

# RIDEAU VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MINUTES

Upper Rideau Valley  
Conservation Authority  
Advisory Board Meeting

January 17, 2005

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**Present:** David Crowley (Perth)  
Allan McCallum (Rideau Lakes)  
John H. Miller (Tay Valley)  
Dwight Bennett (North Grenville representing the Middle RVCA  
Advisory Board)  
Wendy Stewart (representing the City of Ottawa)

**Staff:** Dell Hallett Don Maciver  
Matt Craig Bruce Reid

**Regrets:** Bill Guigue (Central Frontenac)  
David Hahn (South Frontenac)  
Michael McEwen (Drummond/North Elmsley)  
Bradley Wing (Westport)

**Guests:** David Taylor, Friends of the Tay  
Carol Dillon, Friends of the Tay  
Glenn Jackson, Frontenac Environmental Partnership

### 1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Allan McCallum, Chair welcomed the members and staff to the meeting and Reeve Keith Kerr welcomed everyone to the Tay Valley Municipal Office.

### 2. Speaker – Glen Jackson, Chair, Frontenac Environmental Partnership

Allan McCallum introduced Glen Jackson, Chair of the Frontenac Environmental Partnership (FEP). Mr. Jackson briefed the Committee on the key objectives of FEP which are primarily to protect and enhance the natural environment. The group sees benefits in their involvement related to resource pooling, re-use of project templates, communication, availability of technical resources, ability to partner, optimizing project funding and presenting a united front. Mr. Jackson also brought with him and presented a “RVCA – FEP Partnership Proposal.”

Allan McCallum thanked Mr. Jackson for his most interesting presentation.

Dwight Bennett asked what the governance structure of FEP was and Mr. Jackson responded that generally they work through a designated Lake Steward or through the Lake Association Presidents for each area to get identified beneficial environmental work done.

John Miller indicated that there had been expressions of concern from some municipal councils respecting overlap and duplication of effort and



interest up is at Lake Association Annual Meetings (typically July).

There was a motion from the floor by John Miller that agenda item 6 be deferred pending the possible arrival of additional members. The following agenda items were brought forward.

**6. Making it Happen 2005 – 2007 Three Year Strategy and Work Plan and 2005 Budget**

Dell Hallett reported on progress with the Three Year Work Plan (“Making it Happen” publication). This is the last year of the initial three year plan which has resulted in the levy being doubled to bring the RVCA up to provincial averages for funding. Municipal acceptance of the plan has steadily increased. Efforts are ongoing to have some previous provincial funding sources restored. The next new funding partnership is source water protection for which there is now 100% provincial funding support.

Allan McCallum reiterated Dell’s statement regarding increasing acceptance for the work CA’s undertake.

**7. Source Protection Planning Update**

Dell and other staff members attended at a provincial source water protection technical planning session in Trenton today. Dell reported that the reports “Watershed Based Source Protection: Implementation Committee Report to the Minister of the Environment” (November, 2004) and “Watershed-Based Source Protection Planning Science-based Decision-making for Protecting Ontario’s Drinking Water Resources: A Threats Assessment Framework Technical Experts Committee Report to the Minister of the Environment” (November, 2004) are both posted on the EBR.

<http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/techdocs/4938e.pdf>  
<http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/techdocs/4935e.pdf>

It is expected that guidelines may be available by April of this year with regulations to follow in June. Source Protection Planning Committees could be established potentially in July. Current timelines include threat assessments by 2007 and the preparation of the first round of plans by 2009.

**8. Municipal Planning Advisory Report**

Matt Craig, Upper Watershed Planner presented the planning report for 2004 including a scatter map of development sites for the last three years. Planning and regulatory activity was just under the 200 application level. Workload, generally, is up incrementally and difficulties associated with new lot creation and redevelopment generally appear to be increasing. An observation was made that violations appear to be on the increase which is difficult to address with scarce resources; the Conservation Authority is frequently the first point of contact for such complaints.

Matt noted too acceptance of our recommendations is being tracked on a municipal basis. Overall about 80% of our recommendations concerning water setbacks or development footprints and buffers were accepted.

**9. Update on Lake Management Plans**

Bruce Reid indicated that there is growing interest on the part of lake associations in undertaking lake management plans. Current or emerging plans include Bob's, Little Silver, Rainbow, Black and Pike Lakes. The Conservation Authority attempts to be at the table to help with development of these plans. Key needs that the CA addresses, have fallen into three general categories including project management, facilitation and data acquisition / retrieval and interpretation. Bruce also stated that Oty Lake has probably been a particularly good example of where the Authority has been of assistance in plan preparation.

**Friends of the Tay**

With the lead provided by the discussion on lake plans guests David Taylor and Carol Dillon representing the Friends of the Tay were introduced.

David outlined some of the key roles the Friends have adopted including working to facilitate Trillium grants, providing education and information (a tabloid to be published in the next few weeks was referenced) and ensuring that knowledge gaps are filled (the Tay River Watershed Plan is used as a template to determine what has been done and what needs to be done). The Friends are also trying to get local schools more involved, for identified problems areas along the river to be improved (reference was made to the Perth "Swim Again" initiative) and to facilitate more use of the Canal.

Carol Dillon reiterated that a key activity if the Friends this year has been participating in new initiatives and particularly the provincial source water protection initiative. Carol emphasized that the Friends have an ongoing interest in being represented on the local source protection planning committee when it is formed.

Discussion followed with the Advisory Board members on some local issues such as the Perth lagoons and templates for lake management plans.

**Rideau Valley Clean Water Program**

Dell Hallett circulated some documentation summarizing the achievements of the Rideau Valley Clean Water program for 2004.

**Phase II Pilot Projects – Conservation Ontario**

Dell Hallett circulated a pamphlet from Conservation Ontario outlining the results of the Phase II projects completed by selected Ontario CA's with relation to provincial funding support received last year.

**10. Election of Officers for 2005**

Allan McCallum relinquished the Chair. Dell Hallett conducted the election for Chair of the Upper Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Advisory Board.

**a) Chair**



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

**13. Adjournment**

**Motion 6**

**Moved by:**

David Crowley

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:25 pm.

**Motion Carried**

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**Chair,**  
**Allan McCallum**

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**Recording Secretary,**  
**Don Maciver**

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