

**RIDEAU VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**  
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**MINUTES**

**Board of Directors** **June 22, 2006** **#7/06**

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**Present:** Dwight Bennett                      David Biggs  
                  Magda Kubasiewicz             Allan McCallum  
                  Michael McEwen                         Maria McRae  
                  John H. Miller                             Janet Stavinga  
                  Wendy Stewart                            Cathy Willoughby

**Staff:** Ferdous Ahmed                      Charles Billington  
                  Cliff Craig                                     Dell Hallett  
                  Bruce Reid                                     Brian Stratton

**Regrets:** Alan Arbuckle  
                  Ken Graham

**1. Declaration of Interest**

Discussion regarding the rationale and content of a declaration of conflict of interest. Dell to obtain and circulate the guidelines used by the City of Ottawa (recently revised). Magda Kubasiewicz will refrain from participating in Agenda Item #11 by preference.

**2. Approval of Minutes, May 25, 2006**

**Motion 1**                      **Moved by:** Dwight Bennett  
   **Seconded by:** Wendy Stewart

That the minutes of Board of Directors Meeting, #5/06, May 25, 2006, be approved.

**Motion Carried**

**3. Approval of Minutes, Special Board Meeting, June 6, 2006**

**Motion 2**                      **Moved by:** Cathy Willoughby  
   **Seconded by:** David Biggs

That the minutes of Special Board of Directors Meeting, #6/06, June 6, 2006, be approved.

**Motion Carried**

4. **Business Arising from Minutes** None.

5. **Meetings**

RVC Foundation Meeting, April 24, 2006

The meeting was largely given over to preparations for the Foundation's contributions to the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Chairman's Barbecue including the presentation of the 2005 Conservation Awards honouring volunteers in the valley and the Silent Auction as a conservation fundraiser at the barbecue itself.

The Authority Board of Directors gave a unanimous vote of thanks to their counterparts on the Foundation for the huge effort that went into helping make the barbecue such a success. A written letter of thanks to be prepared for John's signature on behalf of the Board.

6. **Accounts Paid, May 1 - 31, 2006**

Dell presented the Accounts Paid for May. There were several requests for clarifications of the amounts and the justification.

**Motion 3**                      **Moved by:**                      Allan McCallum  
**Seconded by:**                      Cathy Willoughby

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

**Motion Carried**

7. **RVCA Expenditure and Revenue Summary, May 31, 2006**

Dell presented the Expenditure and Revenue Summary to the end of May including the first look at year end projections. The numbers show that RVCA is on target for 2006. This is due largely to the staged hirings of staff in 2006 resulting from new positions within the organization. Directors also received information on the Employee Leave Account and how it works.

**Motion 4**                      **Moved by:**                      Michael McEwen  
**Seconded by:**                      David Biggs

That the RVCA Expenditure and Revenue Summary, May 31, 2006 be approved.

**Motion Carried**

8. **Corporation of the Township of Augusta Resolution dated May 2, 2006**

The resolution from the Township of Augusta Council dated May 2, 2006 was received.

9. **Staff Report – Letter from Bedford Mining Alert dated May 26, 2006**

Dell Hallett presented the letter which was attached to the Agenda.

**Motion 5**                      **Moved by:**                      Wendy Stewart  
**Seconded by:**                      Magda Kubasiewicz

That the RVCA support the Bedford Mining Alert initiative to reform the Mining Act.

**Motion Carried**

10. **Staff Report – Graham Creek Erosion Control Repairs**

Bruce Reid presented the results of a contract competition to undertake channel repairs on Graham Creek, a summary of which was distributed at the meeting. Discussion followed regarding the unpredictability of site conditions and the need for contingency funds to accommodate such occurrences.

**Motion 6**                      **Moved by:**                      Cathy Willoughby  
**Seconded by:**                      Wendy Stewart

That the RVCA award a contract for the completion of repairs to channel linings on the Graham Creek Flood and Erosion Control structures (Richmond Road to Nanaimo Drive) to 1590486 Ontario Inc. o/a G.M.Contracting for a total bid price of \$160,765, including contingency and PST on construction materials, but not including GST.

**Motion Carried**

11. **Continuation of Contract for Consultant Hydrogeologist to the Mississippi – Rideau Source Water Protection Team**

Brian Stratton presented the Staff Report on the continuing need for Hydrogeology support to the Mississippi-Rideau Source Water Protection team.

**Motion 7**                      **Moved by:**                      Wendy Stewart  
**Seconded by:**                      Allan McCallum

That the RVCA enter into a second agreement with Intera Engineering Ltd. under which Intera will provide: 1) a hydrogeologist to the Mississippi – Rideau Source Water Protection Team for approximately 2 days per week for the period of July 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007, and 2) support staff (a GIS and data management specialist and/or a junior hydrogeologist and a senior hydrogeologist) for the same time period, to assist with three source water protection technical modules in accordance with their proposal dated June 14, 2006, and for an estimated total cost of \$164,500 (including fees and disbursement, not including GST), which shall not be exceeded without prior approval.

**Motion Carried**

**12. June Activity Reports**

Janet Stavinga advised the Board of Directors that the Staff Report on a strategy for moving forward on the Goulbourn Wetlands was carried at the City of Ottawa's Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee today and is going forward to Full Council on July 12.

June Activity Reports were received.

**13. In-Camera**

**Motion 8**                      **Moved by:**                      Maria McRae  
**Seconded by:**                      David Biggs

That the Board of Director move *in-camera*.

**Motion Carried**

**Motion 9**                      **Moved by:**                      Maria McRae

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

**Motion Carried**

**14. Member Inquiries**

Wendy Stewart made the Directors aware of the donation of valuable water testing equipment by Upper Rideau Lake Association to RVCA.

The City of Ottawa is developing a plan for celebration of the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rideau Canal in 2007. Details in September. Potential role for partnership with RVCA and others. Staff to discuss opportunities with Parks Canada staff.

The city's Green Partnership Pilot Program was mentioned. Information to go to Martha Bradburn and stewardship staff.

Directors feel there is a need for an information letter and/or press release to go to municipalities/lake associations/individuals informing them of the benefits of the Generic Regulations. Staff to write and approach lake associations for help in distribution to their members.

**15. New Business**

Brief discussion on per diems and mileage rates for Directors. Dell to bring back a table of the rates of other like-sized Authorities in the province.

Directors were made aware of an MNR directive indicating that MNR is now out of the business of commenting on land development issues under the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act where a Conservation Authority exists. Directors expressed appreciation to MNR in this effort to reduce overlap and duplication of environmental services.

**16. Upcoming Meetings**

a) RVCA Board of Directors, Thursday, July 27, 2006

**17. Adjournment**      The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10 pm.

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**Chair,  
John Miller**

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**Recording Secretary,  
Charles Billington**

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