



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

**Motion Carried**

3. **Consent Agenda**

**Motion 2**                      **Moved by:**                      Michael McEwen  
**Seconded by:**                      Andy Jozefowicz

That Agenda item # 4, Approval of Minutes, June 19, 2008, be approved by mutual consent of the Board

**Motion Carried**

4. **Approval of Minutes, Meeting , June 19, 2008**

Approved under Consent Agenda.

5. **Introductions**

Alan Arbuckle, Chair, asked the members to introduce themselves.

6. **Chair's Remarks**

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

Alan brought members up to date on the RVCA/MVC Biennial Tour 2010. Under the leadership of John H. Miller, a committee with members from RVCA and MVC have met several times to discuss the plans for bringing representatives from all 36 Conservation Authorities together in September 2010.

He stated that RVCA staff will be presenting 2009 budget information at this meeting and that RVCA staff have met with some municipal staff to discuss the work of the authority and working with municipalities.

Alan introduced Mary Bryden, Chair of the RVC Foundation and requested she join him in a presentation on behalf of the RVC Foundation to two people who have made outstanding gifts to conservation.

7. **RVC Foundation Presentation – Janet Stavinga and Steve Simmering**

Mary Bryden, Chair of the RVCA Foundation, introduced Lynn Kaplansky, Vice-Chair of the RVC Foundation and Ralph Raina, RVC Foundation Board Member.

Alan introduced Janet Stavinga, former Mayor of Goulbourn Township, former Councillor in the City of Ottawa and former Vice-Chair of the RVCA. Janet was a crucial member of the fundraising team who helped to build our new office headquarters in Beryl Gaffney Park. As an influential member of the team, she helped raise over \$300,000 to pay for the LEED features.

Mary expressed her gratitude of Janet's significant help to achieve the success accomplished for our building project. In order to publicly thank Janet Stavinga and to highlight her enthusiastic and effective contribution, the Authority and the Foundation jointly will plan a tree in her honour on the grounds of the conservation centre. Janet was presented with a certificate of appreciation which was read by Alan Arbuckle as follows:

Janet Stavinga  
Is recognized  
by the planting of the STAVINGA MAPLE  
on the grounds of the Conservation Centre  
for her outstanding community-minded efforts in fundraising and  
conservation awareness among the business people of the Rideau Valley  
and particularly in the campaign to finance the LEED features of the  
Rideau Valley Conservation Centre in Manotick, Ontario  
May, 2009  
Sincere Thanks from the People of the Rideau Valley

Alan invited Janet to say a few words. Janet Stavinga thanked the RVCA and the RVC Foundation with her deepest sincere gratitude for the honour and extended her appreciation to RVCA and RVC Foundation members who worked as a team, all with a vision to accomplish the construction of the Centre, as a leader in environmental design. She described it as "like a tree, with roots deep into the ground and reaching to the sky and stars". She extended her deep thanks to all those involved.

Mary Bryden expressed regrets that Stephen Simmering was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Simmering was a long-time Vice-Chair of the Conservation Foundation, first joining in 1996, however, for business reasons, Steve resigned from the Board in 2008 after 13 years on the Foundation Board including nine years as Vice-Chair. Mary stated that "Steve was a key person in the Foundation's ability to raise 1.78 million for conservation since his arrival on the scene".

Alan Arbuckle also extended sincere gratitude to Mr. Simmering for his personal leadership and sense of community spirit that he willingly shared with our Foundation. A certificate will be delivered to Steve, which reads as follows:

Steve Simmering  
Is recognized  
by the planting of the SIMMERING OAK  
on the grounds of the Rideau Valley Conservation Centre  
for his sustained and effective work in fundraising for the environment

with the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation  
during 13 years of outstanding service  
and for his calm “voice of reason” during our many discussions  
May, 2009  
Sincere Thanks from the People of the Rideau Valley

Alan Arbuckle stated that the “Stavinga Maple” and the “Simmering Oak” will be planted on the grounds of the RVCA Centre in the spring adding to the flora of Beryl Gaffney Park.

