

presentations and representations at this annual conservation landmark. Consensus was that attendance at the conference continues to be very useful for information, networking and keeping abreast of conservation practices elsewhere.

b) RVC Foundation Meeting, November 19, 2007

Charles reported on the Foundation's interest in generating more money for Authority projects as well as looking at the possibility of becoming a granting agency to other environmental groups. There is an opportunity through the Ontario Trillium Foundation to help develop capacity in the environmental sector and this direction may fit well with their goals. Discussions are ongoing.

c) RVCA New Office Headquarters Committee Meeting, November 22, 2007

Cliff reported that the original construction budget was \$5,600,000. There have been two increases in the budget to date (\$200,000 at the time of the electrical & mechanical tenders and \$150,000 at the time of the landscaping & septic system tenders). Cliff went over a list of extras and changes to the scope of work which will result in a cost overrun in the remaining construction contingency. These items were reviewed by the Office Committee. The Office Committee is recommending an additional increase of \$150,000 to the construction budget. The total budget increase represents a 9% increase over the original construction budget. Cliff reminded the Board that the original construction budget only had a \$160,000 construction contingency (just under 3%).

The original budget forecast, going back to November 2005 when the architect was hired, was projecting a balance (debt to be debentured) of \$5,237,000. While we have had a modest increase in cost, there has also been an increase in the anticipated revenues. The current debt to be debentured at the end of the project is expected to be \$5,000,000.

Motion 2	Moved by:	Cathy Willoughby
	Seconded by:	David Crowley

That the RVCA approve an increase of an additional \$150,000 to the construction budget on the advice of the Office Committee.

Motion Carried

6. Accounts Paid, October 1 - 31, 2007

Carried on consent.

7. **Staff Report – Low Flow Statistics – Hydrologic Frequency Analysis**

Carried on consent.

8. **Staff Report – RVCA 2008 Meeting Schedule**

There was discussion about day versus evening meetings. Recent experience shows that day meetings get lower attendance than evening meetings.

Motion 3 **Moved by:** David Crowley
 Seconded by: John Miller

That the RVCA Draft 2008 Meeting Schedule be approved as presented with the correction that the September Board meeting be in the evening instead of the afternoon as stated.

Motion Carried

9. **Staff Report – Provincial Ground Water Monitoring Program – RVCA Comments on proposed generic MOE – Conservation Authority Agreement**

Carried on consent.

10. **Staff Report – Kemptville Creek Floodplain Mapping – Hydrologic Analysis**

Carried on consent.

11. **Rideau Seniors Centre Request**

The Rideau Seniors Centre has offered to rent and move into the Ayers Building as soon after RVCA staff have vacated the premises as possible. The Board directed staff to investigate the possibility further while keeping in mind the short term nature of the potential rental agreement (month by month) and potential wishes/intentions of future owners (ability of Seniors to move out quickly if required).

12. **Source Water Protection Committee Selection Procedure**

Dell Hallett gave a synopsis of the process used by our joint MVC and RVCA Source Protection Authorities (SPAs) to select and appoint members to the Source Protection Committee as outlined in the *Clean Water Act* regulations. The Board was very satisfied that the SPAs had acted in accordance with the wishes of the Province and had offered the degree of due diligence expected in the engagement of members of the public to direct implementation of our regional Source Water Protection work. The Board fully supports and stands behind the joint SPA process and decisions.

