not-for-profit initiatives with artistic, cultural, recreational, health, environmental, economic and social improvement goals. Initiatives like the Grove Theatre in Fenelon Falls, the Loft (a youth project with BGC Kawartha), Impact 32 in Bobcaygeon, and Vital Signs with the City of Kawartha Lakes and Kawartha Community Foundation, all point to the contribution of Kawartha Works to the quality of life in local communities.

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