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MINUTES

**Joint Rideau Valley
Conservation Authority
Advisory Board Meeting**

June 16, 2005

#2/05

Present: Alan Arbuckle Dwight Bennett
 Stirling Condie David Crowley
 John Fischl Bill Guigue
 David Hahn Charles Long
 Allan McCallum John H. Miller
 Estella Rose Wendy Stewart
 Cathy Willoughby

Regrets: Stephen Bird Stanley Brunton
 Alison Conley Ken Graham
 Michael McEwan Maria McRae
 Janet Stavinga Bill Stevenson
 Bradley Wing

Guests: Lynn Kaplansky, Director, RVC Foundation
 Jason Kelly, Monterey Inn Resort & Conference Centre
 Doris Kwok, Monterey Inn Resort & Conference Centre
 Rod Elliot, TD Friends of the Environment
 Pat McManus, Conservation Pioneer, Latornell Symposium
 Julie Baumgarten, Visitor

Staff: Dell Hallett Don Maciver
 Brian Stratton Sommer Casgrain-Robertson
 Brad Carew Laura D'Costa
 Kristina Kamichaitis Jim Ellis
 Jocelyn Chandler Joan Sherwood

1. Declaration of Interest

None

2. Chair's Remarks

John H. Miller, Chair welcomed RVCA members, RVCA staff, RVC Foundation members and guests to our annual summer Conservation Authority meeting in the Town of Perth on the Tay River. He asked our member from Perth, a long time representative and former Authority Chair, David Crowley, to say a few words. David Crowley expressed his

pleasure in seeing everyone in attendance and John Miller continued.

“Tonight’s meeting will include our annual salute and show of appreciation to some of the many individuals and businesses in our watershed who share our concern for the environment and a presentation on the important Source Water Protection project, which we are undertaking on behalf of the Province of Ontario. Following there will be a light supper served and then on to a friendly baseball game with our colleagues at Mississippi Valley Conservation.”

3. Introductions

John H. Miller asked the members, staff and guests to introduce themselves.

4. Approval of Minutes, Meeting , February 24, 2005

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| Motion 1 | Moved by: | Dwight Bennett |
| | Seconded by: | Allan McCallum |

That the minutes of meeting #1/05, February 24, 2005 be approved.

Motion Carried

As one of the recipients for an award had not yet arrived, the Agenda was adjusted and Item 6 on the Agenda was called next.

5. Source Water Protection presentation by Brian Stratton, Project Manager, proposed Mississippi –Rideau Watershed Region

Brian Stratton, Project Manager, circulated two items (attached to the minutes):

1) Source Water Protection, Preliminary Information 2005

- ∞ What is Source Water?
- ∞ How Can we Protect our Sources of Water?
- ∞ What is Source Water Protection (SWP)?
- ∞ Why is Source Water Protection Important?
- ∞ Potential Threats to Source Water
- ∞ Why a Watershed-Based Approach?

The information provided covers the proposed steps for our watersheds and the role Conservation Authorities play. Contact information is provided.

2) A copy of his slide presentation.

Brian’s staff were asked to come forward and were introduced as follows:

- ∞ Kristina Kamichaitis, GIS Specialist
- ∞ Laura D’Costa, Water Resources Engineer
- ∞ Brad Carew, Water Resources Engineer
- ∞ Sommer Casgrain-Robertson, Communication Specialist

Brian and his four staff make up the core Source Water Protection staff for the proposed Mississippi-Rideau Watershed Region. The presentation has been presented to some of the municipalities in the watershed region. It is expected that the Source Water Protection legislation will be enacted early in 2006. The Ministry of Environment is currently preparing the legislation and accompanying regulations.

Slide 9 lists the Interim Management Team of:

- ∞ Paul Lehman, General Manager, MVC
- ∞ Dell Hallett, General Manager/Secretary Treasurer, RVCA
- ∞ Charles Billington, Director, Community Relations, RVCA
- ∞ John Price, Watershed Management Coordinator, MVC
- ∞ Bruce Reid, Director of Watershed Science and Engineering, RVCA
- ∞ Brian Stratton, Manager of Source Water Protection, MVC & RVCA

There were several concerns and/or inquiries from the members. Please see the attached Presentation Feedback prepared by Sommer Casgrain-Robertson, Communication Specialist, SWP.

Each one of Brian's team was given an opportunity to speak on their responsibilities within the program.

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson, Communication Specialist for Source Water Protection (slide 18), will be working with Charles Billington, RVCA staff to keep you informed as progress is made through media releases and a website which will be built once funding is approved.

Brad Carew, Water Resources Engineer for Source Water Protection (Slide 16) will prepare the Watershed Characterization.

Laura D'Costa, Water Resources Engineer for Source Water Protection (Slide 17) will be working on the Water Budget component.

Kristina Kamichiatis, GIS Specialist for Source Water Protection (Slide 18) will prepare the various mapping and other visual products.

John H. Miller thanked Brian Stratton and his team for their informative presentation.

