



### 49TH ANNIVERSARY AT ST. PAUL'S

Herbie Kuhn, of Voices for Life, on-court announcer for the Toronto Raptors was the guest speaker recently at the 49th anniversary service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Nobleton. He is seen here with Rev. Barry Van Dusen.

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## LSRCA board given review of 2006 accomplishments

**By Michelle Minnoch**  
Undertaking various projects, including the Assimilative Capacity Study (ACS), updated mapping and completing more work on the Source Water Protection (SWP) program, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) was busy in 2006. "2006 was a challenging and successful year," said outgoing LSRCA Board of Directors Chair Roy Bridge. Bridge said this is 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 the recent annual general meeting.

Wood told the board Lake Simcoe produces \$2 million annually through economic tourism, recreation and fishing, adding LSRCA works tirelessly with municipal partners, First Nations, the provincial and federal governments and their stakeholders.

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

LSRCA has been working with municipal partners for 20 years, and in the last 16 years, more than 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, which Wood said has not been seen in about 20 to 25 years.

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

LSRCA was the lead agency in SWP. The program gave the authority information needed to understand surface and ground water protection. Leading edge technology and science helped 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 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," she remarked.

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 health 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 added 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

## People can reduce their 'ecological footprint'

**By Bill Rea**  
The York Region Environmental Alliance has been making progress in encouraging people to care more for their surroundings.

Gloria Marsh of the Alliance outlined some of its progress recently to members of Concerned Citizens of King Township at their annual general meeting.

She told the audience the Alliance was formed in 1999, when the main issue was the use of pesticides in Newmarket and Markham. She said they didn't have a lot of success at first, with there being a very "us-against-them" attitude, with a lot of hostility.

But things progressed from there. She said they designed a power-point presentation on organic lawn care, and they made it to various groups. In that way, the Alliance learned it's not enough to just tell people they can't use pesticides; they have to give them tools as well.

The Alliance has been involved in other efforts too. They set up a friendly challenge in Newmarket and Markham to get people to stop idling their cars, and the result is both municipalities now have anti-idling bylaws.

They are hoping more

year by the Ministry of Natural Resources in which the authority mapped hazards in the Lake Simcoe Watershed. The map, with roughly 3,950 kilometres of stream channels, used the best in science. A flood model was also created, including variables of precipitation, saturation, groundwater, topography and drainage systems. Wood said it took them two years to identify natural features and functions in the watershed.

municipalities will follow that lead. The main excuse for not having such rules is they would be too costly to monitor, but Marsh said that's not so. "Citizens will do it for you," she said, adding Canadians are fairly law-abiding people. If the rules are in place, most of them will obey.

She stressed accomplishments like this can be realized in a non-hostile environment.

Marsh also gave a plug for the Alliance's free newspaper; Our Ecological Footprint; "Our biggest initiative so far," she declared.

"An ecological footprint is the amount of biologically productive land and sea required to sustain one human being," the paper stated, adding there's about 1.89 hectares of productive area per person in the world, but the average Canadian uses between seven and nine.

Marsh said the paper's focus concentrated on home, food, consumption and transportation, and is aimed at showing people how to shrink footprints.

The Alliance is primarily a volunteer organization, with one paid member. There are representatives from all nine municipalities in York on the board, and Councillor Jeff Laidlaw is currently King's rep.

As for the future, Marsh said waste reduction is the issue they are working on. If people dealt with the amount of garbage produced, and addressed issues of excessive packaging, there would be no need for incineration.

There are other ways to reduce garbage. Marsh said food courts in shopping malls could greatly reduce the trash they produce simply by installing dish-washing facilities, rather than serving everything on disposable dishes. She said such examples are followed in other countries.

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