

One Earth. One Chance.
Un monde. Une chance.

Our Mission: To protect and restore the health of the natural environment, including human communities, in Ontario and Quebec, by empowering the membership and citizenry through education, advocacy, action and outdoor adventures.

Notre Mandat: Protéger et rétablir l'équilibre de l'environnement naturel, y compris celui des communautés humaines, en Ontario et au Québec, par l'action concertée des membres et de la collectivité à travers l'éducation, les relations publiques, le mouvement populaire et les activités de plein air.

Sanctuary

Transportation Ministry Bows to Environmentalists' Demands

By Janet Pelley

Activists won an important victory on June 27th in the ongoing campaign to stop the provincial government from ramming the 130-kilometre Mid-Peninsula Highway through the Niagara Escarpment.

In the face of massive pressure from the public and a lawsuit from Burlington and Halton Region, Transportation Minister Frank Klees withdrew the deeply flawed terms of reference (TOR) for the highway's environment assessment (EA), and promised that the language of the TOR would be revised to broaden the scope of the assessment.

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) had been hoping to proceed with a bare-bones assessment that would have ignored issues that are key to addressing and solving traffic problems, such as the need for the highway and options for non-highway alternatives — for instance, mass transit. Specifically, the EA would have involved only a "scoped" or "focused" assessment, meaning, that it would be reduced to simply selecting one of several routes deemed to be the least damaging. Such a cynical policy would cut out consideration of better, cheaper alternatives to highways and make it tough for Canada to meet its commit-

>>> page 6

Natural Disaster in the Rouge Park *A Personal Story*

By Sadhana (Sadi) Sivasubramaniam

At approximately 3:30 in the afternoon on April 28th, a fire torched an area of the Rouge Park that extended from Ajax, Pickering and into Markham. The fire affected a span of 24 kilometres and blazed along the main Canadian Pacific rail line that links Toronto to Montreal. More than 70 Toronto firefighters and 20 Toronto fire vehicles battled the fire alongside firefighters from Pickering, Ajax and Markham.

It just so happens that I work near this area. I work for Friends of the Rouge Watershed, located in the Rouge Watershed region. Rouge Park is the largest urban park in North America. My colleagues and I were returning from a productive day of planting cedars, birches and sumacs on one of our planting sites when all of a sudden, two fire trucks passed us in a frenzy. Of course, we had no idea what was happening. We thought there was a small barn fire or that maybe it was a false alarm. However, when we looked into the sky, we saw a huge, dark-grey cloud of smoke hovering at a close distance. We could not believe our eyes. The image was devastating.

The news that arrived the next day was very depressing: nearly 50,000 trees had been destroyed. The fire had burned for more than eight hours and was not placed under control until around midnight. Sadly, a couple of days before this disaster, Friends of the Rouge had organized a community planting for Boy Scouts and Girl Guides. On April 26th, we planted approximately 700 to 800 trees. On the following day, the non-profit group 10,000 Trees celebrated its 14th anniversary by planting its 100,000th tree in the Rouge Park. Nearly 1,100 nature lovers turned out for this event. While followups were not made, amid speculation at the

>>> back page

HOW TO REACH US

Sierra Club – Eastern Canada Chapter, 24 Mercer St., Suite 102, Toronto, ON M5V 1H3; Tel.: 416-960-9606, Fax: 416-960-0020; E-mail: easterncanadachapter@sierraclub.ca; Web: www.sierraclub.ca/eastern/; Membership: membership@sierraclub.ca; National Office: 1 Nicholas St., Suite 412, Ottawa, ON K1N 7B7; Tel.: 613-241-4611

Editor's Note

Hello to all from the summer *Sanctuary!* Firstly, apologies to our readership on having passed by the previous season. Various changes through the past few months have translated into quite hectic times for many of our volunteers. But we are hoping to be strongly on course for the remainder of the year and into 2004.

As announced previously, we welcome members who would prefer receiving *Sanctuary* electronically (PDF form) to contact either myself or the Club office.

In addition to the inspiring and progressive stories in this issue (e.g., Mid-Peninsula Highway update, cover), there are upcoming events (p. 4) that we encourage members to consider, as well as

volunteer positions available (p. 5).

Among some role changes within the leadership, we give many thanks to former Chapter Co-ordinator Jacqueline Sharp for all her wonderful work, and welcome Jamie Kirkpatrick as our new Co-ordinator. We also greatly thank Shawn Tay for his diligence with the GTA Group, and welcome Eric Katmarian as the Group's representative to the ExComm., and Janet Pelley as interim contact for the Group.

