

# RIDEAU VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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**DRAFT MINUTES**  
(to be approved at next meeting)

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

**January 19, 2005**

**#1/05**

**Present:** Stanley Brunton (Beckwith)  
Dwight Bennett (North Grenville)  
John Fischl (Augusta)  
Ken Graham (Smiths Falls)  
Stirling Condie (Montague)  
Estella Rose (North Dundas)  
Bill Stevenson (Elizabethtown-Kitley)  
Cathy Willoughby (Merrickville-Wolford)

John H. Miller (Tay Valley), RVCA Chair  
Stephen Bird (representing the City of Ottawa)  
Allan McCallum (Rideau Lakes representing the  
Upper RVCA Advisory Board)  
Alan Arbuckle (City of Ottawa)

**Staff:** Dell Hallett Don Maciver  
Lynn Preston Brad Stephens

**Regrets:** Alison Conley (Athens)

**1. Welcome and Opening Comments**

Cathy Willoughby, Chair, welcomed all to the meeting. Ken Graham welcomed all members and staff to the Town of Smiths Falls.

**2. Declaration of Interest**

None declared.

**3. Approval of Minutes - Meeting October 19, 2004**

**Motion 1**

**Moved by:**

Dwight Bennett

**Seconded by:**

John Fischl

That the minutes of the Middle Advisory Board meeting #3/04, October 19, 2004, be approved as printed and distributed.

**Motion Carried**

**4. Business Arising from Minutes**

None



these programs. Staff time will be spent finding more funding.

- The budget for conservation areas has increased to an average of the last 10 years
- The budget has increased due to cost of upkeep on 6 office buildings
- The budget has increased to reflect funding received for Source Protection Planning which is funded 100% by the province.

Dell reported that this is the third year of the 3 year work plan and is therefore the last year for significant budget increases. Future years should reflect only marginal increases to reflect cost of living, etc. Dell cautioned the group that there may be costs in the future for the new building that will show up in the budget but those should be covered off by the City of Ottawa upfront, to be paid back by the RVCA over time.

#### **7. Source Protection Planning Update**

Dell updated the members on the status of Source Protection Planning at the RVCA. He reported that a project manager has been hired to coordinate the SPP in the future. The RVCA has received \$500,000 for this year, CA's across the province will get \$10M in 2005. There are two reports now on the EBR concerning the details of finance and technical aspects of SPP. These are available for comment until Jan. 30. It is expected that provincial guidelines for SPP's will be out in April and that the legislation will be approved in June. In July we will begin assembling the SPP Committee. In 2007 we are scheduled to have watershed assessment reports completed. Dell noted that the main role of CA's will be to co-ordinate and facilitate these plans with decision making authority coming from the Committee and the municipalities. Dell pointed out that consistency within these plans and within the watershed as a whole is important for success, as is the need to assess cumulative impacts and to work with all stakeholders, including other CAs.

#### **8. Kemptville Creek Watershed Plan Update**

Lynn Preston gave an update on the progress of the watershed plan review. (Attached)

#### **9. Rideau River Shoreline**

Brad Stephens gave a report on the shoreline classification work done on the Rideau in the last 3 field seasons. Brad reported that over 280 km of shoreline has been classified in those 3 years and in 2004 alone, over 1500 pictures of 408 properties have been taken. Information from this program is used to assist the planning and regulations staff with their reviews and can be used to assess a site for potential stewardship opportunities. Future classifications may occur on the major tributaries, the Ottawa River and/or the lakes.

#### **10. Office Update**

Dell updated the members on the status of the new office. Dell reported that a location has been selected. In 2005 we anticipate obtaining approvals from the City of Ottawa (as the land is theirs). In 2006 we anticipate beginning construction and moving in in 2007. All efforts will be made to make the building environmentally friendly, energy and water

efficient, etc.

**11. Report from Upper Board and Board of Directors**

Alan Macallum reported that the upper board has the same officers as in 2004. At Monday's meeting they received a report on the Haggart Island dam that states reconstruction is required. Work is progressing on the Rideau Lakes Watershed Plan. He mentioned that the Friends of the Tay are applying for a Trillium grant to assist lake associations with Lake Management Plans. Glen Jackson from the Frontenac Environmental Partnership was a guest and spoke on the activities of that group.

Stephen Bird had no news to report from the City of Ottawa.

**12. Member Inquiries**

John Fischl inquired about new fee schedules. Don Maciver reported that the RVCA is operating on an almost cost recovery basis for planning. He produced a new fee schedule (attached). John Fischl also mentioned that Augusta Township will be looking at delivery alternatives for the septic system inspections and approvals program.

**13. New Business**

Cathy Willoughby presented an update on the Rural Clean Water Program (attached).

Dell handed the members a new brochure outlining innovations in Source Protection Planning done by CAs in the recent past (attached).

Dwight Bennett thanked Bill Stevenson for his contribution to the Middle Advisory Board as past Vice Chair.

**14. Upcoming Meetings**

- a) Board of Directors, Thursday, January 20, 2005
- b) Board of Directors, Thursday, February 17, 2005
- c) Joint Advisory Board, Thursday, February 24, 2005

**15. Adjournment:**

**Motion 9**

**Moved by:**

John Fischl

That the meeting be adjourned.

**Motion Carried**

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**Chair,**  
**Cathy Willoughby**

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**Recording Secretary,**  
**Lynn Preston**