

Township of Langley

Langley Township: 2004 in Review

The intent of this Review is to highlight some of the items that are happening at the local government level within the Township of Langley. The Township is a growing dynamic community with a great future that relies on its citizens participating in the local government process.

Highlights of the term's accomplishments are organized in relationship to the Corporation's Goals. Where appropriate, reference is also made to 2005, the final year of the term.

On behalf of Council and staff I want to thank all the volunteers and citizens that have given their time and resources to make the Township a better community.

Mayor Kurt Alberts

Corporate Goals

Manage our growth

Protect and promote our rural character

Celebrate our heritage

Protect our environment

Contribute to "Our Livable Region"

Respond to social needs

Service our established and emerging communities

Foster local pride and community esteem

Be fiscally responsible

Strengthen our economy

Foster an excellent public service

Communicate openly and responsively

GOAL - COMMUNICATE OPENLY AND RESPONSIVELY

GOAL - FOSTER COMMUNITY PRIDE

During 2004, Council established a Community Safety Commission. Council now has several public advisory committees and commissions covering a wide variety of community interests, including Parks and Recreation, Community Heritage, Economic Development, Youth, Agriculture, and Family Court. Township Council together with the City of Langley, and members of the public, set up a liaison committee with Canadian Pacific Rail.

OUR ADOPT-A STREET, TRAIL, STREAM AND PARK programs grew by 35 groups representing an additional 665 individuals. An additional 43 kilometers of roads were adopted during 2004. To date, approximately 4,000 community volunteers are responsible for 172 adoptions.



DICK AND LAURA REES donated a two hectare parcel of land as a Natural Park Area which has been adopted by the St. Catherine's Elementary School.

The Township also received other donations from the community:

- The Walnut Grove Lions provided funding for a Picnic Shelter and Playground in Topham Park
- The McLeod Family made another donation for improvements to the McLeod Memorial Park
- Springman Saturn Isuzu also made a second donation for the additional phase of the children's playground in the McLeod Athletic Park.
- This Park also received donations totaling \$120,000 from The Rotary Club and The Langley Mixed Slo-Pitch organization.
- A commitment has also been made by Langley United Soccer towards construction of the McLeod Field House.

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THE FIRE DEPARTMENT also benefited from our sponsorship/partnership with local businesses. Preston Chevrolet Oldsmobile Cadillac Ltd., the Langley Soroptimists, Redwoods Golf Course and Pharmasave have all provided support, which allows the Fire Department to offer extra Fire Safety Programming to our community.

THE ALDERGROVE COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICE celebrated 10 years of Community Policing. Volunteers throughout the Township continue to play a very large role in policing and are becoming more involved in many proactive community policing initiatives.



heritage

THE LANGLEY CENTENNIAL MUSEUM increased its volunteer base to 135 people who contributed almost 5,000 hours on behalf of our Heritage in 2004. The Aldergrove Rotary Club contributed \$3,400 towards the development of a new curriculum based First Nations School Program. The Simon Fraser University Institute for the Humanities is funding three "Artists in Communities" Forums. The Forums will engage local artists and citizens in discussing the role artists can play in broadening the understanding of the community and encouraging community participation.

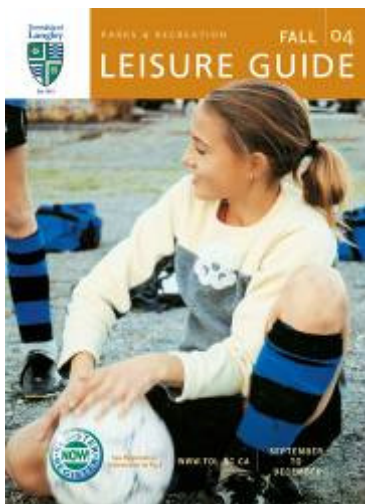


GOAL - COMMUNICATE OPENLY AND RESPONSIVELY

GOAL - FOSTER COMMUNITY PRIDE



Pride in our community was evident at the **2004 ARBOUR DAY CELEBRATION** at McLeod Athletic Park with the largest community involvement ever. Over 35 groups planted trees in memory of a person, event or cause. The 2005 Arbour Day Celebration is planned for South Aldergrove Community Park Sunday April 24.



PARKS AND RECREATION staff received a major Award for Excellence in Communication from the Learning Resource Network, an international organization. The Best Brochure Design Award was won by Township Parks and Recreation for the quarterly Leisure Guide.

