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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Environmental Watchdog and Juno Award Winner to Speak at Gravel Watch Ontario Event

Puslinch ON October 3, 2006 – Ontario Environmental Commissioner Gord Miller will be discussing his annual report to the legislature at a public meeting on October 17. Miller will focus on issues related to gravel extraction and the aggregate industry in Ontario.

Juno award winner Sarah Harmer will perform Escarpment Blues inspired by her concerns about aggregate mining on the Niagara Escarpment.

The meeting is sponsored by Gravel Watch Ontario, a province-wide coalition of citizen groups and individuals. Gravel Watch Ontario acts in the interests of residents and communities to protect the health, safety, quality of life of Ontarians and the natural environment in matters that relate to aggregate resources.

Commissioner Gord Miller has repeatedly highlighted concerns about gravel pits and quarries including adverse environmental impacts, lack of rehabilitation and the public's right to access information through the Environmental Bill of Rights. Sarah Harmer has helped to draw attention to issues about aggregate mining through international concert touring and the upcoming release of the DVD "Escarpment Blues", a tour documentary of her recent "I Love the Escarpment" musical/hiking tour.

The meeting is being held on Tuesday, October 17 at 6:45 p.m. at the Puslinch Community Centre in Aberfoyle south of Guelph on Wellington County Road #46.

Tickets are \$10 payable at the event and may be reserved by contacting Ann Ironside at ann.ironside@sympatico.ca, at RR#1, Ariss ON, N0B 1B0 or 519-846-5764. More information is available at <http://gravelwatch.org>.

*"If they blow a hole in the backbone,
the one that runs cross the muscles of the land,
we might get a load of stone for the road,
but I don't know how much longer we can stand.*

Sarah Harmer, Escarpment Blues

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Click this link for a flyer outlining details of the event with pictures and map:

<http://www.gravelwatch.org/orig-gw/misc/061017-flyer-03.pdf>