



A NEWSLETTER FOR MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS
February 2008

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2008 Budget and Municipal Levy

The RVCA 2008 budget was approved by the Joint Advisory Board members at their February 28 meeting in the Rideau Valley Conservation Centre. General Manager Dell Hallett presented the details of the budget in the amount of \$8,381,000. The 2008 general municipal levy of \$3,865,000 was also approved by the members.

The apportionment of the municipal levy portion was presented to participating municipalities on the "Rideau Valley Conservation Authority 2008 General Levies" sheet distributed to municipalities in December and can be seen on the next page.

2007 Financial Statement

The Financial Statement for the RVCA shows an overall deficit of \$213,711 for 2007. This deficit is primarily due to the cost of building construction and the fact that the money for the sale of buildings on Dickinson Square will be received in 2008. The Dickinson Square money will go

to paying down the debenture for the new building. The debenture will be \$600,000 less than originally anticipated. In addition, the small reserves projects and vehicles will stay where they should be. Overall RVCA finances are in good shape.

Watershed Checkup 2007

One of the key RVCA services is to provide up-to-date, science-based information on the watershed and how it works for decision-makers at all levels (individual, family, municipal, county, provincial). The brand new Annual Rideau Valley Watershed Checkup for 2007 is hot off the press and full of important facts and figures about our local river system.

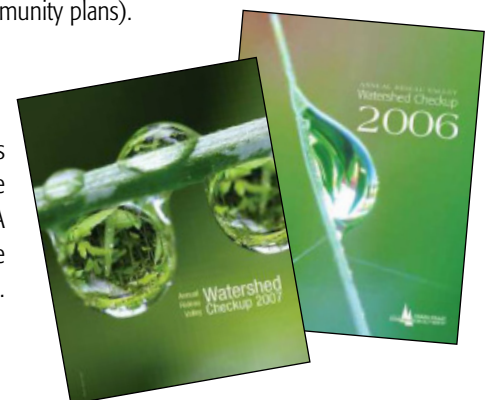
The 2006 Checkup was all about

- Water Quality (biology and chemistry)
- Water Quantity (also known as our Water Budget)
- Forest Cover (and how it has changed over 50 years)
- Watershed Planning (systematic improvements based on community plans).

Each annual edition is meant to give an update on conditions and trends in four areas of environmental interest. In 2007, the Checkup talks about

- Reforestation (since 1970, by municipality)
- Wetlands (area of wetland by subwatershed)
- Flood Risk Mapping (what parts of the watershed are mapped)
- Municipal Drains (how and why our 410 drains are important).

Both Checkups are available on the RVCA website (www.rvca.ca).



Official Opening of Rideau Valley Conservation Centre

Chair Alan Arbuckle hosted the Official Opening of the new building on February 28. A huge crowd of over 200 well-wishers and colleagues joined Alan, Deputy-Mayor Glenn Brooks (City of Ottawa), Mayor Doug Struthers (Merrickville-Wolford) and architect Christopher

Simmonds to unveil the bronze plaque commemorating the event. Displays, networking among the municipal and environmental people, guided tours and excellent catering by the Monterey Inn Resort rounded out the celebration.



Monterey Boardroom

The new main boardroom in the Rideau Valley Conservation Centre will be known as the "Monterey Boardroom" in honour of the Monterey Inn Resort's large and continuing investment in the local environment, especially the Rideau River. Monterey was Canada's first carbon neutral private company in 2004 and has since won several national and international environmental awards in the hospitality industry. RVCA is proud to be associated with this leading edge business group.

Rideau Valley Conservation Authority 2008 General Levies

– Based on CVA (modified) November 29, 2007

RVCA Participating Municipality	CVA (modified) in watershed for 2007	CVA (modified) in Watershed for 2008	2007 Levy Apportionment	2008 Levy Apportionment	2007 Levy	2008 Levy	Difference 2007 - 2008
South Frontenac	225,494,617	230,381,059	0.3859	0.3864	14,146.73	14,935.05	788.32
Central Frontenac	111,451,739	112,386,592	0.1907	0.1885	6,992.09	7,285.75	293.66
Tay Valley	492,749,055	500,246,233	0.8432	0.8391	30,913.32	32,429.75	1,516.43
Beckwith	352,996,707	354,291,365	0.6040	0.5943	22,145.69	22,967.85	822.16
Drummond/North Elmsley	437,956,651	448,530,986	0.7494	0.7524	27,475.84	29,077.16	1,601.33
Montague	224,501,585	232,123,220	0.3842	0.3894	14,084.43	15,047.99	963.56
Perth	600,170,642	611,781,468	1.0270	1.0262	37,652.57	39,660.31	2,007.74
Smiths Falls	650,736,706	653,182,166	1.1135	1.0956	40,824.90	42,344.22	1,519.31
Augusta	109,932,697	110,535,876	0.1881	0.1854	6,896.79	7,165.77	268.99
Elizabethtown - Kitley	466,486,861	472,144,582	0.7982	0.7920	29,265.72	30,607.99	1,342.26
Merrickville-Wolford	235,531,314	239,370,165	0.4030	0.4015	14,776.40	15,517.79	741.39
North Grenville	791,913,438	817,278,340	1.3551	1.3709	49,681.83	52,982.17	3,300.34
Athens	8,370,752	8,433,212	0.0143	0.0141	875.00	900.00	25.00
Rideau Lakes	683,226,463	693,847,721	1.1691	1.1639	42,863.20	44,980.46	2,117.27
Westport	71,493,757	71,277,115	0.1223	0.1196	4,485.26	4,620.72	135.46
Ottawa	52,925,119,464	54,007,541,586	90.5639	90.5919	3,320,333.58	3,501,177.92	180,844.35
Clarence-Rockland	43,222,907	44,719,992	0.0740	0.0750	2,711.65	2,899.09	187.44
North Dundas	8,178,96	8,245,739	0.0140	0.0138	675.00	900.00	25.00
Total	58,439,533,251	59,616,317,417	100.00	100.00	3,657,000	3,865,500	198,500

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