And last but not never least, great appreciation goes to Editorial Assistants Samantha Boswell and Jean Cockburn.

Kind regards,
Debbie Komlos

How to Submit to *Sanctuary*

While it is the intent of *Sanctuary* to print articles that reflect the position of the Eastern Canada Chapter, ideas expressed in *Sanctuary* are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the position of the Sierra Club. Articles, graphics and photographs are copyrighted by the authors and artists and may be reprinted only with their permission.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS

All materials for publication in the *Fall 2003* issue must be received by the following deadline:

September 15, 2003

SUBMISSIONS FORMAT

Please limit articles to 800 words; letters to 300. All submissions may be edited for clarity and length. Send submissions via e-mail or on a high density 3-1/2 inch diskette. Save files as "text" or "ascii."

WHERE TO SEND SUBMISSIONS

Send submissions to: Editor Debbie Komlos;
Sanctuary – c/o Sierra Club Eastern Canada Chapter
24 Mercer St., Suite 102, Toronto, ON M5V 1H3
dakomlos@yahoo.com

CHANGE OF ADDRESS • Send changes to Sierra Club of Canada - Membership Services; 412 - 1 Nicholas St.; Ottawa, ON K1N 7B7
1-888-810-4204; membership@sierraclub.ca

The Chapter Leadership

The Executive Committee

Officers

Chair – David Baar, Ottawa, ON – dbaar@rogers.com

Vice-chair – Paula Boutis, Toronto, ON – paula.boutis@sierraclub.org

Secretary – Danielle Buklis, Toronto, ON – dbuklis@hotmail.com

Treasurer – Janny Wullur (ex officio), Kitchener, ON – janny_wullur@yahoo.com

Members-at-Large

André Maintenay, Toronto, ON – a.maintenay@utoronto.ca

Alexandra Kuperman, Waterloo, ON – tevaranger@yahoo.ca

Vijanti Ramlogan Murphy, North Bay, ON – vramloganmurphy@aol.com

Graham Mudge, Algonquin Island, Toronto, ON – mudge@ican.net

Group Representatives

Ottawa Group – Dan Van Vliet, Ottawa, ON – danielvanvliet@rogers.com

Greater Toronto Area (GTA) Group – Eric Katmarian, Toronto ON – ekatmarian@sympatico.ca

Hamilton-Niagara Group – Larry Caldwell, Thorold, ON – l.caldwell@sympatico.ca

Quebec Group – Ray S. Raymond, Canton Stanstead (Eastern Townships), PQ – rsraymond@sympatico.ca

Conservation Leaders

Steering Committee

Eric Hutton, Conservation Chair, eric.hutton@sympatico.ca

Responsible Transportation Committee/Car-Free Days

Michael Noble, mnoble@carfreeday.ca

Challenge to Sprawl Campaign

Janet Pelley, 416-538-2856

Water Quality Campaign

Maureen Reilly, maureen.reilly@sympatico.ca

Forest and Wilderness

Anita Krajnc, anita.krajnc@sierraclub.org

Sadhana Siva, sadhu_@hotmail.com

Green Energy Campaign

Christine Elwell, christine.elwell@sympatico.ca

Midwest Regional Conservation Campaign: Clean Energy & Air

Anna Tilman, annatilman@sympatico.ca

Operations Leaders

EcoCertification – Communications Team

Amanda Justason, easterncanadachapter@sierraclub.ca, Tel.: 416-960-9606

EcoCertification – Program Team

Patty DeLaat, pdelaat@cogeco.ca, Tel.: 416-960-9606

Marketing Committee Chair

Ali Alizadeh, sccmc_east@yahoo.ca

Newsletter Editor & Committee Chair

Debbie Komlos, dakomlos@yahoo.com

Volunteer Co-ordinator

André Maintenay, a.maintenay@utoronto.ca

Web Development

David Elfstrom, david@elfstrom.com

Joel Sotomayor, brave_new_waves@yahoo.ca

Lucy Cole, lucy.cole@sympatico.ca

LOCAL SIERRA CLUB GROUPS

OTTAWA GROUP

Tel.: George Wilson, 613-244-1088

E-mail: ottawa.group@sierraclub.org

Mail: Sierra Club – Ottawa Group; George Wilson, 703-154 Nelson St., Ottawa, ON K1N 7R5

GREATER TORONTO AREA (GTA) GROUP

Tel.: Janet Pelley, 416-538-2856

Mail: Sierra Club – GTA Group, c/o Janet Pelley 24 Mercer St., Suite 102, Toronto, ON M5V 1H3

HAMILTON-NIAGARA GROUP

Tel.: Larry Caldwell, 905-227-3189

E-mail: l.caldwell@sympatico.ca

Mail: 76 Townline Rd. W., St. Catharines, ON L2T 1P6

QUEBEC GROUP

Tel.: Ray S. Raymond, 819-876-7846

E-mail: rsraymond@sympatico.ca

Mail: 128 Bombardier, RR3, Stanstead County, PQ J1X 3W4

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Alexandria, ON

Gerard Daechsel – P.O. Box 7, 112 Dominion St.

