

LSRCA Board given review of 2006 accomplishments

by Michelle Minnoch

Undertaking various projects including the Assimilative Capacity Study (ACS), updated mapping, and more work completed on the Source Water Protection (SWP) program, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) was quite busy in 2006.

“2006 was a challenging and successful year,” said outgoing LSRCA Board of Directors Chair Roy Bridge.

Bridge said we are in a climate of change, and that change has altered business in the watershed.

CAO Gayle Wood gave the Board a review of the Authority's 2006 Annual Report at Friday's Annual General Meeting.

Wood told the Board that Lake Simcoe produces \$2 million annually with economic tourism, recreation and fishing. She said the LSRCA works tirelessly with their municipal partners, First Nations, the Provincial and Federal Governments, and their stakeholders.

“We can't do the job without the stakeholders,” she said.

The Conservation Authority has been working with their municipal partners for the past 20 years, and in the past 16 years, over 800 projects have been completed in the watershed.

Wood said they have made significant strides, including the decrease of the phosphorus in the Lake, and there are signs of Lake Trout reproducing in the Lake, which Wood says has not been seen in about 20 to 25 years.

The ACS, a partnership with the Province of Ontario and Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA), helped the LSRCA evaluate how the watershed could accommodate new development without significant impacts to the watershed.

The LSRCA was the lead agency in the SWP program. The program gave the Authority the information needed to understand surface and ground water protection. Leading edge technology and science helped the LSRCA determine the data of groundwater and surface water, the risks to water quality, and develop a water budget to gauge the amount of water in the system. The project was a partnership with the NVCA, the Severn Sound Environmental Association, and the municipalities in the Black-Severn watershed.

Wood said the Lake Simcoe Environmental Management Strategy (LSEMS) was a significant study with the province and municipalities, specifically the County of Simcoe.

“It helped us determine the level of importance development has in the watershed.”

The One Voice Action Plan (OVAP), in which the Authority is partnering with agencies, citizen groups, community groups, governments, scientists and practitioners, will help in determining the long term goal for the Lake in terms of the healthy of the watershed, planning and a new governance structure.

“The One Voice Action Plan is a plan which strives to work together with everyone,” said Wood. “It will be a comprehensive watershed basin plan, doing work with our partners and then bringing it to the public.”

Wood said it will be the most significant watershed project, as it will allow the Authority to know if the state of the watershed is improving or not.

Wood also spoke about the Flood Line/Natural Hazard Mapping which was undertaken in 2006. The mapping was approved last year by the Ministry of Natural Resources in which the Authority mapped hazards in the Lake Simcoe Watershed. The map, with approx. 3,950 km of stream channels, used the best in science. A flood model was also created, including variables of precipitation, saturation, groundwater, topogra-

phy and drainage systems. Wood said it took them two years to identify natural features and functions in the watershed.

Wood said in 2007, the LSRCA will have to determine the future of LSEMS, the Oak Ridges Moraine conservation plans, regulation and planning in regards to SWP, negotiate with the City of Orillia to join the Authority, advocate the government for more funding, and will do a comprehensive basin-wide watershed plan.

Are your immunizations up to date?

Immunizations are the best way to protect yourself from preventable diseases such as measles, pertussis (whooping cough) and tetanus.

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health unit provides regular immunization clinics at all office locations for infants through to seniors.

Contact Health Connection at (705) 721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., if you have questions or to book an appointment.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

A directory of what is happening in your community

The community event calendar is provided as a free public service to non-profit organizations to announce upcoming events. Deadlines are no later than Monday for that week's issue to

COMMUNITY EVENTS,
P.O. Box 310, Beeton, Ontario L0G 1A0
Submissions by mail, fax or e-mail and will not be received by telephone.

ISSUES & INTERESTS
The York-Simcoe Naturalists is a young club looking for new members. Contact: Cathryn Rees at 905-775-7021, e-mail: wilcor@sympatico.ca.

South Simcoe Community Information Centre "CONTACT" at 146 Victoria St. W. Alliston. Call (705) 435-4900, Fax 705-435-1106. Website: www.solve.net/-contact, or Email: contact@focusdc.on.ca.

Be a face in the fight against cancer
The Innisfil Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society needs volunteers. Their involvement enables the Canadian Cancer Society to fund cancer research, provide information, services and to support people living with cancer. Call: 436-1060 or 726-8032.

The Canadian Mental Health Association of Barrie-Simcoe supports the development and continuance of self-help groups as a viable community resource for individuals experiencing difficulties. Self-Help groups can provide; support and understanding through difficult times; an opportunity to meet with others who have experienced similar difficulties; information and education; a safe and comfortable environment; suggestions regarding coping strategies that help to get through difficult times.

For further information contact the Canadian Mental Health Association, Barrie-Simcoe Branch at 705-726-5033 or 1-800-461-4319.

