

Members asked if any new watershed related issues had been raised through this management plan. No new issues had been raised, water quality, water levels and fisheries still being among the top concerns.

8. Lake Management Planning Program

Lynn Preston gave an update on the Lake Management Planning Program on behalf of Project Manager Sheanna Tinlin.

Lynn gave a brief background of the Trillium funded project and its beginnings. She stated that public information meetings and open houses are still being carried out to gain public interest, give support to volunteer groups and to gain more lakes to participate. Lynn mentioned Lake Links, an annual workshop put on with partner Centre for Sustainable Watersheds. Lake links is a venue for discussion about lake planning issues and community stewardship approaches. Another public support avenue is the Lake Networking group that is headed by Karen Hunt, Chair of the Otty Lake Management Planning Committee. The LMP Program Manager sits on this committee.

The Otty Lake Management Plan, one of the participating lakes in the program is ongoing. Lynn mentioned the great public support and volunteer effort that has contributed to the continuing success of the Otty Lake project process. The State of the Otty Lake Watershed Report is expected to be completed next month. The draft management plan is being currently worked on. Another Public Meeting is being held May 12th. Pike Lake is the next lake to be involved in the program and a Draft State of the Watershed Report will be ready this summer. The program is still looking for a third participating lake.

Lynn Preston discussed the ongoing fundraising being carried out to maintain the program. An application has been prepared and submitted to DFO for \$20,000 towards the project manager's salary over the next year to cover off additional time needed to assist Otty, Pike and other local lakes to complete various stages of the lake planning process.

A second application to TD Friends of the Environment Foundation has been submitted for funding towards printing costs for Pike Lake and other workshop costs for a total of \$4,750.

An annual report will be submitted to Trillium in July prior to the last instalment of \$38,600 of the three year, \$96,000 grant.

Members inquired if the Bob's and Crow Lake Management Plan was included in this program. Clarification was given that Bob's and Crow Lake Management Plan was spearheaded by the community with a private consultant, however, the two projects communicate and share resources throughout the process.

Speaking on the great community work that has gone into the local lake plans, David Crowley announced the Cottage Life "Green Cottage" award that was received by Susan O'Brien-MacTaggart for her exemplary work on the Bob's and Crow Lake Management Plan.

Mention was made of Sheanna Tinlin's maternity leave and that the Lake Management Planning Project Manager position will need to be filled while she is away.

9. Planning and Regulations

Matt Craig gave an update on planning and regulations stating that applications are up 25% from last year, over 40 applications altogether. He suggested that the increase in application numbers may be a result of the late coming winter that permitted landowners to continue construction longer into the season than normal.

Matt Craig mentioned the letter sent out to municipalities from Don Maciver, RVCA Director of Planning and Regulations outlining the new regulations for near shore work and legislation, under the C.A.A Sec. 28. Matt stated that wetland mapping questions were still issues with some municipalities.

Members asked about applications regarding regulation changes around wetlands. Matt confirmed of the 10 applications in the Upper watershed, ½ needed an Environmental Impact Study and that the RVCA continues to work with the legislation to work through applications.

Members asked if the trend of increases in subdivision construction was still ongoing. Matt answered that with the continuing trend of people moving out to these areas, subdivisions will always be in the picture, but apart from the ones being reviewed, there has are no new applications for 2007.

Members noted that planning fees have gone up in the RVCA watershed but have stayed lower in the Quinte and Cataraqui watersheds and asked if there be any effort to be consistent across the districts to help facilitate smoother processing of applications through the township offices.

Dell Hallett noted that only some of RVCA's planning fees have been raised to reflect the cost of processing the requests and that although the fees are different when comparing other conservation authorities, the RVCA board wanted a reduction in overall levies and saw some potential in raising planning fees in order for the program to become more sustainable. The program now sits at 90% cost recovery.

9b. Source Water Protection Information Update

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson informed members that draft Clean Water Act regulations were recently posted for public comment. At the direction of our Source Water Protection Executive Committee staff sent a letter to the clerks of all our member municipalities informing them of two issues in the draft regulations we feel are of significant importance to municipalities.

The issues were outlined in handouts circulated to members (copy attached). The issues are the proposed number of municipal seats on Source Protection Committees (SPC) and the proposed inability of any

SPC member to be a member of a Conservation Authority. The letter asks our member municipalities to consider supporting these concerns by submitting comments to that effect to the EBR.

Members asked if the difference between “at least 1/3” and “1/3” was really that significant since you wouldn’t want to dominate the SPC with municipal representatives. Staff responded that “at least 1/3” was a better reflection of the vast roles and responsibilities municipalities have under the Clean Water Act as opposed to 1/3 which gives them equal weighing with general public members. Members also asked for an update on the status of technical studies so staff indicated which studies were nearing final draft and which were just getting underway. Members were told that all technical studies will undergo public consultation and details on that will be available once the SPC is formed. Any further questions or comments from members, municipalities or the public can be directed to Sommer.

10. Member Inquiries

David Crowley asked about the status of the safety buoys in Perth. Dell Hallett stated that a report was going to the Board this month and that the buoy line would be dealt with as part of the preparation of a Public Safety Measures Plan for the Haggart Island Dam Site. In terms of dam reconstruction, the local funding from the Town of Perth and the RVCA is in place, but we don’t know the status of funding from the province yet.

Dwight Bennett gave a summary from the Middle Board meeting. Andy Jozefowicz, councillor had welcomed board members. Mayor John Conley and Councillor Don Curry had attended the meeting. He mentioned that Alan Arbuckle thanked the advisory boards for their good work and that he wanted to express appreciation of their efforts on behalf of the Board of Directors. Alan Arbuckle repeated the sentiments to the Upper Board. Dwight Bennett stated that similar presentations and updates had been given from staff at the last meeting.

Dell Hallett gave an update on the building, budget, tenders and the RVCA Fundraising Gala April 18th, the event’s purpose was to obtain funds from the Ottawa business community in order to meet LEED environmental construction designation.

John Purdon said that his council was meeting with Hydro One on the issue of spraying herbicides along hydro right of ways and asked RVCA staff for their approach to the subject.

Andrea Klymko stated that one request for herbicide spraying along a shared access road had been brought to the RVCA. In response to the request RVCA gave specific restrictions to the spraying and stated that all residents on the road had to be in agreement with the management approach. The spraying did not move forward and manual trimming was used instead. Dell Hallett mentioned that the forestry department uses spot spraying techniques in large planting projects (not along waterways) but that overall, herbicides were not used in our Conservation Areas.

11. **New Business**

None

12. **Upcoming Meetings**

- a) RVCA Board of Directors, Thursday, April 26, 2007
- b) RVCA Joint Advisory Thursday, June 21, 2007

13. **Adjournment**

Motion 3

Moved by:

David Crowley

That the meeting be adjourned, 3:00 pm.

Motion Carried

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**Chair,
John Miller**

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**Recording Secretary,
Andrea Klymko**

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