

## **RVCA MUNICIPAL UPDATE – May 2005**

### **Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors Meeting Summary May 2005**

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1. RVC Foundation Chair, Mary Bryden gave a presentation concerning the Dragon Boat Festival. The goal is to raise \$200,000 which will be shared by four charities of which our Conservation Foundation is one. (charles.billington@rideauvalley.on.ca)
2. Bruce Reid presented a staff report on the Rideau River Ice Management/Flood Control. The full cost will be included in the proposed 2006 RVCA budget with supporting revenue from a special levy to the City of Ottawa and subsidized by the Province of Ontario. (bruce.reid@rideauvalley.on.ca)
3. Board Members approved the RVCA Purchasing Policy with one amendment. RVCA will publicly advertise for the submission of statement of qualifications and interest for professional services in excess of \$50,000. (dell.hallett@rideauvalley.on.ca)
4. Approval was granted for RVCA to engage the services of Compugen Inc. to install the RVCA Server Hardware and Software Upgrades based on the proposal submitted and additional requirements as specified. (dell.hallett@rideauvalley.on.ca)
5. Two May Activity Reports were presented:
  - a) Carbon Neutral Events – The Conservation Foundation/Authority team have been busy encouraging carbon neutral events over the past few months. The Monterey Inn Resort was declared as Canada’s first “carbon neutral company” and have since helped the University of Ottawa’s Annual Canadian Literature Symposium and most recently Ottawa’s Dragon Boat Race Festival go carbon neutral. Many sponsors helped plant enough trees in the Rideau watershed to offset the carbon emissions of those events. For more information, please contact charles.billington@rideauvalley.on.ca.
  - b) Partners in Conservation – The following are just a few of our most generous and loyal partners in conservation for another year of support. TD Friends of the Environment Foundation, FENDOCK, Monarch Construction, the McGarry Family of Hulse, Playfair and McGarry Funeral Homes and Pratt & Whitney Canada, have all renewed their very valuable pledges to our conservation programs. This year, we welcome three new partners; Mattamy Homes, the Kemptville Building Centre and the Bytowne Cinema. We sincerely appreciate our partners’ confidence in our programs.  
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