

RIDEAU VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
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MINUTES

Board of Directors

September 28, 2006

#10/06

Present:	Alan Arbuckle David Biggs Magda Kubasiewicz Michael McEwen John H. Miller	Dwight Bennett Ken Graham Allan McCallum Maria McRae Wendy Stewart
Staff:	Jamie Batchelor Cliff Craig Dell Hallett Shelley Macpherson Peter Goddard	Charles Billington Glen McDonald Don Maciver Bruce Reid
Guests:	Charles Long	Bill Stevenson
Regrets:	Janet Stavinga	Cathy Willoughby

The official dedication ceremony of the Curtis Conservation Area took place prior to the Board of Directors September meeting. RVCA Advisory Board Members, RVC Foundation Members, RVCA Staff, Guests and Media were invited to the Curtis Conservation Area, located on County Road 19, former Osgoode Township, now in the City of Ottawa. Inclement weather caused the ceremony to be moved indoors at the Baxter Conservation Area. Appreciation and thanks were extended to Ron and Laurie Curtis for their extraordinary gift of 37 acres of wetland and Rideau River shoreline to the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation. Ralph Raina (RVCF), Erling Armson (DUC) and John Miller (RVCA) explained the extraordinary nature of the Curtis donation and offered thanks on behalf of the people of the Rideau Valley. Dr. Ron Curtis spoke on behalf of the family and expressed their desire that the land remain in a natural state for generations to come.

The Curtis Conservation Area Dedication was followed by a barbecue and presentation of the RVCA Staff Service Recognition to twenty staff members who have provided between 10 and over 30 years of service to the RVCA. Dell Hallett, General Manager, presented a certificate and gift to each staff member with words of praise and appreciation for their many years of dedication to the RVCA. John Miller added his thanks to Dell Hallett and his RVCA staff for their years of professionalism and commitment to the local environment.

John H. Miller took a few moments to recognize three outstanding members of our 2005 Board of Directors who have given a total of 36 years of service and dedication to our organization. Stephen Bird, Charles Long and Bill Stevenson all retired at the end of 2005. Our 40th Anniversary year is an appropriate time to recognize this outstanding volunteerism and offer a small token of appreciation. Charles Long appointed by the City of Ottawa and Bill Stevenson, municipal appointee for the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley, expressed their pleasure at their involvement with staff and members of the RVCA. Stephen Bird, also appointed by the City of Ottawa. was unable to attend the event.

John H. Miller thanked all RVCA present and former members, staff and guests for their involvement with the RVCA over the past 40 years.

The September Board of Directors meeting followed.

1. **Declaration of Interest** None.

2. **Approval of Minutes, August 24, 2006**

Motion 1	Moved by:	Ken Graham
	Seconded by:	Alan Arbuckle

That the minutes of Board of Directors Meeting, #9/06, August 24, 2006, be approved.

Motion Carried

3. **Business Arising from Minutes** None.

4. **Meetings**

a) CO Council Meeting, August 28, 2006

John Miller mentioned the highlights of the CO Council Meeting including the new Vice-Chair of CO, Doug Freiburger, current Chair of Saugeen Conservation; the discussion about options for managing the Great Lakes-St.Lawrence water levels; the CO 2007 Workplan; and an update on the latest schedule for Third Reading (October-November) and Royal Assent (December) for the Clean Water Act 2005.

b) 2006 Biennial Conservation Tour, September 11-13, 2006

John also reported on the excellent Biennial Conservation Tour in which four RVCA reps participated (John, Magda Kubasiewicz, Andrea Klymko and Jamie Batchelor).

c) RVC Foundation Meeting, September 18, 2006

Charles reported that the Annual Campaign and the Silent Auction during our 40th Anniversary Barbecue in June raised almost \$5,900 for the Conservation Land Endowment Fund. The same slate of Officers were returned for the next year (Mary Bryden, Chair; Steve Simmering, Vice-Chair; and Angela Maisonneuve, Secretary-Treasurer). The 2005 audited Financial Statements showed that \$170,554 were turned over to RVCA for joint conservation projects last year.