6. Watershed Community Appreciation

- i) RVCA's First Conservation Ontario Pioneer Award winner

John H. Miller was pleased to introduce Pat McManus of Westport, formerly of Portland, well known to many of our staff and members. Over his long career as a conservationist, Pat played a central role in the early growth and development of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority and others in Eastern Ontario. Pat has always been a strong advocate for "conservation by the people". He was always in the thick of things

championing the need for a provincial organization for CAs, seeing it as the only way to gain the critical mass and lobbying strength necessary to counter non-conservation interests. The result was the Association of Conservation Authorities of Ontario, the forerunner of today's Conservation Ontario umbrella group. The education building at the Baxter Conservation Area was named the Patrick J. McManus Interpretive Centre in 1990 in honour of Pat's life-long passion for teaching young people about the environment. He represented the former Township of Bastard and South Burgess for an unprecedented 25 consecutive years and held all important offices at RVCA including Chairman for 11 years. Last fall, Pat was recognized as the RVCA's first Conservation Pioneer at the Latornell Symposium.

Patrick McManus was given the opportunity to say a few words. He expressed his appreciation to RVCA for the nomination to Conservation Ontario for the Conservation Pioneer 2004 Award. He is greatly honoured to be one of the recipients of the award and it has been his pleasure to have worked with RVCA since 1966. He demonstrated his appreciation by turning to the wall behind him and asking us to picture a mirror. Then he pointed at "our reflection" and told us we were the luckiest people, great staff and very important to the environment, that we are a wonderful institution which he has been happy to be involved with. John Miller expressed his pleasure in presenting the plaque and a gift from Conservation Ontario.

John H. Miller introduced Lynn Kaplansky, Director of the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation, to present two conservation awards. Lynn presented the following two Watershed Community Appreciation honours:

ii) TD Friends of the Environment Foundation

The Conservation Foundation has been working to raise funds for conservation for many, many years. And our most loyal and most generous supporter over all of those years has been, without doubt, the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation. In total, the Foundation has given us close to \$40,000 of support for a wide range of projects from Baxter boardwalk extensions to wildflower gardens to streambank monitoring to printing the brochures for our Clean Water program. They have been so generous to the Conservation Authority but they are equally generous to other conservation and stewardship groups in our watershed. Clearly, TD Bank is one of the central pillars of support in the clean, healthy environment we all enjoy in the Rideau Valley area. It is indeed a pleasure, on behalf of the people of the Rideau Valley, to offer a small token of our appreciation for over ten years of community-minded work with us.

Lynn requested Mr. Rod Elliot to come forward on behalf of the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation to receive a small token of our appreciation and to say a few words.

Mr. Elliot accepted the gift on behalf of Friends of the Environment Foundation. He expressed his appreciation to have been invited to an event like this, which reinforces the good work being done in the community and their pleasure in being a part of it. There are 1,100 employees within the Ottawa Region with the TD Bank who assist with the fundraising. He acknowledged the presence of Don Maciver who is a member of their Board. He reminded us all of the Jazz Festival, which will be occurring in downtown Ottawa during the next couple of weeks, a fundraising event they are also part of.

Lynn Kaplansky proceeded with the second award:

iii) Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation Annual “Conservation Award for 2004”

The Rideau Valley watershed has many people and businesses and organizations that are making extraordinary volunteer efforts to help maintain and even improve the health of our environment. There are people planting trees, people helping wildlife, conserving water, there are schools holding environmental fairs, there are river clean-ups, naturalizing shorelines and on and on all over our valley. The Conservation Foundation is very pleased to be able to highlight at least one of these outstanding volunteers every year and share their good works with others. Past winners have included the Riverside Park Girl Guides, the Rideau Environmental Action League, Friends of the Jock River, the Environmental Committee of Ottawa South and Muskies Canada, Friends of the Tay Watershed – a who’s who of responsible environmental stewardship in our area.

Our latest winner is the Monterey Inn Resort & Conference Centre on Prince of Wales on the Rideau River just south of the Hunt Club bridge. Under the leadership of General Manager Jason Kelly, the hotel is on the cutting edge of energy reduction and environmentally-friendly business management. Jason has reduced energy consumption with no noticeable change in customer satisfaction or comfort. Slope stabilization, snow removal, shoreline naturalization, on-site stormwater facility upgrades, kitchen composting, material recycling, paid staff participation in the successful City Stream Watch program and the list is still growing. Jason was responsible for the Monterey being declared the first “carbon neutral” private company in the country last fall by planting 5,500 trees to offset his carbon output at the hotel and he has just received the Hotel Association of Canada’s Energy and Environment Award for 2004.

Lynn was pleased to present Jason Kelly, General Manager of the Monterey Inn Resort & Conference Centre and asked him to come forward to accept a token of our appreciation. Jason Kelly replied that Charles Billington, RVCA staff, was instrumental in their being able to find ways to contribute to the environment. Their operation is located on the Rideau River. The honour of the award and plaque was received with much appreciation and their intention is to continue to work towards a

healthy environment.

John Miller thanked Lynn Kaplansky, Director of the RVCF, congratulated the recipients of the awards presented at this meeting and expressed his appreciation to the members and staff and guests for their interest in the environment.

7. Member Inquiries

None

8. New Business

none

John H. Miller again thanked RVCA, staff and members for their support and asked them to proceed to enjoy the light supper provided by Perth Lioness Catering following which they were welcome to attend a baseball game between RVCA staff and members and MVC.

9. Adjournment 5:50 pm moved by Cathy Willoughby

**Chair,
John H. Miller**

**Recording Secretary,
Joan Sherwood**

C:Joint Meeting minutes June 16 05 Approved