The Township also held its second annual **MUNICIPAL AWARENESS DAY** on April 26, 2004 with 1,324 schoolchildren participating.

*Municipal
Awareness Day
2005*

*Tuesday April 26
Township Hall
4914 – 221 Street*

community

GOAL - CELEBRATE OUR HERITAGE

The **LANGLEY CENTENNIAL MUSEUM** offered 86 public programs, 6 events, and 6 temporary exhibits, and added substantially to the community's archives and collection records in 2004. It also assisted the all

volunteer **BC FARM MACHINERY AND AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM** with an updated system for artifact record keeping and exhibit improvements. The Museum completed digitization of more than 200 aural histories,

completed an online finding aid, and pioneered an affordable process now being used by other community museums throughout the Province. The Museum secured a \$34,000 Federal Grant to create a cross-Canada Traveling Exhibit that will feature some of the works from its nationally significant Kilpin Art Collection. The Exhibit will begin touring at the end of 2005. It also published its first collection catalogue "Lekh Mulhall Kilpin: Artist, Teacher, Print Maker" as a complement to both the traveling exhibit and a recently completed online exhibit.

2004 marked an important anniversary in Heritage Preservation in the community. The **LANGLEY HERITAGE SOCIETY** celebrated its 25th year in September. This volunteer partner has been central to many of the building preservations and interpretation

projects around the community. Over 18 buildings and other heritage-related projects have been completed through the efforts of this volunteer group.



THE RESTORATION OF THE MOIR RESIDENCE in Milner, a partnered project between the Township and the Langley Heritage Society, was successfully completed in the Fall of 2004.

heritage

Council approved two Private Sector Partnerships/Heritage Revitalization Agreements to restore the **LEAF RESIDENCE** in Gloucester Estates, and **MATHEWS CASH GROCERY AT MURRAYVILLE'S FIVE CORNERS**.



GOAL - CELEBRATE OUR HERITAGE

Our **COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION** was successful for the second year in a row in positioning Langley to be one of 12 communities in the Province selected to participate in the National Historic Places Initiative. When the National Register (www.historicplaces.ca) went live in November, 12 of Langley's most special places were included within the first 400 listings. Another 13 records will be added by the end of March 2005. The Commission continued its work on the New Museum/Heritage Centre Study, Willoughby Heritage Study, and Murrayville Heritage Conservation Area Study. The Commission also began reviewing and updating the Township's **LISTING OF HERITAGE RESOURCES**.



Once again, the annual **DOUGLAS DAY PIONEER CELEBRATION** on November 19 was very successful. Pioneers delighted in the reminiscing by prominent Heritage Railway Historian, Henry Ewert, and were taken back in time recalling their trips on the Inter-Urban.

celebrate our
pioneers



In 2004, the **AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE** proposed the introduction of an Agricultural Awareness Signage Program. The first phase will be installed in 2005 promoting our rural character and heritage.

GOAL – SERVICE OUR ESTABLISHED AND EMERGING COMMUNITIES

Police, Fire, Emergency Planning, and Bylaw Enforcement

The **TOWNSHIP OF LANGLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT** responded to over 3,100 calls for assistance ranging from simple burning complaints to high-risk fires and accidents. The Public Fire and Life Safety Educators interacted with more than 17,000 citizens. Fire Prevention Partnerships with local business' and industry have included nearly 5,000 fire safety inspections. Construction commenced on a new fire hall in Fort Langley and will be completed in mid-2005.



The **LANGLEY RCMP COMMUNITY POLICING SECTION** began a new initiative to sustain and enhance volunteer policing efforts in the community. Twenty-nine uniform auxiliary constables are currently being trained and will graduate in March 2005. The addition of the new auxiliaries will add stronger police presence at all major events, and assist the general policing capabilities.



Community Policing initiatives continue to be a high priority. The **DARE (DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION) PROGRAM** has been updated and expanded to cover every elementary school in the District. DARE provides valuable education to young people by developing communication and decision-making skills while enhancing self-esteem. This allows youth to make more informed decisions about drug and alcohol usage; teaching them how to resolve or manage potentially violent situations.

Project "Grinch" was a two-week pre-Christmas Police and Volunteer Program, which targeted major shopping centres. During the two-week project, the volunteers made almost 5,000 vehicle contacts and members logged approximately 400 hours. There was a 25% percent decrease in crime compared to the same period during 2003.