Alexandria, ON K0C 1A0

Halton Hills, ON (includes Georgetown, Acton, Limehouse, Norval, Glen Williams, and Stewart Town)

Gerda Potzel – potzel@stn.net

London, ON

Don Mills – donmills@quadro.net

Newmarket, ON

Dean Gessie – dgessie@pickeringcollege.on.ca

North Bay, ON

Vijanti Ramlogan Murphy – vramloganmurphy@aol.com

Sauble Beach, ON

Jim Simpson – 519-422-1824

CHAPTER STAFF

Chapter Director

Dan McDermott

dmc@dsierraclub.ca, 416-960-6075

Chapter Co-ordinator

Jamie Kirkpatrick

easterncanadachapter@sierraclub.ca, 416-960-9606

CHAPTER and GROUP MEETINGS: All Chapter Executive Committee teleconference meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month and are open to all members. Contact our Chapter office to find out how to attend. If you are interested in attending any other Chapter committee or local Group meeting, please contact the appropriate leader (listed above) or call the Chapter office for more information.

Volunteer Spotlights

Here we highlight a few of our many hard-working volunteers who contribute so much to the success of the Eastern Canada Chapter. This issue features Kat Tancock and Loretta Allen, both office volunteers in Toronto.

Kat Tancock

Club Office Volunteer

Currently a student at the University of Toronto, Kat started volunteering with the Chapter in September 2002. Her interest in volunteering, particularly in the environmental sector, led her to the Club Web site. There she found the posting for volunteer help in the Chapter office, which suited her preference for 'background,' organizational work.

Kat has had previous experience volunteering in the environmental sector. While at the University of Victoria, she helped start the university's Annual Earth Festival. She was also Residence Recycling Co-ordinator.

Kat took part in last year's Car-Free Day activities, including staffing a station at the Augusta Street closing in Kensington Market.

She likes the idea of a permanently car-free Market, something local merchants and citizen groups continue to push for (with the endorsement of the Sierra Club). Her present work in the Chapter mainly revolves around maintaining and updating the membership database, research for the Chapter, and generally whatever needs to be done to keep the organization running.

She enjoys the chance to give back to the community. Her work with the Chapter helps her balance the isolation that sometimes characterizes the world of graduate academics; it is also nicely different from her area of study. Kat would like to stay involved with the Club, and particularly looks forward to this year's CFD. Naturally, we would love to keep her with us!

Loretta Allen

Club Office Volunteer

Volunteer work is a mandatory part of Loretta's school curriculum, and she wanted to put her hours toward something that interests her. After doing a little research, the Chapter's activities fit the bill perfectly for her strong interest in environment and sustainability. She has been working at the Chapter office since October 2002.

Though she had no previous experience relating to her specific work with the Chapter, an environmental studies class taken last semester involved a number of outings to places like the Humber River to plant native trees and shrubs. She has volunteered for some community events and organizations, including the St. Joseph's Drug Free Arcade, an after-school program in Toronto.

Loretta works closely the Chapter Co-ordinator, helping out generally in the office with whatever needs to be done. She's interested in getting involved with SEED (Sierra

Environmental Discovery Project), as she believes it's very important for all children to have the opportunity to get out into nature and experience what our world is really like. In addition, soon she will be starting her school's indigenous plant program, for which she received a \$2,000 grant from the United Way.

Though she is unsure what specifically draws her to environmentalism, Loretta credits her visits while growing up to her cottage and the sustainable woodlot her family owns on the Oak Ridges Moraine for giving her a developed appreciation of our natural environment. She feels very strongly about protecting and promoting the environment.

Loretta won't be in the office over the summer, but she hopes to continue volunteering with the Chapter next semester; she is also interested in becoming EcoCertified. We certainly hope she returns!

Back on September 22, 2001, the Sierra Club Eastern Canada Chapter (ECAN) organized and carried out North America's first ever participation in the rapidly growing global International Car-Free Day event. With the logistical assistance of the City of Toronto and funding support provided by the Toronto Atmospheric Fund, Environment Canada and the Toronto Community Foundation, ECAN conducted a multidimensional event on a car-free St. George Street in the heart of Toronto. Two nights earlier, 500 car-free advocates packed the Bloor Cinema for an evening of film, speeches and discussion of the possibilities of a Toronto not dominated by cars.

