



A NEWSLETTER FOR MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS
December 2009

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December Board Meeting

The December Board meeting of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority was very interesting and quite a departure from the usual monthly meetings of the twelve Directors.

Chairman Alan Arbuckle of the City of Ottawa made a presentation to Jason Kelly, General Manager of the Monterey Inn Resort & Conference Centre, for his generous and long term support for conservation programs in the watershed. The Monterey has assisted with everything from hosting meetings and galas at the hotel, planting thousands of trees, feeding the volunteers in the City Stream Watch program and catering various conservation events at the new Conservation Centre in Manotick. It is a pleasure to publicly recognize the outstanding contributions of this business conservation leader.

Brian Finch, President of the Friends of the Jock River, addressed the Board with a message of thanks for the opportunity to host the launch of the Jock River Photo Contest in the Monterey Boardroom in early December followed by an extended display of the winning photos in the Conservation Centre Atrium during the rest of the month.

Speaking to the RVCA Board

In addition, there were 19 guests who took the time from their busy lives to join the Board for discussion on two important topics on the Agenda: the Staff Report on the Van Gaal Drain Flood Plain Mapping, and the Staff Report on the Update on Wetland Protection Regulation, particularly as it relates to the complicated area known as the Goulbourn Wetlands.

Many of the guests chose to speak to the Board about their interests, concerns and points of view on those two topics. And the Board made better, fuller decisions based at least partly on the information exchange they had with the members of the public and interest groups who spoke.

The Board welcomes the opportunity to hear from watershed residents and community groups on questions of conservation interest related to Agenda items for that evening.

Although rather rare in the past, the Board is hopeful that more "delegations" will choose to bring their thoughts directly to a meeting of the Board.

When Are the Board Meetings?

RVCA Board of Directors meetings are generally held at 7 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of every month. Most meetings will be held in the Monterey Boardroom at the Rideau Valley Conservation Centre at 3889 Rideau Valley Drive, north of Manotick. Please refer to the RVCA website for confirmation of meeting times, dates and location.

What to Expect at the Board Meetings?

Delegations are usually scheduled at the beginning of meetings. Please arrive 15 minutes before the meeting starts and introduce yourself.

Presentations by delegations are limited to five minutes. The Board of Directors may ask questions after the presentation. The Board may not respond to your request at the meeting and may request additional information from you or RVCA staff.

After completing your presentation you are free to leave the meeting.

How to Become a Delegation?

1. Submit your request to speak to the Board by letter, fax, email or delegation request form (available on the RVCA website) to the RVCA by 4:30 pm on the Tuesday preceding the Board of Directors meeting.
2. Your request should include the agenda item you wish to speak to and the name, address and telephone number of the contact person and spokesperson for the delegation.
3. Power point presentations and 13 copies of any handouts should also be provided.

To schedule a delegation or for more information, contact:

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At the same meeting, RVCA Board transferred a small parcel of land it owns in the Tay Marsh to the Township of Drummond/North Elmsley to assist the township with title regularization and to serve as an unopened right-of-way for fishermen and naturalists wanting access to the Tay River and Marsh.

Did you know? The RVCA is leading the Butternut Recovery Program that focuses on locating and mapping resistant Butternut trees throughout eastern Ontario. Butternut seed is collected from these trees to produce and plant vigorous seedlings to replace the dead and dying Butternut. Scions are collected and grafted from the most promising trees found. These grafts will be tested and those that show true resistance will become future breeding stock to ultimately produce seedlings that are resistant to the canker disease.



Rose Fleguel, Butternut Recovery Technician and Dan Cooper, RVCA Private Land Forestry Program Manager locate and inspect butternut found in a local woodlot.

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