Council approved a new Community Police Office for Willowbrook to be established within the New Township Civic Facility, located at 20338-65 Avenue, which will open in September 2005.

GOAL – SERVICE OUR ESTABLISHED AND EMERGING COMMUNITIES

emergency
response

The **LANGLEY EMERGENCY PROGRAM'S PERSONAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) TEAM** continues to work closely with the Township Fire Department. PDA supported the victims of seven residential fires in 2004. The PDA Team is a division of the larger Emergency Social Services (ESS) Team and undertakes the response to incidents such as house fires. The PDA assesses the family's needs and arranges to provide food, clothing and shelter for a maximum of 72 hours after an incident. In addition, the response of the PDA Team allows the firefighters to carry out their duties with the assurance that the victims are in good hands.



The **LANGLEY EMERGENCY SOCIAL SERVICES TEAM** has been chosen by the Ministry of Human Resources to participate in a field trial of a computerization of the ESS Registration and Referral Forms. The Langley Team was chosen because of its experience during the 2003 Fire Storm as well as its reputation and openness to new ideas.



The **LANGLEY EMERGENCY PROGRAM** web address is www.langleyemergencyprogram.bc.ca, which provides information to volunteers and staff of the Township. In the future, the website will be used to post information regarding emergency events and for training registration for community volunteers and staff.

The **BYLAW DEPARTMENT** embarked upon two pilot programs to better serve our community. A Bylaw Officer was hired to educate and gain compliance for the Township of Langley Highway and Traffic Bylaw. The second pilot program was a joint venture with the Engineering Division for providing a timely response to lawn sprinkling violations. Bylaw officers were available on evenings and weekends to respond to infractions. This Program was successful in educating residents on the need for conservation and will be repeated in 2005.

enforcement

GOAL – SERVICE OUR ESTABLISHED AND EMERGING COMMUNITIES

TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

The Province's **200 STREET INTERCHANGE** opened in July 2004. The Interchange has improved traffic flow and has been constructed to accommodate a future expansion for the new Golden Ears Bridge. The Township continues to work with TransLink to resolve alignment, design and funding issues for the expansion.



In 2004, the Township undertook significant road rehabilitation, reconstruction and capital upgrades for new facilities.

- Phase 1 of a road widening project on 200 Street between 64 & 66 Avenue was completed.
- Phase 2 will provide six travel lanes in 2005.
- Reconstruction on 56 Avenue, the Salmon River Bridge and the road between 232 Street and 248 Street.
- Sixteen other road rehabilitation projects and ten major drainage projects have been undertaken in 2004.
- Phase 1 of the re-aligned 203 Street from 66 Avenue to 68 Avenue was completed. This road will provide an alternative four lane North/South route parallel to 200 Street from 62 Avenue to 72 Avenue.
- Phase 2 will include four lanes on 203 Street from 64 Avenue to 66 Avenue.
- Five new traffic signals were installed to meet increased traffic demands at:
 - 76A Avenue/Glover Road to service Trinity Western University
 - 42 Avenue/208 Street to service the Civic Center
 - 91A Avenue/202 Street to service the re-located Park & Ride
 - 64 Avenue/198 Street to service Willowbrook Mall and
 - 87 Avenue/208 Street to service growing traffic demands in Walnut Grove.

GOAL – SERVICE OUR ESTABLISHED AND EMERGING COMMUNITIES

Over \$1M was committed for underground hydro lines in the **BROOKSWOOD COMMERCIAL CORE**. The budget also contained an additional \$2M for Streetscape and Traffic Enhancements. In the summer of 2004, the Streetscape Plans were approved by the Brookswood Merchants Association, and presented to the public-at-large in August. Overhead utilities have been run underground and aboveground works will commence Spring 2005.

The Township of Langley also began Phase 1 of a **MASTER TRANSPORTATION PLAN** in 2004. The Plan will guide the Township on the development of its Long Term Transportation Network over the next twenty years to meet the needs of vehicles, cyclists, pedestrians and equestrians.

The Township took over the maintenance of Fraser Highway, parts of Glover Road, and parts of 200 Street, providing the opportunity for the Township to deliver better levels of service on these roads. This work includes winter maintenance facilitating the movement of twenty-four hour/seven day coverage during the winter season.



Upgrading of traffic signals to energy efficient light emitting diode's continued by adding nine new signalized intersections. In addition, twenty-six road rehabilitation projects were completed including Glover Road through Fort Langley and Fraser Highway from 240 Street to 252 Street. Several pedestrian and cycling path shoulder projects were also completed.