MONDAYS
Friends of the Innisfil Library. Stroud Branch, meetings are held the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m.

Gilford and District Horticultural Society meets second Monday of the month from March to November at Churchill Community Centre at 7:30pm. New members are always welcome. Call Judith Rogers at 431-9278 or Kathy Barraclough at (905)853-8785 for more info.

Al-Anon meetings take place every Monday at Innisfil Community Church at 8:00 p.m. If you have a problem with someone else's drink, come and join the discussion group.

Innisfil Pipes & Drums meet for practice at the Legion in Bell Ewart, 1017 Robinson St. at 1 p.m. Always looking for new members. Phone Ken at (705) 456-3717.

TUESDAYS
Job Search Assistance, help with job search, resumes, interview tips, job bank internet assistance at the Thornton Library 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. and the Alcona Library from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Services provided at no charge by The Employment Outreach Team call Marilee or Kathy at (705) 728-0897 for more information. This initiative is funded by the government of Canada.

Cookstown Computer Club drop-in program for elementary students, 4 to 5 p.m. at the library.

T.O.P.S. (Take off Pounds Sensibly) from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Library, Robert St., Thornton. For information call 739-9226.

Stroud Seniors invite persons 55 + to join them for an afternoon of bid and progressive euchre, refreshments and companionship. 1 to 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall, Painswick. Call 436-1628.

St Paul's Anglican Church, located on the corner of Mapleview and Yonge Street, has two new youth and young adult programs. From 6:30 - 8:00 pm will be informal musical jamming sessions for anyone with a voice or instrument. If you are learning to play an instrument or like to sing and would enjoy having some fun and social time with similar minded people, come and join us. For more information, please call (705) 722-7755

St. Paul's Church, Innisfil (corner of Mapleview and Yonge Street), Playgroup for tots, moms, dads, caregivers, and grandparents from 9:30-11:30 am. Come for a social time, friendship, play and snacks. For information, call (705) 431-1694.

The Beta Classes will be held at the Innisfil Community Church starting January 9th at 1pm. Beta is a life changing program and the twelve week course will enable you to live free from fear, stress anxiety and the pain of past hurts and traumas. This program is offered at the Church from 1:00 - 2:30 pm. For

more information, call Sherri McLaughlin at (705) 436-1611.

WEDNESDAYS
Friends of the Innisfil Library, Lakeshore Branch, meet the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. New members are most welcome.

Euchre, bid euchre, Scrabble and cribbage is played at Alcona Seniors club every Wednesday at 12:30 to 3 p.m. at the ABC Hall on the 25th Sideroad below Innisfil Beach Rd. Refreshments and fun days. Bring a bag lunch.

Euchre every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30, Newton Robinson United Church in aid of Gwen Taylor Library. Refreshments.

Weight Loss Group. The Alcona Chapter of TOPS meets at 7:15 at Goodfellow Public School. Call Joan Davies at 436-3197 after 6 and on weekends.

Job Search Assistance, help with job search, resumes, interview tips, job bank internet assistance. On Wednesdays, the mornings are alternated between the Churchill and the Cookstown Libraries from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and every Wednesday afternoon at the Stroud Branch from 1:30 - 3:30. Services provided at no charge by The Employment Outreach Team Please call marilee or Kathy at (705) 728-0897. This initiative is funded by the government of Canada.

Euchre at St. Peter's Anglican Church. Churchill is held every Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the parish hall. Please call Reg at 705-456-6801 for information.

The Cookstown Co-Operative Playgroup is at St. John's Anglican Church in Cookstown located on Hwy 89, east of Hwy 27. All pre-school children and their care-givers are welcome, as well as new members. The hours will be 9:30 to 12:00 every Wednesday & Thursday. Come out with your pre-school aged children (senior kindergarten and younger), have a snack, make a craft and meet some new friends. For more information please call Brian Haas at (705) 458-8468. See you there!!

THURSDAYS
Euchre - Progressive and Bid, every Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion - 1017 Robinson, Bell Ewart 705-436-1144, Betty.

Register for Book Book a six week afterschool program for ages 6 and up from 5-6 p.m. Call Innisfil Public Library, Cookstown Branch at 458-

1273.

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Barrie Chapter of Schizophrenia Society of Ontario family support group meets the last Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Canadian Mental Health Association, Barrie-Simcoe Building, 39 High St., Barrie. For info contact 726-5033.

Painswick Horticultural Society meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at St. Paul's Anglican Church. Meeting time is 7:30 p.m. New members welcome. For info call Linda Lewer at 436-3908.

The Parish of Churchill and Cookstown youth group meets every Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Youth between the ages of 9-12 years are welcome to attend regardless of denomination. Please call Pam Gervais for information at (705) 735-3484.