Alan extended his thanks to Mary and the Members of the Foundation Board who work hard on behalf of all of us.

Alan requested that Janet Stavinga proceed with the next item on the Agenda, a discussion on Source Water Protection.

## **8. Source Water Protection**

Janet Stavinga, Chair, Source Protection Committee, for the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Region stated she is pleased to be Chair of the Committee and presented an overview of the program. Two information sheets were circulated to members with a package at the beginning of the meetings as follows: “What farmers need to know about the Clean Water Act and Source Protection Planning” and “Under Review: The Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program”.

The Source Protection Terms of Reference for Rideau and Mississippi were both submitted to the Ministry of the Environment after considerable review by the Source Protection Committee and extensive public consultation. Approval has been received for the Mississippi Valley Terms of Reference and it is believed that the Rideau Valley Terms of Reference will be approved shortly.

A letter received from the Ministry noted “exceptional attention” to the consultative approach to developing the Terms of Reference with ten public meetings exceeding the regulatory requirement of one in each watershed. Janet stated that 2008 was a busy year with the pace picking up for 2009. An Assessment Report will be required for both Mississippi and Rideau areas and is due in 2010.

The Ministry of the Environment has under review, the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program and the deadline for comments is March 23, 2009. MOE will then post their draft 2009-2011 program on the Environmental Bill of Rights for an additional public comment period this summer.

The next meeting of the Source Protection Committee will be March 5, 2009 at the RVC Centre and an Open House is planned in Perth for March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Janet extended her thanks to Brian Stratton and Sommer Casgrain-Robertson and their Mississippi-Rideau Source Water Team for working together through the public consultation process, their exceptional management skills and strengthening the relationship with municipal and public partners. She stated it is a pleasure to work with this team.

Alan Arbuckle thanked Janet Stavinga for her presentation.

**9. MNR/CA Relationship – John Cottrill, CA Policy Advisory, MNR**

Dell Hallett introduced John Cottrill, CA Policy Advisory with Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Peterborough stating that John works closely with Conservation Authorities. John spoke to the members, staff and guests, bringing greetings from the Ministry.

He stated that Minister Donna Cansfield, Ontario Minister of Natural Resources was a guest speaker at the A. D. Latornell Symposium in November 2008, where she emphasized the importance of Conservation Authorities working closely with MNR, MOE and CO summarizing many of their activities such as Drinking Water Protection, Generic Regulations, Drainage Act, Clean Water Act and more. He extended special thanks to Bruce Reid for taking advantage of funding for WECl provided by MNR for studies for repairs or replacement of water and erosion control structures.

Dell presented John with a small gift of appreciation and thanked him for his presentation.

**10. RVCA Publications**

Alan Arbuckle stated that the following were included in a hand-out provided to all present at the beginning of the meeting.

- a) RVCA 2008 Annual Report
- b) RVCA Membership Directory 2009

**11. RVCA 2008 Financial Statements**

Dell Hallett presented the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Financial Statement December 31, 2008 to the Board Members with a page by page review of the authorities assets, liabilities and fund balances. He reviewed the accounting procedures and account policies. New in 2008 were “financial instruments” described on page 6 of the statement. Dell noted an impressive \$185,819 was received from the RVC Foundation in 2008.

Under fund balances, Dell stated that the funds received from the sale of the Manotick buildings were used to replenish many of program reserves reinstating the Capital Reserve and Working Fund Reserve. He pointed out that \$100,000 has been set aside for the Office Debenture to the City of Ottawa, as it is expected additional funds will be required.

In 2009, we will be required to comply with legislation, requiring local government and public sector entities to capitalize assets at historical cost and amortize these assets over their estimated useful life. RVCA is currently working towards compliance.

**Motion 3**                      **Moved by:**                      Maria McRae  
   **Seconded by:**                  David Crowley

That the RVCA Board of Directors receive this report.