The **PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM** was refined by expanding and incorporating new data, including road condition assessments, on about 60% of local roads. As a result, the Pavement Management System can better assess priority areas and indicate "best value" payment renewal options.

Over 65,000 square meters of pavement rehabilitation was completed, and 6 kilometers of roads were repaved. Installation of raised intersections began on Zero Avenue with completion scheduled for early 2005.

Willowbrook Regional Town Centre Traffic Improvements and Rail Separation Task Force commenced, with staff from a variety of municipalities, ministries, and railways as members.

construction

GOAL – SERVICE OUR ESTABLISHED AND EMERGING COMMUNITIES

WATER, SEWER, AND DRAINAGE



Several significant capital improvements took place in 2004 that improved the reliability, capacity for growth and quality of service of the **TOWNSHIP OF LANGLEY SEWER AND WATER INFRASTRUCTURE**.

THE 28 AVENUE SANITARY PUMP in Aldergrove received an upgrade improving reliability in the event of a power failure. This protects the environment in both Gloucester and Aldergrove from the threat of a sewage spill due to a power failure. The completion of a **WATER QUALITY STUDY** examined the aesthetic issues of the domestic water quality

concerns in Murrayville. A variety of initiatives for improvement took place, including flushing of water mains and cleaning of the Murrayville Water Reservoir.

The upgrade of the **WILLOUGHBY WATER BOOSTER STATION** included a new connection to the Regional Water Main to accommodate growth.

In 2004, a comprehensive **GROUNDWATER MODELING STUDY** was completed which:

- updated the geologic mapping across the Township;
- delineated capture zones for municipal wells; and
- provided an assessment of aquifer water balances.

The Township developed a **WATER SUPPLY STRATEGIC PLAN** to guide the future planning of the Municipal Water Supply System and Groundwater Use.



Working together with senior governments, the Drainage Department has improved maintenance and construction techniques to limit the effect on the environment. Work towards solving long-term flooding issues on both public and private property continues. With channel improvements; enlarging and replacing failing culverts, this work is being undertaken in conjunction with regular maintenance routines, making the best use of limited resources. The Township received approval for over 45 In-stream Projects as well as over 6,000 metres of ditch maintenance.

- A private watercourse and ditch maintenance policy was developed, and subsequently adopted by Council, in order to provide municipal assistance for maintenance of privately owned watercourses.
- A condition analysis was conducted on all gabion structures within the municipality and steps are being taken to repair those currently in poor condition.
- The Salmon River Hydraulic Assessment Report was completed and stakeholder consultations undertaken.

GOAL – SERVICE OUR ESTABLISHED AND EMERGING COMMUNITIES

ANIMAL CONTROL

The **LANGLEY ANIMAL PROTECTION SOCIETY (LAPS)** took over the animal contract in 2003. In 2004 Council authorized staff to purchase a site for a Long Term Animal Shelter. When completed the \$1.2M project will include rooms for examination, adoption, grooming, and care. It will also have fenced exercise areas, a cat cottage, and communal cat room.



PARKS AND RECREATION



Construction began at South Aldergrove Park on two new playing fields (one soccer pitch and two baseball diamonds) and a large field house. These major facilities are scheduled to be completed and in full use, in 2005. At McLeod Athletic Park the main parking lot area off 216 was paved and landscaped. Construction started on a large field house to service the North portion of this major sports field site. The Township obtained a Federal/Provincial Infrastructure Grant of \$2M to assist in the construction of a grandstand at McLeod Athletic Park, which will be constructed in

2005 and open by Spring 2006. A five metre dive tower was installed and opened during the 10th Anniversary of the Walnut Grove Community Centre and the 5th Anniversary of the Walnut Grove Aquatic Centre.

Approximately \$4M of Development Cost Charges was spent on park acquisitions allowing expansion of Parks and Recreation Services in the future. The Township has been active in purchasing land in Willoughby for future and expanded park/school sites. Some passive park and trail development occurred in the Willoughby area with more substantial plans for 2005.

The Township Parks and Recreation Division was recognized by the **HORSE COUNCIL OF BC** for its work in Equestrian Trail Development when it became the recipient of the Vice Presidents 2004 Recreation Award.

