

RIDEAU VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
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MINUTES

Board of Directors

May 22, 2008

5/08

Present:	Alan Arbuckle David Crowley Michael McEwen John H. Miller	Dwight Bennett Steve Desroches Clive Doucet Cathy Willoughby
Staff:	Dell Hallett Bruce Reid	Jennifer Lamoureux Sommer Casgrain- Robertson
Regrets:	Glenn Brooks Maria McRae	Ken Graham
Guests:	Janet Stavinga	Steven Challoner

Prior to the meeting, the RVCA Board of Directors and RVCA staff met by the Rideau Valley Conservation Centre stormwater pond, where a maple tree was planted in memory of Ollie Stirajs, former RVCA General Manager, from 1973 to 1989, who passed away in December 2007. A picture and some memorabilia will be forwarded to the family.

Al Arbuckle welcomed new member Clive Doucet to the Board of Directors.

1. Declaration of Interest

None.

2. Consent Agenda

Motion 1	Moved by:	David Crowley
	Seconded by:	John H. Miller

That agenda items 3, 6 and 10 be approved.

Motion Carried

3. Approval of Minutes, April 24, 2008

Approved on consent.

4. **Business Arising from Minutes**

Dwight Bennett asked about the Boardroom hum. Dell Hallett responded that the ductwork will be insulated.

5. **Meetings**

a) Conservation Ontario Council Meeting, April 28, 2008

Al Arbuckle summarized the meeting. Highlights included a new slate of Directors. Dick Hibma was returned as Chair. Orientation for new members and discussion about Conservation Ontario structure took place. A motion was also passed confirming that the Mississippi and Rideau CAs will be hosting the 2010 Biennial Tour.

6. **Accounts Paid, April 1 - 30, 2008**

Approved under consent.

7. **Staff Report – Hearts Desire Weir**

Bruce Reid made a presentation regarding the Hearts Desire Weir. Steven Challoner, a resident of the Hearts Desire Community also made a presentation highlighting a few concerns. He felt that it was premature for the RVCA to establish a policy for decommissioning the weir, in the absence of further scientific study and rehabilitation plans.

Motion 2	Moved by:	Steve Desroches
	Seconded by:	Clive Doucet

That the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority will not permanently remove the Hearts Desire Weir until such time as a full review is undertaken and that a restoration plan and budget has been approved by the Board; and

Further that the RVCA apply resources, starting in 2008, to the preparation of a possible decommissioning plan, in consultation with directly affected public and private landowners along the affected river reach, and regulatory agencies; and

That the RVCA apply for Provincial funding through the Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure Program, in fiscal 2008-2009, to support the preparation of a possible decommissioning plan; and

That the RVCA adopt as its *interim policy* (to be in effect until such time as a decommissioning plan has been finalized to the satisfaction of directly affected landowners, regulatory agencies, and the RVCA), the continued annual installation and removal of the Hearts Desire weir, provided that attention and due diligence

shall be applied to the additional requirements associated with “Policy Option 1”, as set out in the staff report herein.

Motion Carried

8. **Water & Erosion Control Infrastructure Program
2008-2009 Grant Requests Submitted**

Motion 3 **Moved by:** John H. Miller
 Seconded by: Cathy Willoughby

That this report be received for information purposes.

Motion Carried

9. **Staff Report – Insurance Premiums for 2008/2009 Term**

Dwight Bennett pointed out a mistake in the percentage increase column.

Motion 4 **Moved by:** Dwight Bennett
 Seconded by: John H. Miller

That the RVCA Board of Directors authorize payment of the premium for the 2008\2009 policy year as set by our insurance brokers, AON Reed Stenhouse in the amount of \$83,979. (before tax).

Motion Carried

10. **May Activity Reports**

Approved under consent.

11. **In-Camera**

Motion 5 **Moved by:** Michael McEwen
 Seconded by: David Crowley

That the RVCA Board of Directors move in camera.

Motion Carried

Motion 6 **Moved by:** Dwight Bennett
 Seconded by: David Crowley

That the RVCA Board of Directors move out of camera.

Motion Carried

12. Member Inquiries

Cathy Willoughby asked about progress towards the Middle Rideau Watershed Plan. Dell Hallett told her that it is currently on hold and that staff is undertaking a review of the current Watershed Planning Process, with the view to making the process and plans more relevant to all stakeholders.

13. New Business

Steve Desroches mentioned that there will be a road closure along Prince of Wales Drive during the first weekend of July. This will cut off access to the RVCA Conservation Centre.

14. Upcoming Meetings

a) RVCA Joint Advisory Board Meeting, June 19, 2008

Al Arbuckle mentioned that the meeting will be held at Foley Mountain.

b) RVCA Board of Directors June 26, 2008

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by David Crowley.

Alan Arbuckle
Chair

Dell Hallett
Recording Secretary

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