

That the RVCA Joint Advisory Board Meeting Agenda, dated February 26, 2009, be approved.

Motion Carried

3. Consent Agenda

Motion 2 **Moved by:** Ken Graham
Seconded by: Michael McEwen

That Agenda item #4 be approved by mutual consent of the Board.

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4. Approval of Minutes, Meeting , February 26, 2009

Approved under Consent Agenda.

5. Introductions

Alan Arbuckle, Chair, asked the members, staff and guests to introduce themselves.

6. Chair's Remarks

Alan Arbuckle, Chair welcomed RVCA members, RVCA staff and municipal guests to the Joint Advisory Board Meeting held at the Rideau Valley Conservation Centre.

Alan explained that the RVCA "LEED Canada Gold" plaque is in the process of being framed and will be installed in the RVC Centre Atrium shortly with the framed certificate.

The 2010 MVC/RVCA Biennial Tour planning continues with John Miller coordinating. The Biennial Tour will take place in September 2010 with all 36 Conservation Authorities across Ontario being invited to participate. As a result of a "Strategic Planning" session that took place last August, focus was directed to specific targets and audiences and as a result, several municipal visits have taken place with several more upcoming.

Discussion has been on what RVCA offers the municipalities and how we can work together. A professional questionnaire is being circulated among our partners and Alan noted the 2009 shoreline stewardship pilot project, which encourages riparian landowners to undertake shoreline stewardship with septic work, shoreline stabilization, etc, all good things for the watershed.

Alan briefly reviewed the current RVCA structure of the Advisory Boards, with three members from the Middle Board, three members from the Upper

Board and six members appointed by the City of Ottawa, forming the RVCA Board of Directors. The discussion is open on the possibilities of a different structure if any ideas would like to be brought forward by municipal members.

7. **City Stream Watch, Julia Sutton, City Stream Watch Manager**

Julia Sutton, City Stream Watch Manager, who presented an update on the City Stream Watch sponsored by the City of Ottawa, Heron Park Community Association, National Defence Headquarters Fish and Game Club, Ottawa Flyfishers Society, Rideau River Roundtable and the RVCA. Julie's presentation is attached to the minutes.

David Crowley pointed out that the Friends of the Tay Watershed and local cottagers applied for a grant to enable them to work on a similar project. A workshop has taken place with some work being completed in August.

Alan Arbuckle thanked Julia Sutton for her presentation suggesting that the program has the potential for growth within the watershed.

8. **Rideau Lakes Watershed Plan, Bruce Reid, Director, Watershed Science and Engineering**

Bruce Reid, Director, Watershed Science and Engineering, presented an update on the Rideau Lakes Watershed Plan. It will be available shortly with information on the overall state of the Rideau Lakes Watershed which will identify some concerns and make recommendations to municipalities, colleague agencies and the lake community. Bruce's presentation is attached to the minutes.

Alan Arbuckle thanked Bruce Reid for his presentation and indicated members look forward to seeing the report.

9. **Source Water Protection Update, Sommer Casgrain-Robertson, Co-Project Manager, Source Water Protection**

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson, Co-Project Manager, Source Water Protection, presented an update on recent Source Water Protection activities. Her presentation is attached to the minutes. She informed members that the Source Protection Committee is now in the process of reviewing technical studies and approving them as draft for public consultation. The studies focus on the 13 municipal residential drinking water systems in the Mississippi-Rideau region. Sommer explained that each municipality and their CA representative(s) receive a copy of the *preliminary draft* study prior to the Source Protection Committee meeting when it will be reviewed. This is to ensure that municipalities and their CA reps are aware of information that is being made public that relates to their municipality. Recent open houses in Carp, Merrickville and Kemptville to present groundwater study results were very well attended. Local

residents were interested and curious about the science behind the studies and there appeared to be a strong understanding of the studies and source protection planning process during the question and answer period. Open Houses will be held late next month in Almonte, Richmond and Westport.

In the coming months the Committee will continue deliberations on the surface water studies for Carleton Place, Perth and Smiths Falls; they will review surface water studies for the intakes on the Ottawa River; and they will review an inventory of issues and significant threats being prepared for the 13 municipal drinking water systems. Regional studies will also be reviewed looking at water budget, watershed characterization, highly vulnerable aquifers and significant groundwater recharge areas. Sommer emphasized that public consultation plays a large role throughout the process.

Alan Arbuckle thanked Sommer Casgrain-Robertson for her presentation which was well received.

10. **Member Inquiries** None

11. **New Business** None

12. **Upcoming Meetings**

- a) RVCA Board of Directors, 7 pm, Thursday, June 25, 2009
- b) RVCA Board of Directors, 7 pm, Thursday, July 23, 2009

13. **Adjournment** 8:25 pm moved by Ken Graham

Alan Arbuckle
Chair

Joan Sherwood
Recording Secretary

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