GOAL – MANAGE OUR GROWTH

The Township of Langley set another record in residential construction during 2004 totalling approximately \$200M in value. This was an all time record for home construction in the Township. The growth of the past year is reflected in a number of significant development statistics:

- 206 new development applications were processed;
- 1,300 new residential housing units were constructed (approximately 50% single family homes and 50% townhouses) 63% of this new residential construction occurred in Willoughby, 22% in Walnut Grove, 6% in Aldergrove, 6% in rural areas and 3% elsewhere. Planning Staff anticipate 2005 to be just as busy with over 2,500 more residential units currently in various stages of the development and approval process;
- Almost 850,000 square feet (78,000 square metres) of new commercial/industrial floor space was created throughout the Township;
- Development continues in the Willowbrook Regional Town Centre with a total of almost 5M square feet of retail/commercial floor space. Langley's Regional Town Centre has the highest amount of retail floor space in the Lower Mainland, outside of Downtown Vancouver, surpassing Surrey, Richmond, Burnaby Metrotown, and North Vancouver.

Most of the residential development is occurring in the areas within the Southwest Gordon and Routley Neighbourhoods. Development of the Southwest Gordon Neighborhood is almost complete and Routley is well underway. Development applications in the Yorkson Neighbourhood

Plan area have also progressed in 2004. The Planning process for the Northeast Gordon Neighbourhood continues.

The **CARVOLTH BUSINESS PARK** adjacent to the 200 Street Interchange is now under construction. Rezoning and subdivisions were completed for the Interchange Project and former Salvation Army Lands.

During 2004, the **NORTHWEST LANGLEY COMMUNITY PLAN** was amended in order to resolve road alignment issues resulting from the future implementation of the Golden Ears Bridge.

A **COMMUNITY VISIONING PROGRAM (CVP)** was conducted in 2004 as part of the Aldergrove Community Plan Update. The CVP produced a Community Vision Statement and Planning Principles which were endorsed by Council. Using the Community Vision Statement and Planning Principles, staff formulated and evaluated several development options for Aldergrove. A Land Use Concept was prepared based on the development option that is most likely to realize the Community Vision, meet the Planning Principles, and achieve Corporate Goals and Objectives.



GOAL – STRENGTHEN OUR ECONOMY

sports

A **SPORT TOURISM STRATEGY** has been drafted through the efforts of a joint committee represented by the Township and City of Langley, the Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce, and other sport related stakeholders. The timeline for completion and implementation of this Strategy is early 2005. The goal of this plan is to improve the development of sport and sport related events by capitalizing on the economic benefits of sport tourism.



Not only did the Township set a record for residential construction in 2004, it set an all-time record for construction in general - \$279.5M! This was the 5th year in a row that an increase in the issuance of business licences occurred; a feat achieved by only 2 other municipalities within the GVRD.

build



The introduction of an economic development function at the beginning of 2004 allowed the Township to take a leadership role in creating the **LANGLEY EDUCATION & TRAINING PARTNERSHIP**. The partnership will begin working on a strategic plan aiming to establish Langley as a centre of innovation and excellence in both education and training for 2005.

educate

GOAL – BE FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE

The Township has one of the lowest debt per capita ratios within the GVRD, and among municipalities of similar size within the Province. In fact, the Township no longer has any debt payments from tax or utility revenues. The only debt payments required are funded from developer contributions through the Development Cost Charges.

The Township of Langley continues to have one of the lowest general municipal tax levels in the region. Reserves are healthy enabling the Township to provide for capital projects without the need for borrowing.

We conducted a community survey of Township residents on the 3 general capital projects and related annual tax increases of 2%, 3% and 4%. Approximately 61% of those surveyed agreed with a 3% or 4% tax increase in order to provide the capital projects expected in The Township of Langley.

The first **10 YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN (2004-2013)** forms the foundation for fiscally responsible governance for current and future years within the Township of Langley. The Township is grateful for all the valuable input and feedback received from the community. These responses were received from an expert panel, two citizen panels, a community survey and public open houses.

Council considered this input and agreed on a 2.6% combined general tax and utility frontage, with a user rate increase for 2004. The overall impact to a typical household assessed at \$267,000, which receives all municipal services, was \$42. Council will review the **LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN** and set the general tax, utility frontage, and user rates according to the demands and priorities outlined yearly in the Long Term Financial Plan.

Other products of the long term financial planning process were revisions and confirmation of the Township's financial principles and policies, and development of a formal reserve and surplus policy.