This past September, Car-Free Day 2002 saw ECAN expand Toronto's participation to include 14 separate street closure events. Internationally, Car-Free Day drew participation from over 1,000 towns and cities in over 30 countries. Within Europe, acceptance of Car-Free Day has advanced to the point where the program is endorsed by the European Union and many cities have expanded the event into a European Mobility Week.

ECAN is now working to enlist the participation of other Ontario municipalities in Car-Free Day events, while continuing to develop Toronto's involvement in Car-Free Day. ECAN Car-Free Day Issue Chair Mike Noble is co-ordinating a substantial core of Club volunteers to focus on Toronto-based events. Rick Czepita, who introduced the Car-Free Day concept to the Sierra Club of Canada initially, is conducting outreach and communication work with the expanded Ontario network of interested groups and individuals.

A working partnership of ECAN, the City of Toronto, the Toronto Atmospheric Fund and Environment Canada is now planning Car-Free Day 2003. This expanded collaboration is a positive and trend-setting development. The Sierra Club of Canada is moving forward in very good company to show the way to urban life without cars. Today we are looking to expand the scope of Car-Free Day. Tomorrow we will use this experience to create year-round car-free realities. ■

Our heartfelt thanks to both Kat and Loretta for their tremendous help in the office, and to all volunteers for their continued work; the Chapter's success is a result of your tremendous gifts of time and energy. Wonderful job! ■

André Maintenay
Volunteer Co-ordinator

Run for Election to the Eastern Canada Chapter or Group Leadership!

The Sierra Club is seeking persons with a broad range of experience to run as candidates in the 2003 election for the positions on the local Group or Chapter Executive Committees (ExComms). The Eastern Canada Chapter and each of its local Groups (Quebec, Hamilton-Niagara, Ottawa and Toronto) seek several candidates to run in this year's election.

What is an ExComm?

A Group or Chapter ExComm is responsible for general guidance of the Chapter or local Group's affairs to ensure the fulfilment of the mandate of the Sierra Club.

Who can run?

Candidates must be members in good standing with the Club, and at least 18 years of age. Chapter candidates may live anywhere in Quebec or Ontario. Group candidates must live within the Group boundaries.

What skills and experience do you need?

The Sierra Club seeks to build a diverse leadership from individuals with conservation, financial, fundraising, communications, membership and outings experience. Some past governance experience with the Club or other organizations is an asset.

Desirable skills and experience include:

- ◆ Effective listening and communication

- ◆ Knowledge of environmental and political issues
- ◆ Dedication to Sierra Club ideals
- ◆ Commitment to consensus-building and teamwork
- ◆ Strong organizational skills and self-motivation
- ◆ Knowledge of or desire to learn about the Sierra Club's organizational and environmental concerns

Commitment of ExComm Members

All members of an ExComm are expected to devote sufficient time and energy to projects and carry them through to completion. Commitments include regular meetings, and regular communication via e-mail and/or telephone. ExComm members should also be willing to assist with existing or ad-hoc committees such as the membership, fundraising, outings, marketing or conservation committees.

The Nomination Process

There are two ways to be nominated as a candidate for ExComm elections:

- (1) the Nominating Committee may nominate interested persons. Members may send a personal profile to the Chapter office at the address below for the committee's consideration or may suggest to the nominating committee a person for its consideration; or
- (2) a person may petition to run for election. Any 15 members of the Chapter (for Chapter candidates) or the local Group (for a particular local

Group) may submit a signed letter nominating a willing member and that person will be included on the ballot. Petition candidates must provide a 100-word personal profile to the nominating committee.

Dates and Deadlines

Deadline for submission of names for consideration by the Nominating Committee is September 10, 2003; for petition candidates, petitions must be submitted by September 24, 2003. Elections will occur by mail-in ballot in the fall.

Executive Committee members-elect will take office at the first meeting of the year in January 2004.

Contact the Nominating Committee

For more information, to submit a 100-word personal profile and resumé, or for information on how to run by petition, please contact: Sierra Club of Canada, Eastern Canada Chapter

2003 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

24 Mercer St., Suite 102

Toronto, Ontario M5V 1H3

E-mail: easterncanadachapter@sierraclub.ca

Tel.: 416-960-9606

Fax: 416-960-0020

Please indicate which executive committee the nomination or petition candidacy is for: Chapter Executive, Hamilton-Niagara Group, Toronto Group, Ottawa Group or Quebec Group. ■

Donations for Raffle Sought

The Eastern Canada Chapter will be holding its Annual General Meeting in November and is looking for items to include in this year's fundraising raffle.

