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MINUTES

Board of Directors **October 25, 2007** **10/07**

Present:

Alan Arbuckle	Dwight Bennett
David Biggs	Glenn Brooks
David Crowley	Steve Desroches
Ken Graham	Magda Kubasiewicz
Michael McEwen	John H. Miller
Cathy Willoughby	

Staff:

Charles Billington	Cliff Craig
Dell Hallett	Jennifer Lamoureux
Don Maciver	Bruce Reid

Regrets: Maria McRae (family)

1. **Declaration of Interest** None.

2. **Consent Agenda**

Motion 1	Moved by:	David Crowley
	Seconded by:	Cathy Willoughby

That Agenda item #11, October Activity Reports, be carried on consent.

Motion Carried

3. **Approval of Minutes, September 27, 2007**

Members want the increase in budget in Motion #2 (page 2) of the September 27 Minutes to reflect the fact that a \$40,000 donation is included reducing the total cash commitment from \$101,000 to \$61,505.

Motion 2	Moved by:	Dwight Bennett
	Seconded by:	Magda Kubasiewicz

That an amendment to Motion 2 of September 27 be made showing the detailed breakdown of the approved increase in new building budget.

Motion Carried

Motion 3	Moved by:	Ken Graham
	Seconded by:	Cathy Willoughby

That the minutes of Board of Directors Meeting, #9/07, September 27, 2007, as amended, be approved.

Motion Carried

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

5. **Meetings**

a) **RVCA Upper Advisory Meeting, October 15, 2007**

John Miller presented the discussions at the Upper Advisory Board. The Board may be considering a new meeting day since attendance on Mondays seems to be not good. Business included the preliminary 2008 budget and an update on the Clean Water Program.

b) **RVCA Middle Advisory Meeting, October 17, 2007**

Cathy Willoughby presented the Middle Advisory Board notes. The Agenda was very similar.

c) **Conservation Ontario, October 22, 2007**

Alan and Dell presented the discussions from the Conservation Ontario Council meeting which included a budget increase of \$41,000, the Quinte pesticides discussion (CO will be developing a policy statement), progress on the Source Water Protection program and correspondence from the provincial association of municipal drainage superintendents.

d) **MVC-RV SPA Meeting, October 24, 2007**

Alan reported on the Joint MVC-RV SPA meeting and the complexity of the proceedings as two meetings were held in one room. The Board members profited from the joint discussion. Separate minutes will be produced for each SPA. Thirteen members of the fifteen have been appointed at this time. The final two will be appointed and references checked before the next SPA meeting.

Motion 4 **Moved by:** David Biggs
 Seconded by: Dwight Bennett

That the meeting reports be accepted.

Motion Carried

6. **Accounts Paid, September 1 - 30, 2007**

Directors enquired about several of the cheques listed in the Accounts Paid Report for September.

Motion 5 **Moved by:** David Crowley
Seconded by: Cathy Willoughby

That the Accounts Paid Report be accepted.

Motion Carried

7. **Staff Report – Expenditures and Revenue Summary (9 month review)**

Dell Hallett presented the nine-month picture of Expenditures and Revenues to the end of September in a Staff Report. At this point, we anticipate a surplus of approximately \$104,000 plus the \$400,000 special levy (not yet collected) to the Town of Perth in advance of work on the Haggart Island Dam project whenever provincial money becomes available (possibly in 2008). This surplus reflects an overall approach to managing RVCA finances conservatively in light of uncertainties around the new office construction. The appropriate place for any year end surplus may be the Planning and Regulations and the Infrastructure reserves identified at the August strategy session. No major difficulties are foreseen to December 2007.

Motion 6 **Moved by:** Michael McEwen
Seconded by: John H. Miller

That the Expenditure and Revenue Summary at September 30, 2007 be received.

Motion Carried

8. **Staff Report – RVCA Review and Approval Activity on Watercourses Designated as Municipal Drains**

The Board discussed the current state of municipal drain and drain approvals at some length. It appears that drain activity in the Rideau watershed (especially the development of “new” drain applications) is much greater than among our neighbouring CAs. Consequently, the volume of work is greater and the complexity of applications is increasing. Members asked whether staff would consider making presentations to all municipalities (including councillors and drain superintendents) in an effort to be proactive. This has worked well in the past.

Motion 7 **Moved by:** Ken Graham
Seconded by: Magda Kubasiewicz

That the report and presentation be received for information.

Motion Carried

9. **Staff Report – Petrie Island Recreation Development – City of Ottawa**

Don Maciver presented the Staff Report on Petrie Island Development.

Motion 8 **Moved by:** David Biggs
 Seconded by: Michael McEwen

That the report be received for information.

Motion Carried

10. **Correspondence from Township of Montague**

Directors were sympathetic with the letter received from the member municipality and directed the General Manager to write back explaining the current situation and the diligent work and continuous effort that has gone on in keeping costs under control over the life of the construction project. It was noted that correspondence from member municipalities is a priority.

11. **October Activity Reports** Carried on consent.

12. **Member Inquiries** None.

13. **New Business**

Dell brought forward correspondence from the Municipality of Brockton which was circulated by AMO to all CAs. Rideau Lakes Township has supported the Brockton resolution which aims to remind the Province to pay their eligible share of planning and regulations programs carried out by CAs on their behalf; if the Province fails to pay its share, it should consider restricting the CA mandate to eliminate that portion of the work not funded by Ontario.

It was the consensus of the Board, that the General Manager clarify with their senior staff, exactly what it is that Rideau Lakes supports. The Board clearly agrees with the Province paying their share but is not in general agreement with reducing CA mandate. The General Manager to report back next meeting.

14. **Upcoming Meetings**

- a) A. D. Latornell Conservation Symposium – November 14, 15 & 16, 2007
- b) Board of Directors, Thursday, November 22, 2007, 1:30 pm.

15. **Adjournment** The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:05 pm.

Alan Arbuckle
Chair

Charles Billington
Recording Secretary

C:Board of Directors Minutes October 15 2007 Approved