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MINUTES

Board of Directors **June 28, 2007** **6/07**

Present:

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

Staff:

Charles Billington	Cliff Craig
Jim Ellis	Dell Hallett
Don Maciver	Glen McDonald
Bruce Reid	

Guests: Guy Bourgon, Infrastructure Approvals Branch, City of Ottawa

1. **Declaration of Interest** None.

2. **Consent Agenda**

Motion 1	Moved by:	David Crowley
	Seconded by:	Ken Graham

That Agenda items 3 and 6 be carried on Consent and that item 7A, Riverside South High School, be added to the Agenda.

Motion Carried

3. **Approval of Minutes, May 24, 2007**

That the minutes of Board of Directors Meeting, #5/07, May 24, 2007, be approved.

Carried on consent

4. **Business Arising from Minutes**

Three decisions made at the May Board of Directors under Agenda item 9, required provincial approval to go forward. Since then, provincial approval has been received and peer review work is now underway on the Wellhead Protection Areas and Intake Protection Zones in our Source Protection Region.

5. Meetings

a) RVCA Joint Advisory Board Meeting, June 21, 2007

Alan Arbuckle reported on the very refreshing tour of RVCA Conservation Areas on the border between the Upper and Middle Rideau areas. Hearty congratulations were extended to the many community partners doing cooperative projects on these public lands. Sincere thanks were also extended to Ted Joynt and the Town of Smiths Falls for the tour of the Water Treatment Plant and use of the municipal meeting room above the Youth Arena. Alan also extended appreciation to the winner (Susan O'Brien-MacTaggart and the Bobs and Crow Lakes Association) and the three Honourable Mentions (*Friends of the Rideau*, *Ken Watson*, and the *Leeds Stewardship Council*) in the Foundation's Conservation Award program for 2006, and to the *Friends of Foley Mountain* and *OMYA Canada Inc.* who received special presentations for long term dedication to conservation programs in the Upper Watershed.

b) Conservation Ontario, June 25, 2007

Alan recapped the main highlights of the Conservation Ontario Board meeting including the production of the provincial Flood Forecasting and Warning Manual (with RVCA involvement), discussions about MOE's inadequate fees for Permits to Take Water and the flood of Source Protection actions to be triggered by the July 3 release of the Final Phase I Regulations and promulgation of the *Clean Water Act*.

6. Accounts Paid, May 1 - 31, 2007

That the Accounts Paid, May 1 - 31, 2007 be approved.

Carried on consent

7. June Activity Reports

Directors had several questions about the Low Water Response item including would it be possible to have a visual inspection of tributaries (often good indicators of approaching drought conditions) even in areas without stream gauges; and clarification about funding priorities and procedure for the Funding Request for 2007-2008 for Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure.

Motion 2	Moved by:	Cathy Willoughby
	Seconded by:	Dwight Bennett

That the June Activity Reports be accepted.

Motion Carried

7A. Riverside South High School

Glen McDonald, RVCA Senior Planner, made a Staff Report to the Board which clarified the history of RVCA involvement with this project, the roles of each agency (City of Ottawa, Ottawa Carleton Catholic School Board, federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans), the normal process we follow in fish habitat assessment studies, a verbal report on a meeting of the main stakeholders on site held this afternoon, and background on how the agencies work together to come up with an appropriate assessment and recommendation to the decision-making body.

Directors followed with a thorough and frank discussion of the administrative, scientific and political situation surrounding this particular issue. The key messages coming from the discussion included that this situation is a priority for RVCA resolution (meeting July 9 with technical staff from the agencies to determine the way forward: mitigation of impacts or refer to DFO for their consideration), that RVCA is the local agent applying federal regulations in this watershed on behalf of DFO, that federal regulations provide the framework for fish habitat assessment in Ontario, and that the preferred course of action is to let the normal technical assessment and decision process play out over the coming week.

Motion 3 **Moved by:** Ken Graham
Seconded by: John H. Miller

That the Board of Directors receive, accept and circulate the Staff Report of June 27, 2007 for information to all members and municipalities.

Motion Carried

8. In-Camera – Land Acquisition

Motion 4 **Moved by:** Ken Graham
Seconded by: Cathy Willoughby

That the Board of Directors move in camera.

Motion 5 **Moved by:** Dwight Bennett
Seconded by: David Crowley

That the Board of Directors move out of camera.

Motion Carried

9. Member Inquiries

Directors discussed a recent Hillside Gardens meeting in Manotick regarding water quality testing around Long Island. Could RVCA do this

type of work? Yes providing funding was available to cover costs. MOE also does investigative water quality sampling under the Ontario Water Resources Act.

The Board expressed congratulations to Wendy Stewart and the team promoting the Rideau Canal as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Word that the bid was successful came this week.

Cliff Craig provided an update on progress on the Rideau Valley Conservation Centre (new headquarters building). All construction tenders are now in; landscaping and septic system tenders are being evaluated.

10. New Business

The proposed tour of the Rideau Valley Conservation Centre site may be held around 5:30 pm before the next Board meeting on July 26. Watch your mail for details.

11. Upcoming Meetings

a) RVCA Board of Directors, July 26, 2007

12. Adjournment The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:30 pm.

Alan Arbuckle
Chair

Charles Billington
Recording Secretary

C:Board of Directors Minutes June 28 2007 Approved