Last year's raffle was a success and saw participants winning such items as handmade artwork and a trip to Algonquin Park. We hope that you will help to make this year's raffle even better! So if you or your businesses happen to have any products or services you'd be willing to donate to a GREAT CAUSE, please contact the Chapter office: easterncanadachapter@sierraclub.ca or 416-960-9606.

Upcoming Events

Algonquin Park Canoe Trip

Join us for our "Fall Colours Algonquin Park Canoe Trip," for the weekend of Sept. 12 - 14. For more details, call the Chapter office or check our "Outings" page on the Chapter Web site. We are always looking for qualified trip leaders, so if you can help, contact paula.boutis@sierraclub.org or call the Chapter office.

Sierra Club of Canada Board Meeting

The next Sierra Club of Canada Board meeting will be held in Toronto on Nov. 21 - 23. For more information, please contact the Chapter office.

NOTE:

The Sierra Club's Eastern Canada Chapter regularly holds meetings that are open to Club members. For a listing of past events and to keep an eye on future plans, bookmark the Chapter's Web site and check out the "Events" page; you may also note any special announcements on the main Chapter page. For those specifically keen on outdoor adventures, please make sure to visit the "Outings" page.

Have Some Spare Time?

Among currently available volunteer roles are (with) the following:

- ◆ Executive Committee
- ◆ Trade Show and Fair work
- ◆ Regional Representatives
- ◆ EcoCertification Development Team
- ◆ SCC Liaison to Group and Chapter Outings Committee
- ◆ Car-Free Day campaign
- ◆ Forest and Wildlife campaign
- ◆ Responsible Transportation/Car-Free Day
- ◆ High Speed Rail Task Force

Please visit our Web site for more details or call the Club office at 416-960-9606.

GTA Group Notes

Group Expands its Boundaries

In addition to areas that are within the "M" postal code areas, the Group has expanded and added the Mississauga area to its boundaries.

To reflect our greater geographic scope, the Group has begun to use the name "GTA Group." Officially, we are still named the Ron Burchell Group, in honour of the memory of founding Sierra Club of Canada member and former Eastern Canada Chapter Chair, Ron Burchell.

Leadership Roles Available in GTA Group

The Greater Toronto Area Group is looking for new leaders to take the Group to the next step. If you're enthusiastic and committed to a vision of a better, more environmentally friendly Toronto, this is for you.

The Group currently has two executive

committee positions to fill. The positions of Group Chair and Vice-chair are appointed from members of the executive committee.

For more information, contact Shawn Tay at shawn@tays.net or the Sierra Club office.

GTA Group Endorses David Miller and Greg Bonser for Upcoming Municipal Elections

The Greater Toronto Area Group is honoured to endorse David Miller and Greg Bonser for the upcoming elections.

David Miller will be running for the position of mayor. He has been a strong supporter of various Sierra Club activities, especially Car-Free Days and his strong support of the environmental cause in Toronto makes him the GTA Group's candidate of choice for mayor.

A Page Break

~ Sales of solar panels are looking up.

Martin Baker, Toronto

Attention Air-Quality Activists!

The Ottawa Group of the Sierra Club is looking for individuals who are concerned about local air quality and want to do something about it. The aim of Campaign for Ottawa's Air is to work with the citizens of Ottawa to obtain from the government specific commitments to policies and actions that ensure the highest possible air quality for our city.

Decisions regarding transit/transportation infrastructure and urban development have a substantial impact on air quality, particularly in Ottawa. Governments at all levels have welcomed the idea of smart growth and healthy community development, but implementation of strategies has fallen far short of the expectations of many people. Members of the Ottawa campaign will work to mobilize the citizens to write letters, call their government representatives, or participate in other actions aimed at ensuring that air quality is reflected in decisions affecting our city.

Do you want to join us?

For more information, please contact Carol Gudz, E-mail: cgudz@sympatico.ca; Tel.: 613-274-0991.

IS YOUR PRINTING SUFFERING FROM CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY?

There is a huge difference between 'conventional' and environmentally responsible printing.

We offer the safest and cleanest printing alternative available today.

CLEAN CHOICE PRINTERS

Printing for a healthy planet

toll-free: 1-877-463-2639

tel/fax: 613-278-0177

info@cleanchoiceprinters.com

www.cleanchoiceprinters.com

In our sixth year

COMPETITIVE PRICES

FREE INFORMATION PACKAGE AVAILABLE

More than a service...
a cleaner future

Escarpment Telecom

Saving the Planet with Long-Distance Calls

Want to donate to the Sierra Club, but don't have the extra cash? You can donate every time you make a long-distance call, by subscribing to Escarpment Telecom!

