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LSRCA STAFF

D. Gayle Wood,

Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary - Treasurer



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(Newmarket)

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Village of Woodville

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OUR MISSION: to maintain, improve and promote the health and quality of Lake Simcoe and its watershed in partnership with our municipalities and our communities.



1998 - A Year of Action and Success

A Message From The Chair

The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board Members and Staff spent 1998 cultivating partnerships destined to have a profound and lasting impact on the health and quality of Lake Simcoe. There were many achievements of which we can be proud, due to the efforts of a dedicated and talented team.

As a result of a series of presentations made to all member and watershed municipalities, the Conservation Authority has entered into an agreement with Brock Township to include the balance of the Township in our area of jurisdiction. A ground breaking alliance has also been formed with the Township of Oro-Medonte. We will work together on the Allingham Creek rehabilitation project to reduce soil erosion, re-establish wildlife habitat, and improve the creek's water quality. Many thanks to Past Chair, Susan Para, and our Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary - Treasurer, D. Gayle Wood, for their commitment and energy invested in these agreements.

Another exciting development in 1998 was an alliance struck with the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) to protect, enhance, and conserve fish habitat. The Conservation Authority will now assist in reviewing development plans in the Lake Simcoe watershed which

may impact on fish habitat. This should result in better customer service and conservation of our natural resources.

With an eye on the future and the desire to meet future client needs, the Board Members and staff rolled up their sleeves and began an ambitious Multi-Year Business Plan which will take us into the millennium. The rate of urban development around Lake Simcoe and the current state of the ecosystem demands that we continue to deliver quality services and explore new opportunities for all residents to participate in the conservation of your land, your water, your future.

Only some of the year's highlights have been included in this annual report, many of which could not have occurred without the support of our staff, Board Members, municipalities, sponsors, and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Foundation. Your gifts and investments in the future of the watershed are greatly appreciated. Thanks to you, the Professor E.A. Smith Natural Resources Educational Centre has been able to offer 20 years of innovative environmental educational programs. Thanks to you, and the residents of this beautiful watershed, we had many reasons to celebrate at our Conservation Awards Night.

We look forward to sharing our future successes with you.

Yours truly,

Margaret Jordan, Chair



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1998 LSRCA Highlights

- **Began a Multi-Year Business Plan** to better position the Conservation Authority so that it can meet the needs of future clients and achieve our mission statement.
- **Initiated the Lake Simcoe Watershed Analysis (Total Phosphorus Management Study)** to develop a framework for funding remedial projects at a reduced cost.
- **Enjoyed good working relations** with member municipalities and established new liaisons with north shore communities.
- **Finalized an agreement with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans** to streamline services, improve customer service, and enhance Lake Simcoe's fish and wildlife habitat.
- **Planted** approximately 45,000 seedlings plus 3,200 larger trees and shrubs throughout the Lake Simcoe watershed.
- **Completed the Maskinonge River Remedial Strategy** to maintain and improve the health and quality of the Maskinonge River subwatershed.
- **Upgraded Scanlon Creek facilities and trails**, thanks to the support of the Friends of Scanlon Creek.
- **Conducted the first annual "Circle Lake Simcoe Watershed Bus Tour"** for area politicians and business owners, which showcased Lake Simcoe - a \$160 million economical resource - and the LSRCA's plans for future conservation works.
- **Delivered successful special events** to promote conservation and raise the LSRCA's community profile. These events included "Maplefest" at Sheppard's Bush Conservation Area, "Hike Ontario Day" and "Carolling Around the Campfire" at Scanlon Creek
- **Completed Forest Management Plans** for all Conservation Authority properties, as well as approximately 25 plans for private landowners.
- **Began a research project**, in cooperation with Greenland Engineering, to examine the impacts of urban stormwater run-off on the natural benthic (aquatic bottom dwelling) community.
- **Entered into an agreement** with the Region of Durham to develop and implement a forest management plan for the Durham Regional Forests which is managed by the LSRCA.
- **Provided more than \$100,000 in technical and financial assistance**, and completed 11 projects, as part of the Landowner Environmental Assistance Program (LEAP)
- **Hosted a Stormwater Management Workshop\Course** in cooperation with the Ministry of Environment and the Municipal Engineering Association.

