

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2002 was the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust's second full year of operation, and the momentum that we achieved in our first year continued unabated. We secured a further 700 acres in conservation easements, bringing the total of protected moraine land to 1,428 acres since we incorporated three years ago.

Our fundraising and outreach activities, so critical to our ongoing ability to protect land, were once again successful. In 2002, we raised \$222,560 in grants,

donations and through special events. We have been extremely fortunate in attracting funding from private donors, land owners, foundations, local businesses and corporations. For this we must thank the hardworking members of our board of directors, our volunteers, and our staff.

All of us have a role to play in protecting the environment. With the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act in place, I am often asked why organisations such as ours are still needed. My reply is - just because you install a sprinkler system in a building, you do not cancel the fire insurance. The province, with its recent legislation, has provided a sprinkler system. The Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust and its partners are here to provide the insurance policy...

Tom Atkins

Our Conservation Achievements to Date

Uxbridge Township:

- ◆ Ken Purvis property, 17 acres, fee simple donation, June, 2001

City of Pickering:

- ◆ Bill and Judith Wilder property, 711 acres, conservation easement, completed December, 2001

Uxbridge Township:

- ◆ Secord property, 48 acres, conservation easement, completed February, 2002

Uxbridge Township:

- ◆ John and Pat McCutcheon property, 73.5 acres, conservation easement, completed July, 2002

Scugog Township:

- ◆ Keith and Zane Stait-Gardner property, 152 acres, conservation easement, completed December, 2002

Uxbridge Township:

- ◆ George and Barbara Pratt property, 100 acres, conservation easement, completed December, 2002

Uxbridge Township:

- ◆ David Hodgson and Janet Fass property, 66 acres, conservation easement, completed December, 2002

Town of Whitby:

- ◆ Bill and Judith Wilder property, 95.72 acres, conservation easement, completed December, 2002

Scugog Township:

- ◆ Bill and Judith Wilder property, 165 acres, conservation easement, completed December, 2002

Total conserved: 1,428 acres

LAND, CONSERVATION AND STEWARDSHIP

2002 marked a substantial year of growth for the ORMLT. The Land Committee, headed up by Don Prince, oversaw the securing of 700 acres in conservation easements. Details of the properties conserved to date by the ORMLT are presented at left.

Although a certain portion of funds raised were directed towards land acquisition (e.g., the Secord property), the bulk of the ORMLT's resources were focused on conservation easements, a truly cost effective means of conserving land. Value to cost ratio (land value: securement costs) range as high as 78 to 1.

2002 also marked the first full year of the ORMLT's stewardship and property monitoring activities. As the number of conservation easements and properties held by the land trust continues to grow, this area will increase in importance.

The support of landowners committed to conserving their land has made the work of the Land Trust much easier—as has the support of Environment Canada under the Ecogifts Program. These have been critical elements in the ORMLT's continued growth and success.

FUNDRAISING AND OUTREACH

An essential component of the ORMLT's achievements in 2002 has been the continued success of our fundraising and outreach activities.

In addition to grants and funding received from the ELB Foundation, the City Of Toronto, the George Lunan Foundation, the Regional Municipality Of York, the George Cedric Metcalf Foundation, the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the Federation of Ontario Naturalists, the Fitzhenry Family Foundation and the Toronto Region Conservation Authority, the ORMLT also organised two major fundraising events:

The second annual Walk for the Moraine, co-chaired by Gloria Marsh and Jennifer Roberson, and organised in partnership with the Oak Ridges Trail Association, raised over \$15,000 and was deemed a great success by all.

The successful collaboration begun in 2001 with the Conservation Foundation of Greater Toronto continued in 2002 for the 9th Annual Sauriol Dinner, raising over \$50,000, shared by the two organisations.

Keeping in touch and having a presence in the community has also been a key measure of our success and outreach. In 2002, ORMLT volunteers staffed our display at over twenty community events, gave powerpoint presentations, and television and radio interviews. Memorandums of understanding with six municipalities across the moraine were also initiated.



OAK RIDGES MORaine
land trust

AGM June 14, 2003

2002 Annual Report

2002 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tom Atkins	<i>President</i>
Cynthia Hyland	<i>Vice president</i>
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Andrea Warren	<i>Director</i>

SUPPORTING THE ORMLT ...

Corporate supporters and life members are companies, foundations and individuals who have donated \$500 or more to the ORMLT. We are very grateful for their assistance in 2002.

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 John and Patricia McCutcheon
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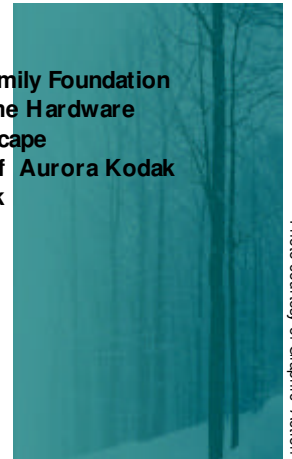


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OAK RIDGES MORAINÉ LAND TRUST

Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Accumulated Excess for the Year ended December 31, 2002
 (with comparative figures from 2001)
 (unaudited)

	General Fund	Land Fund	2002 Total	2001 Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
REVENUE				
Donations	7,560		7,560	53,730
Fundraising events	45,346		45,346	75,094
Grants and subsidies	165,584		165,584	40,511
Other	4,071		4,071	4,679
	<u>222,561</u>		<u>222,561</u>	<u>174,014</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Acquisition costs	134,390		134,390	47,572
Office and administration	38,548		38,548	15,125
Administrative fees	21,293		21,293	4,000
Events, Outreach and Education	10,568		10,568	13,727
	<u>204,799</u>		<u>204,799</u>	<u>80,424</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	17,762		17,762	93,590
GIFTS IN KIND		<u>1,773,725</u>	<u>1,773,725</u>	<u>1,876,500</u>
	<u>17,762</u>	<u>1,773,725</u>	<u>1,791,487</u>	<u>1,970,090</u>

Note: A copy of the complete financial statements of the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust is available upon request