Former Eastern Canada Chapter Chair and National Board Member, Paula Boutis, has this to say: **"It's a superb service, which lets me donate to the Sierra Club every time I make a long-distance call. I can pay my bill online, and I get a charitable receipt for my donation at the end of the year!"**

- ◆ Escarpment Telecom rates are the same or lower than those of the major long-distance companies (8c Ontario, 7c France, \$20/month for evening and weekend calls in Canada).
- ◆ The Eastern Canada Chapter of the Sierra Club gets 15% of everything you spend.

◆ 5% also goes to the Escarpment Conservancy to protect the Niagara Escarpment, a United Nations World Heritage Site.

To enrol and start donating to the Sierra Club, phone 416-960-8121 or 1-888-815-9068, e-mail rbarnett@escarpment.ca or register online at:

http://www.escarpment.ca/et_registration2.html ▶ noting Sierra Club as the "Partner Charity."



>>> from cover (*Transportation Ministry Bows ...*)

ments under the Kyoto Protocol.

As part of its campaign against the highway, the Sierra Club had demanded that the MTO reject the proposed scoped assessment and conduct a full and comprehensive EA that includes all alternatives, such as improved rail service.

Along with the Coalition on the Niagara Escarpment (CONE), Citizens Opposed to Paving the Escarpment (COPE) and others, the Sierra Club will be watching the situation carefully and consulting with the various parties to make sure that the assessment examines the need for the project and all possible alternatives to the highway, and that it takes into account the impacts of the entire project, from Niagara to Halton, including the impacts of induced suburban sprawl.

If you would like to join the road warriors at the Sierra Club in fighting the highway and working to prevent sprawl, please contact Janet Pelley at 416-538-2856. ■

Keep Informed!

Check the Club Web site for regular updates on current and upcoming campaigns and events:

www.sierraclub.ca/eastern/

Welcome New Members!*

*(Dec. 2002 - Apr. 2003)

Loretta & Peter Allen
Lorraine Allen
James Annis
Jacalyn Ball
Jana Bell
Teresa Bellefontaine
Melanie Bergelt
Ainsley Brittain
Susan Chiblow
Gina Cleary Pasold
Robin Cooke
Rowan Cunningham
Benjamin Curry
Anita Cwynar
Edelweiss D'Andrea
Shawn Dinn
Nancy Doucet
Alice Duc Triano
Leah Eustace
Bill Falls & Judi Spence
Doris Ferguson
Daniel Fetter
Adrian & Vee Field
Dylan Flanagan
Krista Flood
Barbara Foell
Cynthia Folzer
Alyssa Forman
Jill Forsythe
Patricia Francis

ON

Devora Galper
Simon Gardiner & Sylvia Pantic
Michael Gaylord
Mr. Jacques Gerin
Helen Godfrey
Jean Marc T. Guillemette & Hanna Dunkley
Joe Gunn
Rebecca Hall
Nick Hamilton
Kate Hennig
Holly Hughes
David M. Hunter
Robert Hunter
Eric Hutton
Tanya Imola
Sara & Blair Jackson
Jan Jagiellowicz
Jack Janczak
Kristen Johannes
Chester Kasprzak
Catherine Kavassalis
Joy Kennedy
James Kim
Ryan Kovacsik
Armen Kulidjian
Sandy Kursis & Ted Woods
Junyee Lee
Benjamin Lyon
Jason & Lara MacDonald

William MacKay
Heather Mancuso
Kevin Matsuba
Rachel Mayberry
Alan & Carol McDermott
Barb McMullen
Wilhelm G. Mertens
Mike Monaghan
Marilou Montemayor
Nick Moss Gillespie
Rod Muir
Peter Nelson
Jan New
Lynn & Gary Newhouse
Elizabeth Nyburg
Peter Ormond
Marilyn Ortwein
Walter Parsons
Aviva Patel
Andrea Lea Peart
Meena Peruvemba
Michael Price
Dr. Kathleen Pritchard
Deborah Pronovost
Marie Quinn
Daniel Rose
Cynthia & Bill Ross
Stuart Ross
Edith Rothfuchs
Brenda Rundle

