



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

**Motion Carried**

5. **Staff Report – Safety Buoy Line Installation on Tay River, at Haggart Island Dams, Perth**

Bruce Reid presented a Staff Report on this issue including the geography of the site, the history of RVCA involvement, provincial and federal safety guidelines, and current situation of community dissatisfaction surrounding the safety buoy line above the Haggart Island Dams. The four guests, neighbours of the dam site, also spoke to the Board emphasizing the minimal danger at the dams, the low use of this section of river, and the visual impairment that the large safety buoys create in the pastoral setting of the area. The Town of Perth has asked RVCA to consider alternate ways to accommodate both the safety and esthetic aspects of the dam site.

**Motion 3**                      **Moved by:**                      Janet Stavinga  
**Seconded by:**                      Wendy Stewart

That staff be directed to explore alternate measures to the recently-installed safety buoys on the Tay River at the Haggart Island Dams, including the development of a Public Safety Measures Plan (PSMP) in consultation with Transport Canada as to the need for safety buoys or other safety devices at this site, and that further discussions be undertaken with the Town of Perth and affected residents, and that legal opinion be sought as to consequences and liability of installing any proposed alternatives, all of which to be reported back to the Board by October 2006.

**Motion Carried**

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

Don Maciver gave a brief review and update on this property.

**Motion 4**                      **Moved by:**                      Wendy Stewart  
**Seconded by:**                      Cathy Willoughby

That the recommendation contained in the Staff Report be tabled until March 2007.

**Motion Carried**

7. **Staff Report – Best Use Study – Request for Additional Payment**

Cliff Craig briefly explained the circumstances surrounding the request.

**Motion 5**                      **Moved by:**                      Janet Stavinga  
   **Seconded by:**                      Alan Arbuckle

That the RVCA approve a request by the consultants for an additional payment of \$1,900.00 plus GST for the Best Use Study: Dickinson Square Historic Buildings.

**Motion Carried**

(Cathy Willoughby and Allan McCallum cast recorded No votes on this motion.)

8. **A. D. Latornell Conservation Symposium**

Dell alerted Directors to the excellent networking and professional development opportunities available at Latornell in mid-November. Members were asked to indicate their interest in attending and provide this information to Joan at the office as soon as possible (Janet Stavinga and David Biggs are interested; Dwight Bennett will act as Alternate). Final decisions on RVCA participation will be made once full program information is available.

9. **New Office Headquarters Update**

Cliff Craig, New Office Project Manager, reported on five items:

- signed an MOU to hire a Construction Manager; working with the City to get all paperwork in place before construction can start
- timing is critical to get a fall start; any help from Board members to encourage City staff is most welcome
- are working with MNR to secure Minister's approval to dispose of Dickinson Square properties; no problems foreseen
- working to come up with a current detailed cost estimate before construction tenders are let; may need to look at budget options; office committee meeting within three weeks
- public meeting about Best Use Study was well received; about 70 people; community seems comfortable with the approach; specific uses of the buildings and next steps are on people's minds

**Motion 6**                      **Moved by:**                      Alan Arbuckle  
   **Seconded by:**                      Michael McEwen

That the Board of Directors receive this new office update report.

**Motion Carried**

10. **August Activity Reports**

August Activity Reports were received.

**11. Bellamy Pond Dam Report**

Bruce Reid reported on the current status of submissions to repair the water intake structure at Bellamy Pond.

**Motion 7**                      **Moved by:**                      Alan Arbuckle  
   **Seconded by:**                      Ken Graham

That the RVCA award a contract for the fabrication, delivery and installation of the Bellamy Pond Dam Deck Replacement, and associated works including removal of the existing deck, to Taggart's Welding Inc. of Elizabethtown, Ontario at a cost of \$26,443 plus applicable taxes.

**Motion Carried**

**12. Member Inquiries**

Allan McCallum inquired about the status of the Rideau Lakes Watershed Study. Allan is also concerned about the number of boats using Rideau Ferry Yacht Club Conservation Area docks and facilities for bass tournaments. What is RVCA role? What is the impact on the sport fishery in terms of displacement of fish?

Alan Arbuckle and others expressed interest in the staff project to create the first RVCA Watershed Report Card in 2006. Strong encouragement to move forward on this very helpful communication tool.

Wendy Stewart brought the Board up to date on the commercial fishing issue on Upper Rideau Lake. Wendy requested information on the availability of summer students to assist the lake association to gather materials in support of MNR's legal fight.

**13. New Business**

Dell reported on the Clean Water Act public hearings going on this week in Walkerton, Toronto, Cornwall, Bath and Peterborough. The reports coming from Conservation Ontario and colleagues indicate there is broad support for CA involvement, that incentives are equally or more important than regulatory tools, and that provincial funding is seen as essential for proper implementation. Many speakers also wish the government would give more guidance on the protection of private wells in addition to municipal drinking water systems.

Dell distributed a letter to each member of the Board from a landowner in the City of Ottawa regarding difficulties they encountered in constructing their septic system. The Ottawa Septic System Office is in

the process of resolving the situation and no action is needed by Board members.

**14. Upcoming Meetings**

- a) RVC Foundation Annual General Meeting, Monday, September 18
- b) RVCA Board of Directors, Thursday, September 28, 2006

**15. Adjournment**      The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:35 pm.

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**Chair,  
John Miller**

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**Recording Secretary,  
Charles Billington**

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