New growth related tax revenues, derived from new property owners paying taxes for the first time, or paying increased taxes due to new or upgraded construction, amounted to \$2.5M or approximately 5% growth.

Our Parks and Recreation Services were reviewed and modest fee changes were instituted to reduce the burden on non-using taxpayers. Field user fees collected are dedicated for enhanced field maintenance and repairs. While the fees are modest, staff has already noticed user groups are booking fields more strategically, therefore increasing effective capacity.

money &
taxes

GOAL – PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT

A computerized weather monitoring system and controls for irrigation were installed in sport fields and irrigated parks throughout Walnut Grove. Even with the 2004 drought, water use was substantially reduced.



A new urban green space category called the “Natural Park Area” was developed and approved by Council in 2004. Shortly after initiating this new category, the Township designated its first “Natural Park Area” named **REES-CALLARD PARK** after the family that generously donated the land.

Community Arbour Day 2005

Sunday April 24

South Aldergrove Park

Please phone 604-533-6086

if you wish to plant

a special tree



The **ARBOUR DAY EVENT** was held at the McLeod Athletic Park in April 2004. Staff formulated a tree planting design for the picnic shelter area.

The Arbour Day Event was well attended with numerous trees donated and planted by community groups, individuals, and businesses. Council resolved to give Arbour Day a much higher community profile in 2005.

During 2004 work progressed on the concept of establishing a botanical garden somewhere within the Township. The **ARBOUR RIBBON CONCEPT** was adopted with a preliminary focus on the Willoughby Escarpment Protection. Staff continue to explore different concepts for a botanical garden that integrates with other green initiatives.

Council continues to move forward in the direction of formulating a **SUSTAINABILITY CHARTER**. In November 2004, a **STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT REPORT** was prepared and presented to Council. This Report forms Phase I of the background information for the subsequent development of a Sustainability Charter.



GOAL – PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT

A **HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD WASTE EVENT** was held in October 2004 where 835 individuals disposed of:

25,800 litres of paint
10,600 litres of oil and antifreeze
27,130 litres of flammable and toxic liquids, poisons, and pesticides, and old fuel
3,200 litres of aerosols and chemicals
140 empty propane tanks
7,400 kilograms of batteries, PCB ballasts and fluorescent lights
40 litres of mercury

The Township's Household Hazardous Waste Event has focuses on ensuring dangerous products do not pollute groundwater (drinking water), fish rearing streams and/or watercourses. It also educates residents about proper use and disposal of household hazardous waste, introducing less toxic alternatives that can replace some of these products, and promotes the 3R's (reduce, reuse, and recycle)!



A copy of the newly formatted **CURBSIDE COLLECTION CALENDAR** containing the Garbage & Recycling Collection Schedule, and a **RESIDENT'S GUIDE TO RECYCLING** were mailed to every residence in the Township. The Calendar also has a wealth of information on reducing waste headed for the landfill, groundwater protection, Adopt-A Programs, water conservation, composting, and the Household Hazardous Waste Event. The Guide provides information on both public and private recycling programs within the Township and its neighbouring communities.

During 2004 residents purchased 400 composters from the Township to recycle yard waste. Thirteen workshops on environmentally friendly gardening, pesticides and pest management were presented at the **DEMONSTRATION GARDEN**.

GOAL – PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT

Twelve community volunteers and two summer students joined the **WATER-WISE GROUNDWATER EDUCATION PROGRAM**, which reaches 2,500 homes in the Brookwood Aquifer area. This was in addition to last year's 2,000 homes in the Hopington Aquifer area. Two Well Wisdom and Septic Sense Workshops attracted 41 residents. A Groundwater EcoKit was compiled for classrooms. One hundred and seventy-three Residential Water-Saving Kits were sold to residents at a subsidized price (funding support was received from Environment Canada).



WATERWEEKS 2004 saw thousands of Township residents involved in a variety of activities designed to encourage civic participation in the protection and enhancement of our environment. Two hundred trees were planted, presentations were made to over 700 Elementary School Students, and nearly 1,500 people attended the **BC RIVERS DAY COMMUNITY FESTIVAL**. Strong corporate backing was received for the BC Rivers Day Event with \$10,750 in outside funding and \$8,300 in in-kind support.



Jennifer Derhousoff of Aldergrove was the recipient of the first "**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP & SUSTAINABILITY SCHOLARSHIP**" presented by the Township of Langley and Coast Capital Savings in conjunction with WaterWeeks.