Hilary Samuel
Carmen Sanchez & Joseph Federico
Louisa Segal
Nikhil Shah
Vishal Sharma
Martin Sheard
Steven Shrybman
Roger Smith
Lindsay Snow
Karl Spencer
Bob Staveley
Shireen & Frank Szarka
Susan Tanner
Daniele Tardif
Benjamin Taylar
Jilian Thorp
Karen Tippet
Melissa Titherington
Paul Totzke
Daniel Townsend
Jessica Tse
Christie Unitt
Pallavi Valabhji
Jean Vesik
Roy & Tanyfs Ward
Elanor Waslander
Somay Weerasuriya
David West
Dianne Wheeler

David White
Doug & Annabelle White
Barbara Whitmer
Robin Williamson
Heather Wilson
Ron Woods
Arlie Yewich
J. Yolleck
Jonathan Young
Melanie Young
Libby Yuill
Myriam Chagal *PQ*
Huan Chen
Doris Davanloo
John Davanloo
Philippe Emond
Robert Hopp
Anita Kushwaha
Robert & Anne McBryde
Denis Palmer
Kevin Smith & Marie-Josée Patry
Lisa Trimble
Stephen Vida & Family
Ursula Voss
Georgia West
Katherine Wieckowski
Megan Bradley *Scotland*

Sprawl Hurts Us All!

Report Shows Taxpayers Lose

Suburban sprawl development is hazardous to Ontario taxpayers' pocket books and to the environment, according to a new report released by the Sierra Club on May 30th. Costs will be over \$70 billion, or more than \$14,000 per person, if sprawling housing development continues over the next 25 years in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). *Sprawl Hurts Us All!* is a comprehensive and easy-to-understand resource that will help citizens and local and provincial leaders assess the true costs of sprawl development.

"Ontario's municipalities are taking on deeper debt and headed toward higher taxes if we don't stop sprawl," says Janet Pelley, Conservation Chair of the GTA Group of the Sierra Club. "We can save a lot of money, avoid tax increases and protect the environment if development takes place in areas that already have services," she adds.

All of the GTA's growth could be accommodated without any new development on the Oak Ridge's Moraine. Yet, current development

patterns in the GTA, Golden Horseshoe, Ottawa and beyond are pushing beyond the edges of service and employment areas. Sprawl development, a pattern characterized by strip shopping centres and low-density residential development spread out across the landscape, is gobbling up land at an unprecedented rate: Ontario loses one square kilometre of prime agricultural land every day to the bulldozers.

The report defines true smart growth as the solution to our growing pains by directing growth into traditional patterns that concentrate homes and jobs in pedestrian-friendly town centres surrounded by green belts. But in order to develop in areas with existing infrastructure and preserve farms and natural areas, the report calls on politicians to:

1. Stop building new highways in Ontario.
2. Freeze new green-field development projects until the Ontario government passes appropriate smart growth legislation.

3. Protect threatened farmland and green space by establishing urban growth boundaries and promoting conservation easements and purchase of development rights.
4. Freeze water supply projects that would trigger massive suburban sprawl.
5. Create a 1-million acre greenbelt around the Golden Horseshoe.
6. Abolish the Ontario Municipal Board and replace it with a new appeals board.

For copies of *Sprawl Hurts Us All!*, send \$2 per copy to:

**Sierra Club Eastern Canada Chapter
24 Mercer Street, Suite 102
Toronto, ON M5V 1H3**

For more information, please call 416-960-9606. ■

Working to Save the Wolf - *An Ongoing Quest of the Quebec Group*

Wildlife conservation efforts concerned with the never-ending attempt to protect *Canis lycaon* (Eastern Canadian wolf or Northern red wolf) have shifted focus to the Eastern Townships region of southern Quebec. The methodology of this work has taken on a very unconventional approach; it involves the Quebec Group working with groups from New England, specifically, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, rather than the usual lobbying of the Quebec Ministry of Environment and Wildlife or Ministry of Natural Resources.

The Quebec government's position on wolves, and its commitment and intention to maintain an unnaturally high whitetail deer population south of the St. Lawrence River for deer-hunting revenues, has prompted the current change in efforts.

From the government perspective, supporting the natural recolonization of the wolf would bring about the undesired result of increased wolf depredation, leading to less deer

availability for hunters and less licensing and residual revenue from the hunters for the government.

Such a restrictive stance on the government's part will result in eradication of the wolf species if it is ever established in any significant numbers in this region, even though it is listed by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) as a "species at risk." The only viable method to ensure their presence in this region is to ensure that dispersing wolves from southern Quebec gain a foothold in northern U.S. states.

