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APPROVED MINUTES

Board of Directors

December 17, 2009

11/09

Present:

Alan Arbuckle	Glenn Brooks
David Crowley	Steve Desroches
Ken Graham	Ed Hand
Andy Jozefowicz	Michael McEwen
John H. Miller	

Staff:

Ferdous Ahmed	Charles Billington
Jocelyn Chandler	Rudy Dyck
Kristy Giles	Dell Hallett
Ewan Hardie	Don Maciver
Glen McDonald	Bruce Reid
Stephanie Schreiner	Hal Stimson

Regrets:

Clive Doucet	Maria McRae
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Also Present:

Brian Finch Friends of the Jock River re: Jock River Photo Contest and Item 12 – amendments to Regulation Limits mapping

Paul Frigon AECOM Ltd, re: Item 6 – Van Gaal Drain Flood Plain mapping
Stephen Pichette DSEL, re: Item 6 – Van Gaal Drain Flood Plain mapping
Mattamy Homes, re: Item 6 - Van Gaal Drain Flood Plain mapping

Jason Kelly and Monterey Inn Resort, re: recognition
Doris Kwok

Larry O'Grady Member for Montague Township

Others:

Tina Allison	Brian Arbuckle
Frank Cairo	Darlene Conway
John Curry	Graham Green
Rose Kung	Gisele Moore
Peter Moore	Susan Murphy
Robert Ralph	Charles Rousseau
Ed Schouten	

Presentation to a Respected Partner in Conservation

General discussion followed including the following points: the effect of the new berms on the proposed flood line; the legality of the new berms; the potential loss of storage capacity behind the new berms, the interest of adjacent upstream and downstream landowners; and the development status of the land behind the new berms assuming they are legal and durable. Paul Frigon and Steve Pichette, representing Mattamy Homes, addressed the Board with concerns on four points related to the “conservative” nature of the flow modeling. They request further discussions with RVCA staff before a final decision is made. The Board also heard from Gisele Moore, Secretary of the Richmond Village Plan Steering Committee who said that the Committee is anticipating flood maps with the berms in place; and from Tina Allison, downstream landowner, who shared her fears about loss of property value if new flood maps are approved as shown.

Motion 2 **Moved by:** Ken Graham
 Seconded by: David Crowley

That the Board of Directors sees merit in waiting to approve the final flood plain maps for the Van Gaal Drain and therefore postpones the decision to the January 2010 Board meeting giving the staff and proponent engineers a further chance to review and come to agreement on the methodology.

Motion Carried

7. Meetings

- a) Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee, Thursday, December 3, 2009

Alan Arbuckle gave a brief summary of the meeting. Minutes have been distributed.

- b) Conservation Ontario Council Meeting, Monday, December 7, 2009

The Conservation Ontario budget was voted down for a second time and staff have been sent back to the revise it for another vote in 2010.

8. Accounts Paid, November 1 – 30, 2009

The Accounts Paid, November 1 – 30, 2009, are approved on consent.

9. Staff Report – RVCA 2010 Meeting Schedule

RVCA 2010 Meeting Schedule approved on consent.

10. Staff Report – 2010 Budget and Levy Apportionment

Dell Hallett explained the key budget pressures facing RVCA in 2010 which include a higher than expected debenture rate for the new building, the loss of interest earnings on investments in 2009, the external salary comparisons indicating slightly below market compensation, and the MPAC

reassessment which CAs are obliged to apply immediately. Lengthy discussion followed.

Motion 3 **Moved by:** John Miller
 Seconded by: Michael McEwen

That the 2010 RVCA Budget and Levy Apportionment Sheet (both dated December 9, 2009) be received by the Board of Directors and circulated to RVCA member municipalities for their consideration

Motion Carried

11. Staff Report – PLF 1-10 Hand Plant Contract

The motion included in the staff report to secure the services of Michael A Hayes Consulting to perform the Hand Plant contract for 2010 and 2011 was approved on consent.

12. Staff Report – Update to regulation limits mapping referred to in Section 12, Ontario Regulation 174/06 : “Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses” regulation under S. 28 of the CA Act

Significant work, both internal and external to RVCA, has been undertaken to enable updates to slightly more than one third of the 254 map sheets which form schedules to the areas regulated by RVCA pursuant to Ontario Regulation 174/06; some 102 of maps are proposed for amendment. Changes included wetland boundary alterations and additions, new flood hazard mapping and associated adjustments to regulation limits which improve RVCA conformity with provincial standards as well as compliment local municipal policies.

Discussion followed on the unfinished business of the Van Gaal Drain as well as the perception of potential conflict with the City of Ottawa’s Special Study Areas for the Goulbourn wetland complex (“Flewellyn Special Study Area”).

Don Maciver gave a prepared presentation on the amendments. Mr. Brian Finch of the Friends of the Jock River also provided the Board with information supportive of the amendment.

Motion 4 **Moved by:** David Crowley
 Seconded by: Michael McEwen

That RVCA Board of Directors direct staff to:

- Move to regulate all wetlands in the watershed where these features are evaluated by MNR as being “*provincially significant*”
- Given that the provincially prescribed notification methods have been followed and that no objections have been received, approve the

attached Table 1 listing routine amendments to the RVCA regulatory limits mapping for implementation effective January 1, 2010 including:

- extended hazard mapping for Blueberry Creek (a tributary of the Tay River mostly in Tay Valley Township immediately west of Perth) between the Tay River and the Blueberry Marsh **PSW**;
 - modified hazard limits for the Rideau River in the vicinity of the Separated Town of Smiths Falls (from Abbott St. upstream to the downstream side of the Poonamalie Dam);
 - extended hazard mapping for Stevens Creek (“spill areas”) in and around the Village of North Gower;
 - extended mapping for the Van Gaal Drain tributary of the Jock River in the Village of Richmond north of Perth St. (see accompanying separate WSES Staff Report on methodology) and approved for use;
 - wetland schedule changes as described in the Table;
- Prepare a package in support of new regulation limits mapping for Barnes Creek, Kemptville Creek and Kemptville Creek (North Branch) in both North Grenville and Augusta Townships including the associated mapping and forward to the Provincial Peer Review and Implementation Committee through Conservation Ontario for technical review prior to the regulation limits mapping being approved for use (flood plain mapping information was presented to the public in the Fall of 2008 and regulation limits associated with the flood lines definition was presented at Fall 2009 Public Information sessions) by the Board of Directors.

Directors discussed this motion at length and finally concluded with two amendments to the Motion.

Motion 5 **Moved by:** Glenn Brooks
 Seconded by: Ken Graham

That RVCA Board of Directors approve the Staff Report and recommendations except for the Van Gaal Drain north of Perth Street and the complexed wetlands in Map Sheets 39, 40, 47 and 48 in Goulbourn Ward, and that for these areas, staff are to report back to the Board with the view to ensure consistency with the Special Study Area designation agreed to by the City of Ottawa, MMAH and MNR.

Motion Carried

13. December Activity Reports

Approved on consent.

14. Member Inquiries

- a) **RVCA Advisory Board, 7 pm, Thursday, January 21, 2009**
- b) **RVCA Board of Directors, 7 pm, Thursday, January 28, 2009**

18. **Adjournment** The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:45 pm.

Alan Arbuckle
Chair

Charles Billington
Recording Secretary

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