St Paul's Anglican Church, located on the corner of Mapleview and Yonge Street, has two new youth and young adult programs. From 6:30 - 8:00 pm we are beginning a study comparing the gospels and learning how and why they developed. For more information, call (705) 722-7755.

FRIDAYS
The Cookstown United Church Community Youth Group will begin meeting as of October 20th. They will be meeting weekly from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at the Cookstown United Church on 37 Queen Street. Come for crafts, games, movies, fellowship and fun! All are welcome. For more information, call (705) 458-9701.

SATURDAYS
Barrie Farmers' Market, outside and inside Barrie City Hall. From 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fresh produce and fruit in season. For info please call 739-4204.

SUNDAYS
Cookstown United Church welcomes all young people from preschool to grade 8 to join in Sunday school at 11am. Sunday's are cool at Cookstown UC, so come and join as we grow in faith and have fun. New this year - join us in making scrapbooks celebrating God's gifts in our lives. For more information, please

call Rev. Heather or Kieran Power at (705) 458-9701.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at the Mapleview Community Church at 7pm. Do you eat when you are not hungry? Is your weight affecting the way you live your life? It's not what you eat, it's what's eating you! For more information, call Anne at (705) 436-7921.

The Teen Youth Group of the Parish of Churchill and Cookstown meet at St. John's Anglican Church every other Sunday in the parish hall from 12:30 - 2:30 pm. All teens aged between 13-18 years are welcome to join regardless of denomination. Please call Pam at (705) 735-3484 for information.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2ND
The 3rd Annual Battle of the Bay Street Bands will be held at the Maclaren Art Centre. Four bands will be competing for the Confederation Cup. Tickets are \$25 in advance (\$30 at the door) and are available at the Maclaren Art Centre of RVH. The fun starts at 7pm. Proceeds of the evening will be donated to the Maclaren and the Simcoe Muskoka Regional Cancer Centre at RVH.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3RD
The Simcoe County Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society is holding a meeting at 2pm at the LDS Church, 79 Ferris Lane in Barrie. Did your ancestors work for the railway? Come and hear what Ruth Burkholder has to say about it and what records are available. All are welcome. Come early and browse the book table. For information, call Ken Reese at (705) 728-1170.

A music concert will be held at Innisfil Community Church, beginning at 7pm. Yuri Kvartyrmeister and his students will be performing various pieces. Admission is free.

MONDAY, MARCH 5TH
The Simcoe County Arts and Crafts Association would like people to join them at the Simcoe County Museum at 1pm for 3-D paper ornaments. Bring small scissors and a pencil. The delayed Christmas get together includes treats and a gift exchange. Want to participate, bring a handmade item (approx. \$10) in a brown paper bag. The cost is \$7 for non members, \$5 for members. For information, call Janice Baird at (705) 733-9615.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8TH
Barrie Thornton Old Tyme Fiddlers Night at the Lions Hall on Barrie Street

in Thornton. The doors open at 6pm and the music starts at 7pm sharp. Admission is \$3 per person and children are free. All fiddlers, singers, callers, dancers and listeners are welcome. call Cec denney for more info at (705) 458-9996.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15TH
Man to Man, a prostate cancer support group, will meet at 7:30pm at the Canadian Cancer Society Office, 64 Cedar Point Drive, Unit 1406. The group meets on the third Thursday of every month. Ladies are welcome and will meet separately. For more information, call (705) 726-8032.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17TH
The Irish Claddagh Club of Barrie and district are having their annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance at the South Shores Centre on Kempenfelt Bay. The cost is \$30 per person and includes a traditional Irish dinner - corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, veggies, dessert and coffee and tea. For tickets, call Reg at (705) 722-3644.

The Churchill United Church Annual St. Patrick's Day Ham and Scalloped Potato Supper will be held from 5 until 7pm. Enjoy food, fellowship and the largest leprechaun in the Town of Innisfil. The cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for kids or \$30 per family.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24TH
Stroud Presbyterian Church is pleased to host a chili dinner from 4:30 - 7 pm. Tickets can be purchased at the door. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 10 and under, preschoolers are free.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15TH
The Sandycove Tap and Jazz Dancers are sponsoring a special craft show and tea room from 10am until 3pm at The Wheel. Admission and parking is free and there will be craft tables by over 30 residents and there will be draw prizes.

Sandycove Tap and Jazz Dancers are a non profit group of women who perform at Sandycove Acres, retirement homes, hospitals, church and other non profit organizations. The money raised will upgrade and add to their costumes.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28TH
David Wilcox will be performing at Stroud Arena - a fundraiser for the new Rec Centre, in conjunction with ICE Corp.. Tickets will be going on sale in March. For ticket information, call (705) 436-5066 or 1-877-803-2121.