This is not a campaign but involves providing information to these New England groups as to:

- A. who the experts are to contact, such as individuals with expertise in species verification by DNA analysis
- B. location of wolves in the Eastern Townships and proximity to the U.S. border

- C. location of breeding packs
- D. providing a planning matrix and guidelines for lawsuits against Maine's Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

The objective of the legal action being considered by the organizations, based upon information provided by the SCC Quebec, is to postpone the listing of the species currently under endangered status to threatened. They believe that the hard evidence of trapped wolves within miles of the U.S. border, and several trapped or shot in Maine and Vermont will present a good case.

Another objective is to force the USFWS to implement a re-introduction program.

For more information, please contact Ray Raymond, Tel.: 819-876-7846; e-mail: rrraymond@sympatico.ca. ■

>>> from cover (Natural Disaster in...)

time of the fire's cause was that a spark from a passing train could have provided the ignition.

According to Jim Robb, General Manager of Friends of the Rouge Watershed, as many as 25,000 young pine, birch, cedar and ash that had been planted by dedicated volunteers during the past decade were destroyed or damaged by this fire. Jim also mentioned that an additional 25,000 beech, elm and maple, some as old as 70 years, were also damaged. Nests of baby rabbits, birds and other animals were destroyed.

Even with all the unfortunate results of the

fire, a miracle did happen. Well, two of them. Jim found two two-week old cottontail rabbits in the midst of the fire. Portions of their skin were scorched and their whiskers were burned off; however, they were otherwise healthy. He took them both home and fed them with a special baby formula. The next day, he brought them over to us. I never held anything so beautiful and so tiny in my life. They were adorable and very vulnerable. Jim released them back into the wild that day, hoping that their mother would take them back. If that did not work out, the babies would

be sent to a wildlife rehabilitation centre.

That week was very overwhelming for me. I always knew that Mother Nature was powerful, but I never thought that something like this would happen so close to home. As co-chair of the Forest and Wildlife Committee of the Sierra Club Eastern Canada Chapter, I realized that I wanted to reveal my feelings about this disaster. Protecting trees and wildlife has always been one of my main priorities in life. That's why learning about this disaster was so discouraging. Fortunately, miracles do still happen during these horrible times — in this case, the rescue of the bunnies. In other words, DON'T LOSE HOPE EVEN WHEN THE SITUATION LOOKS UNBEATABLE! ■

Sadhana (Sadi) earned her Master in Environmental Studies degree at York University. In addition to her Sierra Club work, she is Education and Communications Co-ordinator for Friends of the Rouge Watershed.

Become a member of the Sierra Club

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ Prov. _____ Postal Code _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____

Please circle one of the following membership categories:

| | Regular | Supporting | Contributing | Life | Youth/Student | Senior | Ltd. Income |
|------------|---------|------------|--------------|---------|---------------|--------|-------------|
| Individual | \$40 | \$75 | \$150 | \$1,000 | \$20 | \$20 | \$20 |
| Joint | \$50 | \$100 | \$175 | \$1,500 | \$30 | \$30 | \$30 |

YES! Please send me subscription information for the award-winning *SIERRA* magazine (preferred rates available with purchase of membership).

YES! I would like to make a donation to the Eastern Canada Chapter:

Donation of \$25 \$40 \$55 other \$ _____ or
 Monthly giving of \$10 \$20 \$30 or \$ _____ per month
 Please enclose a void cheque for monthly giving. You may cancel at any time by contacting the Eastern Canada Chapter office (easterncanadachapter@sierraclub.ca or 416-960-9606.)
 Please direct my donation to:
 lobbying and legislative action
 research and public education programs (tax receipted for donations of \$15 or more)

Please select one of the following payment options:

Visa Mastercard Cheque

 Expiry Date _____ Signature _____

Please make out payment to:

Sierra Club of Canada
1 Nicholas St., Suite 412
Ottawa, ON K1N 7B7
Fax: 613-241-2292

The Sierra Club and the Sierra Legal Defence Fund

Sierra Club of Canada supporters are frequently confused by the similarity of name of an unrelated environmental organization, Sierra Legal Defence Fund. While this group sometimes acts on our behalf in legal actions, it is a completely separate organization with no ties, historic or current, to Sierra Club of Canada. While we appreciate SLDF's good efforts, the choice of name is their own and we regret the confusion.

This document was printed on 100 % post-consumer waste paper and printed by Clean Choice Printers (see ad. on page 5)



EASTERN CANADA CHAPTER
SECTION REGIONALE DE L'EST DU CANADA

**One Earth. One Chance.
Un monde. Une chance.**

Sierra Club - Eastern Canada Chapter
24 Mercer St., Suite 102, Toronto, ON M5V 1H3

Stay in touch between issues! To sign up for our informative weekly e-mails, send any e-mail to: ecan-news-subscribe-request@lists.sierraclub.org