

RVCA MUNICIPAL UPDATE – September 2005

Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors Meeting Summary September 2005

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1. RVCA continues to monitor the summer drought conditions and to inform the public through media releases of current situations. Two media releases were sent out late August and early September. For updated information, go to www.rideauvalley.on.ca and click on Low Water Information for the latest report. (bruce.reid@rideauvalley.on.ca)
2. RVCA is in the final stages of producing the Lower Rideau Watershed Strategy. A public document or tabloid version of the Strategy will be produced and widely distributed, to build local shoreline landowner understanding and assistance. Coordinated implementation of the recommendations is the final step. (bruce.reid@rideauvalley.on.ca)
3. Trow Associates Inc. has been appointed as the engineering consultant for engineering and contract administration services associated with the completion of repairs and maintenance of flood and erosion control works on Graham Creek. (bruce.reid@rideauvalley.on.ca)
4. Approval was granted to the proposed amendment to the RVCA/Generic Regulation work plan, to include the regulation of provincially significant wetlands into the schedules currently in progress for submission to the Province by April 2006. (don.maciver@rideauvalley.on.ca)
5. A report was received concerning the selection of Architect to design the new RVCA Headquarters in Beryl Gaffney Park. With the Board's approval, staff will negotiate a Client-Architect agreement with Christopher Simmonds Architect for the new building. A staff report is expected to go to Ottawa City Council in November containing more detail and the financial implications. (cliff.craig@rideauvalley.on.ca)
6. Very complimentary remarks were reported from landowners about RVCA's water quality testing program this year on the Rideau Lakes. (bruce.reid@rideauvalley.on.ca)
7. Ontario Trillium Foundation has contributed \$96,000 over two years to assist in community-based lake management planning on lakes in and near the Tay watershed. Congratulations to David Taylor and the Friends of the Tay Watershed for heading up the consortium of lake-care groups. RVCA is pleased to be a participating member. (charles.billington@rideauvalley.on.ca)