- **Upgraded flood monitoring equipment** and communication systems to protect land, life, and community property.
- **Initiated the Newmarket Stormwater Remedial Strategy** to provide the municipality with a framework to reduce urban runoff and improve the Holland River's water quality.
- **Established a presence on the internet:** www.lsrca.on.ca "where water & webs meet."
- **Enjoyed continued support from many organizations including** Canada Trust's Friends of the Environment, York and Durham Land Stewardship Councils, North Newmarket Lions Club, Metrus Developments, Rockcrest Development and the Beaverton and District Conservation Club.
- **Completed a pilot study**, in cooperation with the Ministry of the Environment, in the Uxbridge Brook subwatershed to develop a non-point source computer model to predict pollutant loadings (Agricultural Non-Point Source (AGNPS) pollution model.)
- **"Environmental Road and Lot Draining Designs"** article scripted by members of the Technical Services Team was published in the Canadian Journal of Civil Engineering (Feb, 1998)
- **Worked with the Uxbridge Brook Watershed Committee** and Township of Uxbridge, to implement the Uxbridge Brook Watershed Plan and improve ecosystem health.
- **Developed Municipal Screening Maps** to assist in streamlining the municipal permit application process.
- **Expanded the Conservation Authority's GIS (Geographic Information Systems) database** by adding information on Environmentally Significant Areas, Conservation Areas, as well as Fill and Flood Lines for the majority of the watershed.

- **Continued implementation of LSEMS:** Lake Simcoe Environmental Management Strategy, Phase 2, and added York and Durham Regions and Simcoe County as partners.

LSRCA Conservation Awards

*celebrate environmental success stories
around Lake Simcoe.*

Congratulations to our 1998 winners:

- **Gill Parkinson (Keswick): Water Conservation Award** for choosing to naturalize 50% of her waterfront property, and providing valuable fish and wildlife habitat.
- **Scouts Canada, South Simcoe District: Soil Conservation Award** for planting 10,000 trees along a tributary of the Holland River to re-establish forest cover, improve water quality and reduce erosion.
- **Miriam King, Bradford West Gwillimbury Times: Media Recognition Award** for ongoing coverage of the LSRCA and local environmental issues.
- **Sacred Heart Catholic High School, Newmarket: Conservation Education Award** to applaud a decade of innovative environmental education programs involving thousands of students in rehabilitating a local water course.
- **Beaverton & District Conservation Club: Conservation Award of Merit** which saluted their role in the Beaver River Project which is destined to have a profound impact on the health and quality of Lake Simcoe.
- **Mr. George R. Richardson, Newmarket: Conservation Award of Honour** to recognize his lifetime commitment to conservation in the watershed. For more than 30 years he has served on the LSRCA Board and was the Chairman for ten. As the Conservation Foundation's President he spear-headed fundraising initiatives which paid for the construction, and then expansion, of the Professor E.A. Smith Natural Resources Educational Centre at Scanlon Creek.



Financial Summary

The following information is condensed from the 1998 financial statements as prepared by KPMG. Copies of the complete auditor's report are available at the Conservation Authority office. 1998 Balance Sheet

	Dec 31, 1998	Dec 31, 1997
Assets:		
Cash and Short-Term Deposits	\$ 522,847	\$ 738,773
Accounts Receivable - User Fees	\$ 326,040	\$ 187,727
	\$ 848,887	\$ 926,500

Liabilities and Reserves:

Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	\$ 88,079	\$ 185,962
Deferred Revenue	\$ 141,663	\$ 114,602
	\$ 229,742	\$ 300,564
Security Deposits	\$ 75,500	\$ 72,500
	\$ 305,242	\$ 373,064
Reserves (Net Change)	\$ 543,645	\$ 553,436
	\$ 848,887	\$ 926,500

1998 Statement of Operations**Revenue****Expenditures**

Total 1998 Revenue:	\$ 2,161,571	Total 1998 Expenditures:	\$ 2,161,571
Provincial Grants	\$ 113,663	Watershed Management	\$ 764,210
Municipal Levy	\$ 844,079	Conservation Land Management	\$ 640,952
Reserves	\$ 13,259	Corporate Services	\$ 565,819
User Fees/Other	\$ 1,190,570	Special Programs	\$ 190,590

Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act, 1998 Declaration:

In 1998, no employees were paid a salary, as defined in the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act, 1996, by the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority. D.Gayle Wood, Chief Administrative Officer/ Secretary-Treasurer, February 25, 1999

Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Foundation

The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Foundation is a registered charity that helps the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority by raising funds for environmental projects and conservation education. The Conservation Foundation pursues this goal through the actions of its Board of Directors and other volunteers, each of whom has made a personal commitment to supporting conservation in the Lake Simcoe watershed.

**LSRCF President's Message:**

In 1998, the Conservation Foundation raised \$24,000 and continued to be instrumental in providing support for conservation education, environmental projects and establishing new partnerships within our watershed communities.

On November 26th, municipal, regional and community partners expressed their praise and support for the Foundation at its 25th Anniversary celebration. The Conservation Foundation looks forward to the next 25 years of establishing new partnerships. It will continue to support and recognize the joint efforts of the community, the people and the local businesses to protect and enhance the natural resources of the Lake Simcoe watershed.

Times are changing and our focus on fundraising must also change to match the times. We have prepared a fundraising and communications plan that will provide guidance for approaching potential donors and other foundations. I am excited about our 1999 initiatives and look forward to your help in moving them forward.

LSRF Board of Directors

George Richardson, President

Robert Simpson, Vice -President

D. Gayle Wood, Secretary-Treasurer

Bill Ballinger

Kirby Brock

Ernie Crossland

Al Duffy

Cindy Lassaline

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Directors, volunteers and staff who have made 1998 and the past 25 years so successful!

Mr. George Richardson, President

Gabe Magnotta

David McLennan

Heather Ritchie

Dorothy Zajac

Shared Milestones

On November 26, 1998 the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Foundation and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority celebrated the Foundation's Silver (25th) Anniversary and the Professor E.A. Smith Natural Resources Educational Centre's 20th Anniversary.



It only seemed fitting that these two milestones be celebrated together as the Conservation Foundation has played a significant role in the success of the Professor E.A. Smith Natural Resources Educational Centre.

In addition to raising the funds needed to build Scanlon Creek's popular educational facility, the Conservation Foundation has also contributed \$60,000 towards its expansion and plans to do more for area youth in the future. During the last two decades Scanlon Creek's popular environmental programs have been experienced by more than 100,000 residential students from area schools and 15,000 children from local youth groups!

The Foundation's 1998 "Keeping Kids in Conservation" and "Opening a Door to the Environment" campaigns will work hand-in-hand to ensure the quality of education received at Scanlon Creek continues to be of the highest calibre.

The first will provide the financial resources needed to purchase new equipment and supplies for the Conservation Authority's educational programs. The latter will be used to establish a fund to which individuals and organizations can apply for assistance when financial barriers might otherwise prevent their participation in Scanlon Creek programs.

In tribute to the Conservation Authority's staff, and the Foundation's commitment to conservation education at Scanlon Creek, 25 trees have been planted adjacent to the Educational Centre and its lobby is now home to a commemorative plaque which is permanently on display there.

For more information on the Conservation Authority or fundraising campaigns of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Foundation, contact Brian Kemp at (905) 895-1281 or 1 - 800 - 465 - 0437.

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