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**APPROVED MINUTES**

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

**October 21, 2008**

**#3/08**

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**Present:** Dwight Bennett (North Grenville)  
John Campbell (Beckwith)  
Ken Graham (Smiths Falls)  
Andy Jozefowicz (Athens)  
Larry O'Grady (Montague)  
Estella Rose (North Dundas)  
Cathy Willoughby (Merrickville-Wolford)  
Adrian Wynands (Augusta)

Alan Arbuckle Chair (representing the City of Ottawa)  
David Crowley (Perth) (representing the Upper RVCA  
Advisory Board)

**Staff:** Dell Hallett, Don Maciver, Lynn Preston

**Regrets:** Chris Babcock (Elizabethtown-Kitley)

**1. Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Cathy Willoughby, Chair and Ken Graham welcomed the members and staff to the meeting held in the Smiths Falls Town Hall.

**2. Declaration of Interest**

None declared.

**3. Adoption of the Agenda**

A revised Agenda was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

<b>Motion 1</b>	<b>Moved by:</b>	Estella Rose
	<b>Seconded by:</b>	Andy Jozefowicz

That the Middle RVCA Advisory Board Agenda (Revised), Wednesday October 21, 2008, be adopted as presented.

**Motion Carried**

**4. Approval of Minutes - Meeting , April 16, 2008**

<b>Motion 2</b>	<b>Moved by:</b>	Estella Rose
	<b>Seconded by:</b>	Ken Graham

That the minutes of the RVCA Middle Advisory Board Meeting #2/08, April 16, 2008, be approved as printed and distributed.

**Motion Carried**

**5. Business Arising from Minutes**

Ken questioned the status of the Montague school project. Larry O'Grady reported that he had spoken with RVCA staff and were in the process of putting a plan in place. Larry agreed to update the board regularly on this project.

**6. RVCA Input into Municipal Drain Program**

Don Maciver reported on the RVCA's involvement in drainage under the Drainage Act. He reported that staff, in partnership with municipal drainage staff, has evaluated and classified (for habitat potential) about 90% of the municipal drains in our watershed; less than 5% may be considered "sensitive" from a fish habitat perspective. The RVCA reviews maintenance projects on existing drains and provides comments to the drainage superintendents in a timely manner because the evaluation and classification has been done. Normal turnarounds are in the 10 day range. The majority of drainage works in the watershed are occurring in the City of Ottawa and certain issues are arising, not from drain maintenance, but rather from the perspective of the Drainage Act being used to facilitate alterations to existing natural watercourses. Agricultural matters are not necessarily the primary interest in several of these areas. Because of the conservation authority's statutory obligations associated with administration of our Section 28 CA Act regulations, the CA has an obligation to review these applications from the perspective of impacts on the control of flooding, erosion, pollution and the conservation of land which would include consideration for impacts on fish habitat on other matters related to hydrologic and ecological impact of the works on provincially significant wetlands. Proposals on Paden Road, in the upper end of Flowing Creek (Goulbourn Township) as well as outside Manotick (David Adams) and on the Beckwith/ Goulbourn boundary were specifically referenced.

It was also indicated that since the Middle Board last met, the CA has hosted a well attended Fisheries Information Day (May 31<sup>st</sup>), as well as participated in a discussion session with local landowners organized by MPP Lisa MacLeod (July 17). The importance of such exchanges and the opportunity for dialogue such meetings present can not be over estimated and they should be held routinely.

Don further reported that he is a member of a provincial committee (the Drainage Action Review Team) to address procedures and practices for drainage works from the perspective of Conservation Authorities Act requirements. Key purposes of the group include development of a consistent approach and technical direction with regard to municipal drainage review for permissions under the Regulations; to initiate and organize, as required, training and education; to develop a communications protocol, tools and materials and finally to develop recommendations for the potential formation of a Drainage Issues Auditing Team.





Alan Arbuckle stated his pleasure that these lake associations attended the meeting and showed their support for the efforts of staff and the organization. He stated it was a compliment to the authority that the CA's work is well received. Dell stated that the day represented the good working relationship staff has with external stakeholders.

**Motion 5**

**Moved by:**  
**Seconded by:**

Ken Graham  
Estella Rose

That the report be received.

**Motion Carried**

**10. Member Inquiries**

None

**11. New Business**

None

**12. Upcoming Meetings**

- a) Tri-Valley Conservation Award Gala, Wednesday, October 22, 2008, 7 pm, in the Monterey Room, Rideau Valley Conservation Centre
- b) RVCA Board of Directors, Thursday, October 23, 2008, Noon at the Baxter Conservation Area includes the Official Expansion Celebration, lunch and meeting at 1:30 pm
- c) RVCA Board of Directors, Thursday, November 27, 2008, 1:30 pm, in the Monterey Room, Rideau Valley Conservation Centre (lunch at 12:30 pm)

**13. Adjournment**

**Motion 6**

**Moved by:**

Adrian Wynands

That the meeting be adjourned, 9:25 p.m.

**Motion Carried**

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**Cathy Willoughby**  
**Chair**

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**Lynn Preston**  
**Recording Secretary**