

Crier's wife costume design fun challenge for Ann Rae

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There's much more to being a town crier than having a clear, articulate and carrying voice.

One major component of the office is the stately costume that goes with it. Whitchurch-Stouffville's own town crier, Marcel Bossi, had his magnificent outfit made three years ago by Ann Rae of Ann's Fabrics on Main Street.

This year, when Markham hosted the World Town Criers' Championships, Bossi's wife, Terri, asked Rae to design and make her a gown which would complement her husband's attire.

Rae agreed to take on the challenge and, armed with photocopies of various gowns which Terri had unearthed in a library book, she set to work. "I have done pattern drafting, but it wasn't worth doing it from scratch," observed Rae.

Instead, she designed the finished garment by adapting two patterns, one of which was for a bridal gown. "I've designed it using fabric that will work with Marcel's (costume) for a total look," she explained.

"Terri came in here and said, 'I could wear that dress all day.' I

can fit like a courturier and if I can have a person happy with the fit, that's my goal."

Rae worked on the dress at night and estimates it took her just a day and a half to complete

"although I started in January and have only finished now," she added. While she thoroughly

enjoyed making the gown, she was also relieved when it was completed. Rae noted "My feeling is, thank goodness it's done, now I can go outside and play baseball."

She prefers to design and work on individual projects. "I don't really like doing things like

bridal parties," she said.

A Stouffville resident for 10 years, Rae has also made costumes for the Strawberry Festival in both summer and winter weight fabrics and they put the summer weight strawberry in the Santa Claus parade," she said with a wry smile.

It cost so little for the kids, we ordered steak for ourselves.

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