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DRAFT MINUTES
(to be approved at next meeting)

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

April 21, 2008

#2/08

Present: David Crowley (Perth)
Rob Dunfield (Rideau Lakes)
John H. Miller (Tay Valley)
Michael McEwen (Drummond/North Elmsley)
Bradley Wing (Westport)
Ken Graham (Smiths Falls representing the Middle RVCA
Advisory Board)
Magda Kubasiewicz (representing the City of Ottawa)
Alan Arbuckle (representing the City of Ottawa)

Staff: Jamie Saunders Matt Craig
Jim Ellis Jennifer Lamoureux
Andrea Klymko

Regrets: John Purden (Central Frontenac)
Larry York (South Frontenac)

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

John H. Miller, Chair welcomed the members and staff to the meeting held at the Provincial Court Room, Perth Town Hall.

2. Declaration of Interest

None declared.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion 1 **Moved by:** David Crowley
Seconded by: Ken Graham

That the Upper RVCA Advisory Board Agenda, Monday, April 21, 2008, be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried

4. Approval of Minutes - Meeting, January 21, 2008

Motion 2 **Moved by:** Michael McEwen
Seconded by: Bradley Wing

That the minutes of the RVCA Upper Advisory Board Meeting #1/08, January 21, 2008, be approved as printed and distributed.

Motion Carried

5. **Business Arising from Minutes**

None

6. **Meisel Woods Conservation Area**

Jim Ellis notified the board members that Charles Billington will be providing a media release in regard to the completion of the walking trail and bridge. The next upper board meeting will follow the opening ceremony at the Crow Lake school on Saturday, October 18, 2008.

7. **Eastern Conservation Authorities Fish and Fish Habitat Review Guidelines Draft 2008**

Jennifer Lamoureux presented the standards and guidelines for Fish and Fish Habitat Review which has been developed by the five eastern Conservation Authorities. The standards will ensure consistency of technical requirements across watersheds. She also explained the role of the CA in regard to fisheries review. Examples over the past year were provided to demonstrate the requirements for these standards.

8. **Septic Re-inspection**

Jamie Saunders presented an update on the re-inspection program in Tay Valley, Rideau Lakes and North Frontenac Townships. The main focus of the program is to protect potable water and the aquatic environment. A large component of the program is working with property owners, identifying operational deficiencies of septic systems, and identifying high risk areas. Questionnaires are sent out to landowners and once received the inspector contacts the landowner for a site visit. It is important to note that the program is voluntary. The program appears to be successful as 40 – 50% of responses identify some sort of maintenance issue.

9. **Planning Activities**

Matt Craig provided a summary of planning activities in the Upper watershed. To date the number of planning applications is about average compared to past years. There are two subdivisions being reviewed in Lanark County and a number of larger commercial and retail site plan reviews have been completed. The RVCA has recently appealed a consent application in Rideau Lakes in partnership with the Municipality in regard to a frontage issue on a waterfront lot.

10. **Lake Management Plan**

Andrea Klymko explained that over the past 2 years, the Lake Management Planning Program (LMPP) has been successfully providing lake management planning information and guidance to all interested lake groups in the Tay Valley Township and the Tay River Watershed, the Program has in the past year has created information packages informing local lake groups of the benefits and methodology of LMPs, organized two workshops, provided customized LMP training to 3 core lakes, assisted in the creation of a State of the Lake Report and a Lake Management Plan and provided limited guidance to 43 lake associations

