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MINUTES

**Joint Rideau Valley
Conservation Authority
Advisory Board Meeting**

February 28, 2008

#1/08

Present: Alan Arbuckle Dwight Bennett
David Biggs John Campbell
David Crowley Rob Dunfield
Ken Graham Andy Jozefowicz
Magda Kubasiewicz Larry O'Grady
Michael McEwen Maria McRae
John H. Miller Estella Rose
Cathy Willoughby

Regrets: Chris Babcock Glenn Brooks
Steve Desroches John Purdon
Bradley Wing Adrian Wynands
Larry York

Staff: Dell Hallett Don Maciver
Bruce Reid Joan Sherwood

Prior to the Joint Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Advisory Board General Annual Meeting, the Board Members and RVCA staff attended the Official Opening of the Rideau Valley Conservation Centre with speeches, unveilings and a gala reception for over 200 distinguished municipal and environmental guests.

Special thanks were extended to the Mayor, Councillors and Staff of the City of Ottawa and all participating municipalities who showed leadership and commitment to this watershed project.

1. Declaration of Interest

None

2. Consent Agenda

Motion 1 **Moved by:** David Crowley
 Seconded by: Michael McEwen

That Agenda item #3, Approval of Minutes, Meeting June 21,2007, be approved by mutual consent of the Board.

Motion Carried

3. **Approval of Minutes, Meeting , June 21, 2007**

Approved on Consent.

4. **Introductions**

Alan Arbuckle, Chair, asked the members and staff to introduce themselves.

5. **Chair's Remarks**

Alan Arbuckle, Chair welcomed RVCA members and staff to the 2008 RVCA Annual Meeting held at the new office headquarters Rideau Valley Conservation Centre following the Official Opening.

6. **RVCA Publications**

a) Annual Rideau Valley Watershed Checkup 2007

The Annual Rideau Valley Watershed Checkup 2007 was circulated to the members. Chair Alan Arbuckle compared the 2007 issue to the 2006 issue and recommended to staff, that future issues could present more "on future trends". It will be distributed to our local municipalities.

b) RVCA 2007 Annual Report – not available at the present time.

Motion 2

Moved by:

Seconded by:

That, the Annual Rideau Valley Watershed Checkup 2007 be received.

Motion Carried

7. **RVCA 2007 Financial Statements**

Dell Hallett, General Manager/Secretary Treasurer, presented the RVCA 2007 Financial Statements prepared by Allan and Partners. It was a difficult year for preparation of the statements with the financial issues of the new office headquarters. Dell reviewed the contents of the Auditor's Report for the members covering Financial Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balances, Cash Flow and Notes to the Financial Statements and clarified some entries for members. Discussion took place on the current structure of the RVCA sick leave policy, request in future for more information reflecting the RVCA capital assets, funding for Source Water Protection, cost recovery on the City of Ottawa Ice Management and Capital Reserves. A member was concerned with the delay in receiving the financial statements for their review, and staff were asked whether the

February meeting is premature.

Motion 3 **Moved by:** Maria McRae
 Seconded by: Michael McEwen

That the 2007 Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Financial Statements dated December 31, 2007 be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

8. 2008 Budget and Municipal Levy

Dell Hallett presented the 2008 Budget and Municipal Levy information previously provided to the members and their municipalities.

Motion 4 **Moved by:** Maria McRae
 Seconded by: David Biggs

That the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority approve the attached 2007 Budget in the amount of \$8,381,000 (dated November 29, 2007); and

that the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority establish a general municipal levy of \$3,865,500; and

that this levy be apportioned to the participating municipalities according to the attached sheet entitled "Rideau Valley Conservation Authority 2008 General Levies" (dated November 29, 2007); and further

that the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority establish special levies to the city of Ottawa as follows:

- X \$415,000 - Rideau River Ice Management
- X \$400,000 - Britannia Village Flood Protection
- X \$20,000 - Children's Water Festival
- X \$90,000 - Green Acres Tree-planting Program

(A recorded vote of all Board of Director members was requested and carried out.)

Those in favour: Alan Arbuckle, Dwight Bennett, David Biggs, David Crowley, Ken Graham, Magda Kubasiewicz, Michael McEwen, Maria McRae, John H. Miller and Cathy Willoughby.

Those against: None

Absent: Glenn Brooks and Steve Desroches

Motion Carried

Maria McRae thanked Dell Hallett for the review of the RVCA 2008 Budget and Municipal Levy information provided.

9. **Member Inquiries**

10. **New Business**

11. **Upcoming Meetings**

(a) RVC Foundation, 7 pm, Monday, March 17, 2008

(b) RVCA Board of Directors, 1:30 pm, Thursday, March 27, 2008

12. **Adjournment** 7:15 pm moved by Magda Kubasiewicz

Alan Arbuckle
Chair

Joan Sherwood
Recording Secretary

C:Joint Advisory Board Meeting Minutes February 28 2008 Approved