

2006, be approved with the removal of the word “water” from minutes item #14 – “children’s water discovery centre”.

Motion Carried

5. Business Arising from Minutes

None

6. Staff Report – Antique/Vintage Race Boat Regatta and Show at Rideau Ferry Yacht Club Conservation Area, August 2007

Jim Ellis explained that in 1969 the Rideau Ferry Yacht Club (RFYC) sold RVCA the land that is now the Rideau Ferry Conservation Area for one dollar and a condition of the sale was that the RFYC could use the property once a year to hold their annual regatta. The last regatta was held in 1979 but since then the group has been resurrected and would like to hold a regatta at the property on August 18, 2007. Andrea Klymko and Jim Ellis met with the RFYC and feel that granting this request would be in keeping with the agreement of the sale of the property to RVCA back in 1969.

Jim Ramsey, Steve McVeety and Scott Cameron presented to the board on behalf of the RFYC. They explained that the regattas had been enjoyed on the lake for many years but the costs of running a sanctioned race became too high and the RFYC stopped holding their annual regatta. Now the boats are vintage and the RFYC is not looking to host a sanctioned race so the costs of putting on such a regatta are feasible. The RFYC is looking to put on a nostalgic event to coincide with Parks Canada 175th anniversary of the Rideau Canal next year. The regatta would see boats complete a pass-by of the site, there would be static displays on water, environmental and boating topics as well as old photos and trophies and there would be concessions on site selling food and souvenirs. The RFYC would like access to the site a few days in advance of the event for set-up, the regatta itself would be one day and there would be a day of tear down. The RFYC would work out in detail logistics with RVCA staff regarding the need for bleachers, portable toilets and any other requirements.

Motion 3

Moved by: David Crowley
Seconded by: Bradley Wing

That the RVCA Upper Advisory Board, and subsequently the Board of Directors, give permission in principle to the Rideau Ferry Yacht Club to hold an Antique/Vintage Race Boat Regatta and Show at the Rideau Ferry Yacht Club Conservation Area on a trial basis in 2007 subject to the negotiation of a mutually satisfactory agreement (Schedule A) being in place to address the details and responsibilities such as insurance, roles of each party, disbursements of any profits, etc. before November 30, 2006.

7. RVCA 2007 Preliminary Budget

Dell Hallett presented and distributed the 2007 Preliminary Budget and levy apportionment figures.

The large increase projected for the 2007 general levy capital (82% increase over 2006), is a result of two large projects: new office building

That the staff report be received.

Motion Carried

9. Staff Report – Clean Water Act (Source Water Protection Update)

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson presented an update on the status of the *Clean Water Act* and recent communications and technical work being undertaken by source water protection staff. It is expected that the *Clean Water Act* will pass Third Reading and receive Royal Assent within the next week. Starting in January draft regulations will be introduced to accompany the *Act* and these regulations will be posted on the Environmental Bill of Rights for public comment. A Discussion Paper is being released shortly by the Ministry of Environment regarding the formation and function of the Source Protection Committee. This Discussion Paper will also be posted on the EBR for public comment.

Communications staff gave a presentation to nearly all member municipal councils this summer about source water protection and the *Act*. The presentations were well received and the main concern was the cost of implementation that municipalities may be responsible for.

Technical staff have completed the first internal drafts of the Conceptual Water Budget and Watershed Characterization Reports. Intake Protection Zone Studies are well underway for Carleton Place, Perth and Smiths Falls. Field work is now complete for these studies and technical staff are just beginning to delineate the intake protection zones around these municipal systems. Wellhead Protection Area Studies for Merrickville and Kemptville have just begun and this work will be done by Golder and Associates. Westport is still negotiating the scope of their Wellhead Protection Area Study with MOE. Once the Source Protection Committee is formed and they develop a Terms of Reference, draft copies of all these technical reports will go through public consultation.

10. Staff Report – Planning Report

Matt Craig presented a report on planning activities in the upper watershed. Number of planning applications is on track with last five years, approximately 120-130 applications for 2006. Approximately 50% of these applications were for severances on marginal lands, RVCA has asked for more studies to be requested by municipalities (i.e. EIS, fish habitat studies). Most development applications were not for minor additions but rather tearing down existing structures and completely rebuilding much larger homes. There are a few subdivision applications: Westport, Drummond/North Elmsley and Tay Valley. There were also a few Section 28 regulation applications in the upper watershed. There are a lot of properties changing hands in Perth, both RVCA and Perth have spent a lot of time answering questions about these properties. Tay Valley and Central Frontenac both updated their Official Plans and RVCA provided comments for both.

Motion 6

Moved by:
Seconded by:

John H. Miller
David Crowley

That the staff report be received.

Motion Carried