Motion 2 **Moved by:** Dwight Bennett
 Seconded by: Alan Arbuckle

That the Board of Directors offer a resolution of thanks and continued encouragement to the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation for their appreciated contributions to the health of the watershed through successful fundraising.

Motion Carried

5. **Accounts Paid, August 1 - 31, 2006**

Dell Hallett clarified several entries.

Motion 3 **Moved by:** David Biggs
 Seconded by: Maria McRae

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

Motion Carried

6. **Staff Report – Beckwith Township Resolution/Letter dated September 11, 2006**

Dell Hallett presented a letter from Beckwith Township supporting the resolution of the village of Merrickville-Wolford requesting the RVCA to divest itself of property in Manotick and use the funds to defray the cost of the new building.

Motion 4 **Moved by:** Ken Graham
 Seconded by: Alan Arbuckle

That the letter dated September 11, 2006, from Beckwith Township be received.

Motion Carried

7. **Staff Report – 2006 Group Benefits Renewal**

Dell Hallett presented some context for this resolution. The package is negotiated by a committee of CO with brokers and a market survey of costs is carried out every few years.

Motion 5 **Moved by:** Ken Graham
Seconded by: Allan McCallum

That the RVCA accept the 2006 Group Benefit Renewal, the terms of which have already been accepted by the Group Insurance and Benefits Committee.

Motion Carried

8. **Staff Report – Length of Term for CA Members – Amendment to CA Act**

Dell Hallett presented the staff report.

Motion 6 **Moved by:** Ken Graham
Seconded by: Michael McEwen

That the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority supports an amendment to the CA Act in Bill 30 (Municipal Statute Law Amendment Act. 2006), to allow for the members term of appointment to be as long as a municipal Councillors term, four years for the upcoming election.

Motion Carried

9. **Staff Report – Appointment of Enforcement Officer and Designation as Provincial Offences Officer**

Dell Hallett gave the background on this resolution.

Motion 7 **Moved by:** Wendy Stewart
Seconded by: David Biggs

That Andrea Klymko is appointed as an Enforcement Officer for the purpose of enforcing regulations made by the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, pursuant to Section 29 of the Conservation Authorities Act; in order to carry out the responsibility of administration and enforcement of this Act.

And further that the Minister of Natural Resources be requested to designate Andrea Klymko as a Provincial Offences Officer.

Motion Carried

10. **Staff Report – New Office Budget – Additional Cost**

Cliff Craig presented an update on the New Office process.

Motion 8 **Moved by:** Alan Arbuckle
Seconded by: Wendy Stewart

That the RVCA approve the cost for the construction of a left turn slip-around lane on Rideau Valley Drive (entrance to the new RVCA office site in Beryl Gaffney Park), at a total estimated construction cost of \$100,000 (including GST), as an additional cost to this project.

Motion Carried

11. Staff Report – Amendment to Source Water Protection Grant Funding Agreement

Field work previously excluded from eligibility is now considered eligible. Grant funding has been increased from \$111,500 to \$169,500.

Motion 9 **Moved by:** Maria McRae
Seconded by: Michael McEwen

That the Board of Directors receive this report.

Motion Carried

12. September Activity Reports

Dell Hallett presented the Activity Reports. Alan McCallum reported on the large number of bass tournaments in the short summer season and their negative effect on the lake environment. Alan urges that they be limited.

13. Member Inquiries

Wendy reported on the new “accessible trail” at the Foley Mountain Conservation Area near Westport. Everyone agrees it is a great achievement.

14. New Business None.

15. Upcoming Meetings

- a) RVCA Upper Adv Board Meeting, Mon, Oct 16 06, Foley
- b) RVCA Middle Adv Board Meeting, Wed, Oct 18 06, Manotick
- c) Board of Directors, Thurs, Oct 26 06

16. Adjournment The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

**Chair,
John Miller**

**Recording Secretary,
Charles Billington**