**Motion Carried**

**12. Staff Report – 2009 Budget and Municipal Levy**

Dell Hallett described the RVCA 2009 budget with a presentation which is attached to the minutes. He reviewed the “Focus” of the RVCA, continuing with a description of “Our Work” and a list of “What to Expect” from each of the following departments:

- Watershed Planning, Monitoring and Reporting
- Planning and Regulations
- Stewardship Services
- Conservation Land Management
- Corporate Services

Dell reviewed expected expenses and followed with a budget summary.

Maria McRae commented on the quality of the presentation, complimenting Dell for his presentation, stating the information brought together the information required in a summary which quickly made it clear the RVCA mandate for the year.

Clive Doucet asked for clarification on funding for Sawmill Creek and Charles Billington responded that it is in the budget under the City Stream Watch program.

**Motion 4**                      **Moved by:**                      Ken Graham  
   **Seconded by:**                  Michael McEwen

That the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority approve the attached 2009 Budget in the amount of \$9,458,000 (dated December 9, 2008); and

that the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority establish a general municipal levy of \$4,081,000; and

that this levy be apportioned to the participating municipalities according to the attached sheet entitled “Rideau Valley Conservation Authority 2009 General Levies (dated December 9, 2008) ; and further

that the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority establish special levies to the city of Ottawa as follows:

- \$382,000 - Rideau River Ice Management
- \$525,000 - Britannia Village Flood Protection \*
- \$350,000 - Brewer Park Pumping Station Refurbishing \*
- \$120,000 - Graham Creek (Stonehedge) Rehabilitation Works \*
- \$90,000 - Graham Creek (Qualicum) Rehabilitation Works \*
- \$10,000 - Children's Water Festival
- \$95,000 - Green Acres Tree-planting Program

\* Subject to confirmation with the City of Ottawa

(A recorded vote of all Board of Director members was requested and carried out.)

Those in favour:	Alan Arbuckle	David Crowley
	Clive Doucet	Steve Desroches
	Ken Graham	Ed Hand
	Andy Jozefowicz	Michael McEwen
	Maria McRae	John H. Miller
	Cathy Willoughby	

Those against: None

Absent: Glenn Brooks

**Motion Carried**

### **13. Member Inquiries**

David Crowley stated that he had attending the Snow Shoe Clinic at Foley Mountain Conservation Area the previous weekend which he enjoyed. He mentioned that Charles Long and his wife were there as well.

Cathy Willoughby questioned RVCA staff preparations for upcoming warm temperatures and potential for flooding. Bruce Reid responded that RVCA staff are monitoring the conditions.

### **14. New Business**

Allan mentioned that members have been provided with a copy of the RVCA Conservation Areas pamphlet and a "Complimentary Annual Pass" from the RVCA Conservation Areas staff.

And a thank you to Rudy Dyck, Watershed Stewardship Services and Kristy Giles, Conservation Areas for the set up of a display in the Atrium area with an overview of the Stewardship Programs,

- Rural Clean Water
- Tree Planting

- Butternut Recovery
- And updated mapping of four of our Conservation Areas,
- Baxter Conservation Area
  - Foley Mountain Conservation
  - Meisel Woods Conservation Area
  - Mica Mines Conservation Area
- And our RVCA Watershed Map

Also, thank you to Monterey Inn Resort and Conference Centre for providing the complimentary light supper prior to the meeting.

**15. Upcoming Meetings**

- a) RVCA Board of Directors, 7 pm, Thursday, March 26, 2009
- b) RVCA Upper Advisory Board, 7 pm, Wednesday, April 8, 2009
- c) RVCA Middle Advisory Board, 7 pm, Wednesday, April 15, 2009

**16. Adjournment      8:05 pm moved by John H. Miller**

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**Alan Arbuckle**  
**Chair**

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**Joan Sherwood**  
**Recording Secretary**

Saved as: Joint Meeting minutes February 26 2009 Approved