

Motion 3 **Moved by:** Allan McCallum
Seconded by: Alan Arbuckle

That the Middle Advisory Board Meeting report be received.

Motion Carried

c. Conservation Ontario Council Meeting – April 24, 2006 presented by John Miller (verbal report). Highlights included the election of new Chair Dick Hibma as Peter Kraus stepped down. George Braithwaite of Mississippi Conservation continues as Vice-Chair. There were budget and insurance reports as well as an update on Source Water Protection which entered the Legislature for Second Reading on April 12. The Board wished to record their continuing concern for the need for protection of private wells under the proposed *Clean Water Act*.

Motion 4 **Moved by:** Cathy Willoughby
Seconded by: Ken Graham

That the verbal report on Conservation Ontario Council Meeting be received.

Motion Carried

5. Accounts Paid, March 1 - 31, 2006

Dell Hallett presented the Accounts Paid for March.

Motion 5 **Moved by:** David Biggs
Seconded by: Maria McRae

That the Accounts Paid, March 1 - 31, 2006 be approved.

Motion Carried

6. Village of Merrickville-Wolford Resolution dated April 10, 2006

Motion 6 **Moved by:** Janet Stavinga
Seconded by: David Biggs

That the RVCA Board of Directors receive the resolution.

Motion Carried

**7. Staff Report – Transition Provisions
Adoption of Generic Regulation (O. Reg. 97/04 – a
development, interference with wetlands and alterations to
shorelines and watercourses regulation)**

Don Maciver presented the Staff Report on pages 2 – 7 of the Agenda.

Motion 7 **Moved by:** Wendy Stewart
Seconded by: Ken Graham

That in anticipation of the Minister's Approval of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority's Regulation related to "Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses" (Ontario Regulation 97 /04) regulation on or prior to May 01, 2006 be it resolved that:

- 1) The Board of Directors approves the attached document titled "Transitional Procedures and Guidelines for Permission pursuant to Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act" (April 2006) and**
- 2) Pending completion in the near future of revised local policies, the existing "Policies Regarding Development including the Construction of Buildings and Structures, Placing of Fill, and Alterations to Waterways" (current to February 21, 2002) remain in effect except where these policies are silent on a development issue (eg. Wetlands) or where standards in the Provincial Policy Statement (2005) exceed the minimum standards in the local policy in which case the Provincial Policy shall prevail.**

The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority's submission to the Minister of Natural Resources for approval of the Generic Regulation approved by the Board on November 24, 2005 was completed in early March. It is currently proceeding through the Ministerial approval process.

In anticipation of the Minister's approval and assignment of a Ministerial reference number on or before May 01, 2006 some administrative measures are necessary. One will include a sign off by the Chair and General Manager providing for rescinding of the old regulation and, in turn, adoption of the new regulation approved by the Minister. Other matters relate to administrative details as referenced in (1) above.

In addition it is also necessary that the Conservation Authority adopt new local implementation policies for administration of the "Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses" regulation. The current document ("Policies Regarding Development including The Construction of Buildings and Structures, Placing of Fill, and Alterations to Waterways") approved by the Board as recently as February 2002 is silent on wetland issues and needs to be updated with respect to some other matters associated with the wording of the regulation itself as well as changes in Provincial Policy related to Natural Hazards. It is being suggested (# 2 above) that in all cases where the existing local policy is silent or deficient the Provincial Policy will prevail.

Under "Implementation" Section 4.2 of the Provincial Policy Statement indicates that:

"In accordance with Section 3 of the *Planning Act*, as amended by the *Strong Communities (Planning Amendment) Act, 2004*, a decision of the council of a municipality, a local board, a planning board, a Minister of the Crown and a ministry, board, commission or agency of the government, including the Municipal Board, in respect of the exercise of any authority that affects a planning matter, "shall be consistent with" this Provincial Policy Statement.

Comments, submissions or advice that affect a planning matter that are provided by the council of a municipality, a local board, a planning board, a minister or ministry, board, commission or agency of the government “*shall be consistent with*” this Provincial Policy Statement.”

Section 4.6 also states:

“The policies of this Provincial Policy Statement represent minimum standards. This Provincial Policy Statement does not prevent planning authorities and decision-makers from going beyond the minimum standards established in specific policies, unless doing so would conflict with any policy of this Provincial Policy Statement.”

Both internal and external consultation will be required prior to adoption of an amended local implementation policy. This consultation has commenced. It is anticipated that a new policy can be brought to the Board of Directors by mid-year 2006.

Motion Carried

8. **Staff Report – First Draft of a wetland policy for local administration of a “Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses” regulation – Ontario Regulation 97/04**

Don Maciver reported on the First Draft of a wetland policy for local administration for information of the Directors. A more complete policy is scheduled for presentation in July 2006. Directors are welcome to distribute this to municipal staff as a DRAFT document.

Motion 8 **Moved by:** Allan McCallum
 Seconded by: Ken Graham

That the attached report be received for information purposes only.

Motion Carried

9. **Staff Report – Ontario Municipal Board Appeal, 105 Britannia Rd., City of Ottawa**

Don Maciver reviewed the situation on Britannia Road, City of Ottawa and its importance in clarifying RVCA role.

Motion 9 **Moved by:** Wendy Stewart
 Seconded by: Cathy Willoughby

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority confirm the appeal of the consent to sever application(s) at 105 Britannia Rd. in the former City of Ottawa (now in the single tier City of Ottawa). The Committee of Adjustment of the City of Ottawa granted consent permitting the creation of a new lot.

Motion Carried

10. Invitation to RVCA Members to Visit Baxter Conservation Area

Peter Goddard, Manager of the Baxter Conservation Area, invited all members of the RVCA Board of Directors out to Baxter to witness and participate in a Conservation Education activity with students and teachers. One of the prime dates of interest to the Board may be the Ottawa Children's Water Festival being held at Baxter from May 17 – 19. A quick call or e-mail to Peter ahead would be most appreciated.

11. April Activity Reports

The report on the Best Use Study on Dickinson Square is a Staff Report instead of an Activity Report. Final report on the Study should be available in June.

Motion 10 **Moved by:** Allan McCallum
 Seconded by: David Biggs

That April Activity Reports be received.

Motion Carried

12. In-Camera – Personnel

Motion 11 **Moved by:** Maria McRae
 Seconded by: Ken Graham

That the Board of Directors move in-camera.

Motion Carried

Motion 12 **Moved by:** Ken Graham
 Seconded by: Dwight Bennett

That the RVCA Board of Directors move out-of-camera.

Motion Carried

Motion 13 **Moved by:** Janet Stavinga
 Seconded by: Alan Arbuckle

That the RVCA receive the update regarding the RVCA-Ottawa Parks and Recreation, Public-Public Partnership and that RVCA staff implement Board direction as discussed.

Motion Carried

Motion 14 **Moved by:** Janet Stavinga
 Seconded by: Wendy Stewart

That staff be directed to obtain appraisals as discussed.

13. **Member Inquiries** None.

14. **New Business** None.

15. **Upcoming Meetings**

a) **RVCA Board of Directors Meeting, May 25, 2006**

16. **Adjournment** Ken Graham adjourned the meeting at 10:00 pm.

**Chair,
John Miller**

**Recording Secretary,
Charles Billington**

C:Board of Directors Minutes April 27 06 Approved