



A N E W S L E T T E R F O R M U N I C I P A L C O U N C I L L O R S
January 2006

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Watershed Briefs

The old Municipal Update which you received after each RVCA Board of Directors meeting has been spruced up for the anniversary year and has a new name: *Watershed Briefs*. This monthly bulletin will bring you brief news from the Board meetings as well as interesting municipal information about ongoing or proposed conservation projects across the watershed. Comments are most welcome anytime at charles.billington@rideauvalley.on.ca

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

As required by the *Conservation Authorities Act*, the 2006 Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority held their annual election for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair. John H. Miller was returned as Chair and Janet Stavinga returned as Vice-Chair. (dell.hallett@rideauvalley.on.ca)

RVCA Office Headquarters

RVCA is proceeding with the final design of the new headquarters building in Beryl Gaffney Park at the corners of Prince of Wales Drive and Rideau Valley Drive. A second detailed report will soon go to Ottawa Council to be followed by public consultation, site plan approval and construction. The "move" is scheduled for summer 2007. (cliff.craig@rideauvalley.on.ca).

Clean Water Act

The combined watersheds of Mississippi and Rideau Valley will likely be combined into one Source Water Protection Region as the province pushes ahead with the *Clean Water Act* introduced on December 5, 2005 into the Legislature. Plans call for Second Reading soon and Royal Assent about June. A technical Source Water Planning team from the two CAs and other experts are hard at work putting the background information and analysis together. A Source Protection Committee composed of representatives from the watersheds will be formed later this year.

RVCA Meeting Dates, Board of Directors and Advisory Board Agendas, Minutes (after approval), *Watershed Briefs* and Media Releases are available on our website at www.rideauvalley.on.ca.

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RVCA 40th Anniversary

RVCA celebrates 40 years in Conservation (1966–2006). A series of modest reminders such as our RVCA 2006 logo, press releases, anniversary bookmark, conservation area guided walks, Foundation fundraising events, anniversary brochure, and the Chair's Anniversary Barbecue in June, will keep our colleagues aware of our 40 years of service. (charles.billington@rideauvalley.on.ca)

Time to Review Municipal Flood Response

RVCA has the responsibility for Flood Forecasting and Warning (FFW) in the Rideau River watershed. RVCA's FFW system is in operation 12 months a year, monitoring the weather and the watershed, and issuing advisories as the local situation warrants. Should a flood event occur, the first response is up to the individual homeowners. If the flood is beyond the capability of the homeowner to combat, municipal Emergency Response Plans kick-in to assist those in need. **NOW is the time to review your municipality's flood emergency response plan and make sure all employees, equipment and communications are in place just in case.**

RVCA Three Year Work Plan

A draft of the *Three Year Strategy and Work Plan Booklet, Making it Happen 2006 – 2008* was presented to the Board of Directors. Following a discussion, members were asked for comments before the report is finalized. This document is our conservation road map for the next three years. (dell.hallett@rideauvalley.on.ca)

Dickinson Square Best Use Study

RVCA Board of Directors confirmed the decision made by the Community Steering Committee and awarded the Dickinson Square Best Use Study to the team of Commonwealth Historic Resource Management Limited and TCI Management Consultants. (cliff.craig@rideauvalley.on.ca)



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