

Motion Carried

4. Approval of Minutes of Middle Advisory Board – April 20, 2005

Motion 2	Moved by:	Dwight Bennett
	Seconded by:	Estella Rose

That the minutes of the Middle Advisory Board Meeting #2/05, April 20, 2005, be approved as printed and distributed.

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5. Business Arising from Upper Advisory Board Minutes

Wendy Stewart reported that MNR is working with the commercial fishermen on Upper Rideau Lake and have called a moratorium on commercial fishing until MNR releases its report later this fall on the walleye studies done this spring.

6. Business Arising from Middle Advisory Board Minutes

John Fischl inquired about the status of the water level management plan for Kemptville Creek. Lynn and Bruce to report on this later in the agenda.

7. Generic Regulations Development Project Update

Don Maciver provided a slide show explaining the new regulations and the process for approval. The new regulations now include wetlands, stream valleys, and hazard lands. Don reported that the application and appeals process will be the same under the new regulations. Within the RVCA, new regulated areas include the entire Ottawa River corridor, extensions in the Jock River and Kemptville and Stevens Creeks. For now, Provincially Significant Wetlands only will be included in the RVCA regulation. Don pointed out the mandatory consultation process required for the approval of the new regulations. A schedule of public meetings has been set for this area. Don expects final approval of the regulations to be given by the RVCA Board of Directors in November. The regulations will be submitted to the Minister in December for approval.

John Fischl inquired if the RVCA would take MNR's word on the boundary for wetlands. Don responded that we would and that, through the application process there would be an opportunity to update the wetland boundaries.

Bill Gignes asked if beaver flooded areas would be included as wetlands. Don responded that MNR sets the criteria for wetlands so any wet area must meet that criteria. The RVCA does not intend to regulate beaver dams.

8. Kemptville Creek Watershed Plan Update – Verbal

Lynn reported that the updated report will be out in early November for comments. She explained that the report will focus on the main issues affecting the watershed and that working groups will be used to address each issue. She reported that TAC and Steering Committee as well as public meetings will be held in the near future to comment on the plan. The final report should be completed by Feb. of next year. Bruce Reid

gave an update on the Mike 11 model, used to simulate conditions in the Kemptville Creek watershed.

9. Staff Report – Lake Management Planning

Lynn Preston gave a report on the Lake Management Planning initiative (attached).

10. Rideau Lakes Watershed Plan

Lynn Preston updated the group on the progress of the latest watershed plan. A number of public meetings were held this summer to solicit opinions on issues, priorities and vision for the watershed. The turn out was good and the issues list is long. Terms of Reference have been drafted and will be circulated for comment. Goals and objectives meetings will be held very soon to discuss how the vision turns into reality. A draft watershed plan will be completed by next summer.

11. Source Water Protection Planning Update

Dell updated the group on Source Water Protection Planning. Highlights include: the first reading of the bill is expected this fall. Staff is presently working on watershed characterization reporting and water budget analyses. Once this bill is passed, the Source Water Protection Committee will be formed and will guide the progress of the plans. All funding for this program comes from the province.

12. Low Water Conditions Report

Bruce Reid reported the Rideau Valley experienced a Level 1 drought this summer and parts of it a Level II. Due to the lack of rainfall data, it was difficult to assess the extent of the drought. Since receiving significant rainfall in the last month, the drought conditions no longer prevail. Bruce stated that more rain gauges would be useful towards assessing drought conditions.

Wendy Stewart suggested it would be useful if Parks Canada could indicate that navigation may be affected by drought conditions.

13. Office Update

Dell reported that an architect, Christopher Simmons has been selected for the new building and is in the process of meeting with staff to complete a needs analysis. A report will be put to City council this fall which outlines the specifics of the agreement and details the financing arrangements. Dell reported that the schedule for occupancy of our new building is May of 2007.

14. Preliminary Budget

Dell discussed the first draft of the 2006 budget.

15. Member Inquiries

Ken Graham asked if the RVCA anticipated any reactions from some of the landowner groups in the watershed concerning the new regulations. Don stated that the police have been informed of the meetings but that

there has been no indication of problems.

Wendy asked if the RVCA has thought about the impact the World Heritage Designation to the Rideau Canal (in 2007) may have on the conservation authorities and its properties. Dell responded that we had not but that we anticipate including Parks Canada in helping us showcase our new building.

John Miller mentioned that 2006 is the 40th anniversary of the RVCA and that there will be celebrations to reflect that.

John Miller announced that the Friends of the Tay will be holding their AGM on Tuesday Nov. 22 at 7:00 at the Perth Legion. RVCA staff will be on hand with displays.

16. New Business

There was no new business.

17. Upcoming Meetings

Board of Directors, Thursday, October 27, 2005

18. Adjournment

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Moved by:

Ken Graham

That the meeting be adjourned, at 10:00 pm.

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**Chair,
John Miller**

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**Recording Secretary,
Lynn Preston**

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