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APPROVED MINUTES

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

October 18, 2008

#3/08

Present: Alan Arbuckle (City of Ottawa)
David Crowley (Perth)
John H. Miller (Tay Valley)
Michael McEwen (Drummond/North Elmsley)
Larry York (South Frontenac)
Dwight Bennett (North Grenville representing the Middle RVCA
Advisory Board)

Staff: Dell Hallett Bruce Reid Lynn Preston
Kristy Giles Andrea Klymko

Regrets: Rob Dunfield (Rideau Lakes)
John Purden (Central Frontenac)
Bradley Wing (Westport)

Guests: Karen Hunt, Lake Networking Group and Otty Lake Association
Eileen and Ed Barbeau, Little Silver and Rainbow Lake
Eugenia Flett, Farren Lake Property Owners' Association
Susan O'Brien Mactaggart, Bobs and Crow Lake Association
Marcia Maxwell, Otter Lake Association
Betty McNichol and Mike Selig, Black Lake Association
Dale and Bart Poulter, Pike Lake Community Association
David Reesor, Otty Lake Association
Kathleen White, Eagle Lake Property Owners' Association

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

John H. Miller, Chair welcomed the members, staff and delegation to the meeting held at the Crow Lake School House, Crow Lake Village.

2. Declaration of Interest

None declared.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Item under New Business be added: Staff Report: Haggart Island Dam

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

That the Upper RVCA Advisory Board Agenda, Saturday, October 18, 2008, be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried

4. **Approval of Minutes - Meeting , April 21, 2008**

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Moved by:
Seconded by:

David Crowley
Alan Arbuckle

That the minutes of the RVCA Upper Advisory Board Meeting #2/08, April 21, 2008, be approved as printed and distributed.

Motion Carried

5. **Business Arising from Minutes**

None declared.

6. **Lake Management Planning Program Delegation**

Karen Hunt, representing the Lake Networking Group, (11 reps and 9 letters of support) spoke seeking continued support for the Lake Management Planning Program (LMPP) and seeking support for implementation of lake plans. Mrs. Hunt stated that a many lake groups throughout the watershed have greatly benefited from the resources and assistance provided by RVCA staff and the LMPP.

Trillium funding for the LMPP has ended and lake groups currently in the process of developing their lake plans request that support through the LMPP be continued. For lake groups with completed plans, focus has turned to implementation of the recommendations - primarily stewardship and education through stewardship outreach programs, development of education messages. Lakes requested this effort be supported through the continued collaborative efforts of lake associations, the RVCA, municipalities and other stakeholders.

Individuals spoke in support of the LMPP recognizing it as an effective tool in helping their communities identify appropriate stewardship and land use policies that can protect the long-term health of their lakes, and increasing the public's understanding of their lake, its watershed area and the lake's issues. The LMPP has been successful in increasing communication, education, and volunteer efforts on their lake. The delegation noted that, through lake planning, great momentum and interest has been built in the lake community which has placed more focus on partnerships and the long term protection of lakes throughout the watershed. The delegation stated continued support from the LMPP in both lake planning development and implementation support is needed to maintain the momentum currently built in the community.

Staff reported the RVCA has offered a 1/2 person year to provide assistance to lakes undergoing the lake management planning process to develop a State of the Lake Report, Lake Management Plan, and offer guidance throughout the process.

Currently 10 lakes are in the process of developing lake plans and awaiting the assistance of the program. 2 lakes are ready for

8. Planning and Regulations

Dell Hallett provided a summary of planning activities in the Upper Watershed. To date, 130 applications have been received, which, compared to past year, is above average. Currently, there are five subdivisions under review: two in Drummond North Elmsley (both back lots to Otty Lake), one in Tay Valley (on Big Rideau), one in Rideau Lakes near Smiths Falls and one in Central Frontenac (Eagle Lake - island).

The RVCA has participated in two Ontario Municipal Board cases in Rideau Lakes. Both cases were won. The RVCA covers the OMB costs for both legal advice and staff time, however, costs were awarded on one file.

Twenty-one regulation applications have been received to date, which is about average. Two violation notices were given. Both appear to be resolved. Draft Regulation mapping being completed for pilot lakes in the watershed.

Official Plan review is underway in Drummond North Elmsley; starting in South Frontenac, and has been completed in Central Frontenac and Tay Valley. Staff continues to participate in lake planning plans and the Rideau Waterfront Development Review Team as well as working with neighbouring CA's and Parks Canada in an effort to keep review processes efficient.

9. RVCA 2009 Preliminary Budget

Dell Hallett presented the preliminary budget to the Advisory Board. As part of the annual Strategic Planning effort with the Board of Directors, the Management Committee's focus will be placed on relationship building with our key stakeholders: municipal councils, shoreline landowners and the agricultural community.

Budget approaches for 2009 will recognize COLA and minor increases in program expenditures to reflect higher than anticipated cost of operation of the head office and other program pressures. Costs of building maintenance were \$35, 000 more than expected in 2008.

The 2009 Preliminary Budget is \$8,793,000, an increase from the 2008 budget of approximately 5%. In terms of revenue, provincial funding is expected to increase to \$1,122,000 (15%), due to Source water Protection funding. Special levies will increase to \$1,065,000 (15%), due to work anticipated at the Haggart Island Dams in Perth, and the Ice Management Program and Britannia Bay Flood Protection Project in Ottawa. The municipal levy will be \$4,081,000 or a 5.6% increase over 2008. The following is a list of budget pressures, with corresponding percentage increase in levy:

COLA	3%
Building expenses	1%
Relationship building	.3%
Expected loss of planning fees	1.3%
Total	5.6%

11. Member Inquiries

None.

12. New Business

None.

13. Upcoming Meetings

- a) RVCA Middle Advisory Board Meeting, Tuesday, October 21, 2008, Smiths Falls Town Hall
- b) Tri-Valley Conservation Awards Gala, Wednesday, October 22, 2008, Monterey Room, Rideau Valley Conservation Centre, Manotick
- c) Lake Links Workshop, October 25th, Perth Lions Hall
- d) RVCA Board of Directors, Thursday, October 23, 2008, Baxter Conservation Area
- e) RVCA Board of Directors, Thursday, November 27, 2008, Monterey Room, Rideau Valley Conservation Centre, Manotick

14. Adjournment

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Moved by:

John H. Miller

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried

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John H. Miller
Chair

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Andrea Klymko
Recording Secretary