





The Board of Directors requested that the staff explore an alternative to reconstruction and the feasibility dismantling of the weirs. Studies will be required that address bathymetric conditions, fish and wildlife habitat and water surface profiles. It was determined that Micro hydro project was not economically viable due to insufficient flows.

Funding must be secured from the MNR - WECl program for surveys and studies required. A portion of funds presently held in reserve for future dam reconstruction may also be used. Public consultation will also be required.

Mr. Crowley asked for clarification on what funding will be used for the studies and John Purden asked if there has been any consideration given to the actual cost of removing the dams.

John Miller anticipates that adjacent landowners will have concerns in regard to water levels

**8. Rideau Lakes Watershed Plan**

Bruce Reid presented an update to the Rideau Lakes Watershed Plan. The RVCA have been involved in efforts to produce a report for the Rideau Lake Watershed since 2005 – 2006. The 1st draft of final report is prepared, and is currently under review internally with aim to publish in Spring of 2009. Recent efforts from the program has been directed to supporting lake management planning. A review of RVCA's watershed planning approach has been undertaken and how we do watershed planning. Some of the concerns involve producing a report that has limited up-to-date information on existing conditions, yet provides a positive contribution to watershed management and includes stakeholders' vision, goals and objectives. Inquiries in regard to the program should be directed to Lynn Preston.

**9. Planning Report**

Matt Craig provided a summary of planning activities in the Upper Watershed. In 2008, 157 applications were received. Currently, there are five subdivisions under review. The RVCA has participated in two Ontario Municipal Board cases in partnership with the Township of Rideau Lakes and were successful in both. Twenty-seven regulation applications have been received to date, three violation notices were given. All appear to be resolved.

Official Plan review is underway in Drummond/North Elmsley; and in South Frontenac, and started in Rideau Lakes. Matt discussed shoreline improvements and our role in regard to assessing shorelines when circulated planning applications. John Miller inquired about cost recovery at the OMB, no costs were recovered in 2008. John Purdon asked about lot addition plan review fees. Matt replied that certain applications are screened based on criteria forwarded to municipal staff.

**10. Watershed Watch Program Presentation**

Patrick Larson provided an overview of the forthcoming reporting format for Watershed Watch. For the first 5 years of the program when only 6 – 8 lakes were sampled eight times per year, relatively long reports were produced. Since 2006 39 lakes are sampled three times each season and reports for each lake became difficult to produce in a timely manner. The

new approach consists of a table of information for the five indicator parameters (E.Coli, total phosphorus, total Kjeldahl nitrogen, calcium and water clarity), an instruction sheet on how to interpret the information in the table and two maps showing total phosphorus and calcium concentrations in the lakes. A summary report will also be included in the package when it is posted to the RVCA website in February.

John Purdon inquired how many other authorities are involved in the program. The MVC originally started the program and has an active program. The results should be available on our web site shortly.

11. **Staff Report – RVCA 2009 Budget, Budget Sheets and Levy Apportionment Sheet**

Dell Hallett presented an overview of the budget which involves a 5.6% increase in municipal levy over 2008. This represents the normal increase for inflation and cost of living. The Municipal levy to support the budget is \$4,081,000 with an increase of \$215,500. The municipal levy amounts to approximately 43% of the total budget of the RVCA for 2009. Some of the key activities and programs for 2009 include:

Watershed Planning

Source Water Protection – entering planning phase

Monitoring Programs –Complete nutrient loading modelling of subwatersheds Assessing wetlands and flows

Climate change

GIS portal is currently available for all staff for day to day use

Planning and Regulations 90% cost recovery for program although perceived reduction in activity for 2009 due to economic downturn.

Clean water Program - 130 application were received and processed in 2008

Conservation areas

Corporate services

One municipality in the Middle Board has requested a presentation in regard to the new budget.

**Motion 7**

**Moved by:**

David Crowley

**Seconded by:**

John Purdon

That, the Staff report on the RVCA 2009 Budget, Budget and Levy Apportionment Sheet be received.

**Motion Carried**

12. **Member Inquiries**

Rob Dunfield has conflicting council meetings on Monday nights. Consideration will be given to Wednesday nights at 7:00 for future meetings.

13. **New Business**

Dell Hallett provided a summary of the Rural Clean Water Program and projects. There are 15 different types of projects eligible for funding related to wells, septic and agriculture. In total the program has administered 6.6 million dollars of work from only 1.4 million of grant funding which is

supported by a variety of sources. Most funding has been directed towards agricultural activities. Approximately \$720,000 of work has been completed in the upper watershed since inception. The information is available for each municipality and was distributed to the members.

**14. Upcoming Meetings**

- a) RVCA Board of Directors, Thursday, January 22, 2009
- b) RVCA Board of Directors, Thursday, February 19, 2009
- c) RVCA Joint Advisory Board, Thursday, February 26, 2009

**15. Adjournment**

**Motion 8**

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

Michael McEwen  
Bradley Wing

That the meeting be adjourned, 8:45 pm.

**Motion Carried**

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**John H. Miller**  
**Chair**

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**Matt Craig**  
**Recording Secretary**

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