



5. **Business Arising from Minutes**

None.

6. **Watershed Stewardship Services Program**

Rudy Dyck made a presentation about the Stewardship Services Program. His presentations are attached.

7. **Rideau Lakes Watershed Plan**

Work continues on the RLWP. We have developed a vision, mission statement, determined goals and objectives, and actions on how to achieve those. We are now working on developing indicators and targets which allow us to determine when we have reached our goals and objectives.

Internal discussions have been great but progress has been slow in developing these. After three internal meetings we are still unsure of some parameters. We have decided to abandon the concept of targets where they are not applicable due to absence of adequate information and data to establish them. We will now focus on identifying the indicators of performance that can be used in the future to establish targets and obtaining enough information on those for setting targets in the review phase of the watershed plan.

External meetings with the public and technical advisory committees have been postponed due to this internal discussion. These will resume in the near future.

Next step in the process will be to identify the management strategies – who will do what, how, when – for the recommended actions and establish priority for action.

The final plan should be completed some time in 2008.

Internal discussions will also occur soon on the effectiveness of the watershed planning program. This may give us new direction for watershed plans in the future.

8. **Lake Management Planning Program**

Lynn Preston made a presentation about the Land Management Planning Program. Her presentation is attached.

9. **RVCA Preliminary Budget 2008**

Dell Hallett presented the Budget Information (see attached). Ken Graham asked if we had the levy breakdown by municipality. We have recently received the current value assessment information. The City of Ottawa's

portion of levy will increase slightly to 90.6%. We will provide the levy breakdown shortly.

**Motion 3**

**Moved by:** David Crowley  
**Seconded by:** John Purdon

That the RVCA 2008 Preliminary Budget be received.

**Motion Carried**

**10. Planning and Regulations**

Matt Craig provided an update on planning and regulations stating that the same number of applications are expected as in previous years (approximately 120 – 130/year). There has been an increase in the number of variances but a decrease in severances. The RVCA has recently participated in an OMB case in Rideau Lakes Township to support the Township's decision and recommendation of the 30 metre setback for re-development. There has been an increase in the number of permits issued. Generally 15 – 20 permits are issued in the upper watershed, to date there are over 30. Approximately 20% are related to development adjacent to wetlands while 50% are related to shoreline works and the remaining permits involve alteration to a waterway or work within the fill or floodplain regulated area. One charge was issued in the upper watershed and a court decision is forthcoming. The number of reported violations has also increased. Matt Craig recommends that the municipalities take advantage of the services of the LandOwner Resource Centre (LRC) in Manotick and direct the public inquiries to the LRC as they provide information related to wetland boundaries and regulations, conservation areas, beaver removal protocols, etc.

**11. RVCA New Office Headquarters**

Dell Hallett showed a few slides of the New Office construction. Progress continues on RVCA's new headquarters. Tendering is completed and all that remains is for some of the sub-trades to finish their work. We expect the building to be substantially completed, and for the Construction Manager to turn the building over to the RVCA, by mid-November. Furniture delivery and installation will happen during the second and third weeks of November. There will also be a two week flush out of the building to clear the air of any off-gassing from carpets, blinds, furniture, etc. Plans are also in order regarding telephone service, internet connection, IT cabling, and a security system.

We anticipate moving existing furniture, files, telephones, computers, etc. from our buildings in Manotick during the weekend of December 7, 8, & 9. Staff will move into the building on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Preliminary discussions regarding an official opening involve combining the opening with our Joint Advisory Board Meeting on February 28, 2008. More information on this will follow as the plans get firmed up.

The fundraising effort led by the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation has been very successful. The Foundation raised close to \$250,000 (cash and in-kind donations) which will help ensure LEED Certification of our new office building. Our original mandate was Silver Level Certification and we have been told there is a good chance we will achieve Gold Level Certification. The outcome should be known in time for the official opening.

**12. Member Inquiries**

An inquiry was made regarding Foley Mountain. Rebecca responded that there was a spring program offered to school groups and youth groups from May 9 to June 22. Approximately 1100 students, 60 teachers and 250 supervising adults participated. The summer program focused on family groups and the park was extremely busy. The Interpretive Centre was open Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

John Miller asked for a resolution to receive all the staff reports provided.

David Crowley asked for an update on Source Water Protection activities. The Mississippi and Rideau SPAs are in the process of interviewing for membership on the Source Protection Committee.

<b>Motion 4</b>	<b>Moved by:</b>	David Crowley
	<b>Seconded by:</b>	John Purdon

That the staff reports be received.

**Motion Carried**

**13. New Business**

None

**14. Upcoming Meetings**

- a) Joint MVC and RVCA Source Protection Authority, Wednesday, October 24, 2007
- b) RVCA Board of Directors, Thursday, October 25, 2007

**15. Adjournment**

<b>Motion 5</b>	<b>Moved by:</b>	<b>John Purdon</b>
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That the meeting be adjourned.

**Motion Carried**

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**Chair,**  
**John H. Miller**

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**Recording Secretary,**  
**Dell Hallett**