

**RIDEAU VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**  
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**APPROVED MINUTES**

**Board of Directors** **February 18, 2010** **02/10**

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**Present:** Alan Arbuckle                      Barclay Cormack  
David Crowley                              Ken Graham  
Ed Hand                                      Andy Jozefowicz  
Michael McEwen                          John H. Miller

**Staff:** Ferdous Ahmed                      Charles Billington  
Kristy Giles                                Dell Hallett  
Don Maciver                                Bruce Reid

**Regrets:** Glenn Brooks                      Steve Desroches  
Clive Doucet                                Maria McRae

1.    **Declaration of Interest**                      None.

2.    **Consent Agenda**

**Motion 1**                      **Moved by:**                      David Crowley  
**Seconded by:**                      Michael McEwen

That Agenda items 3, 6, 7, 8 and 10 be approved by mutual consent.

**Motion Carried**

3.    **Approval of Minutes, January 28, 2010**

The minutes of Board of Directors Meeting, #1/10, January 28, 2010, are approved by consent.

4.    **Business Arising from Minutes**                      None.

5.    **Meetings**

a) Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation, Monday, February 15, 2010

Charles reported on the highlights including the four outstanding milestones the Foundation will surpass this year; its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary,

the Fundraising Strategy for 2010-2012, the commitment to join the Ontario Land Trust Alliance and IMAGINE CANADA, and its Ethical Code Program.

b) Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee, February 4, 2010

Alan briefly reported on the updates and source protection work discussed at this meeting.

**6. Accounts Paid, January 1 – 31, 2010**

The Accounts Paid, January 1 – 31, 2010, is approved by consent.

**7. Staff Report – Section 28 CA Act – Ontario Regulation 174/06 Activity Summary**

The report is received by consent.

**8. Staff Report – Local Implementation Policies – Ontario Regulation 174/06 “Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses” for one zone regulatory administration**

The attached policies to amend the RVCA’s “Policies Regarding Development including the Construction / Reconstruction of Buildings and Structures, Placing of Fill and Alterations to Waterways” for development within a one-zone regulatory floodplain of a river or stream valley for use effective immediately is approved by consent.

**9. Staff Report – Rideau River and Tributaries upstream of Smiths Falls – Flood Risk Mapping**

Staff confirmed that the public and consultants can view the flood risk maps for free at the Conservation Centre. There is a charge if hard copies of the maps are requested.

**Motion 2**

**Moved by:**

John Miller

**Seconded by:**

Barclay Cormack

1. That this report be received by the Board.
2. That the Board adopts this report and maps as the best available information related to flood risk hazard in the Rideau River and Tributaries upstream of Smiths Falls
3. That this information be used in RVCA’s planning advisory and regulatory services programs, and other watershed management activities



#### 14. New Business

a) 2010 Biennial Tour

John reported that a recent meeting of the organizing committee showed that all the pieces of the Biennial Tour are coming together nicely and, in particular, the Gala Evening is looking very interesting.

b) 2010 RVCA Budget and Levy

Dell brought the Directors up to date on advice and suggestions that Staff are hearing from the municipalities. Two formal presentations have been done (Rideau Lakes and Merrickville-Wolford). We have two letters from Montague, and the possibility of a delegation of mayors and reeves coming to the February 25 meeting. It is noted that several municipalities have no concerns and have already passed the budget and levy for 2010.

The four areas of concern identified are the budget review process and the level of scrutiny by Directors, the organizational structure question and the proposed increase of 4.5% in levy. The first two questions will be decided by the municipalities in the near future. The last item was under control of the Board who discussed the implications of the concerns and the municipal situation in detail.

Consensus was to reduce the proposed increase by using the \$100,000 debenture reserve to lower the levy increase in 2010 and 2011. Then in 2012, the full cost of the new building would be charged to member municipalities. The 2010 RVCA Budget and Levy showing this change will not be available to all municipalities before the vote but will be available to all members. The key element is that the levy will be lower than proposed for 2010.

c) Recent letter to CAs and municipalities from Jerry Ouellete, Conservative Natural Resources critic

Dell advised the Directors that Conservation Ontario will be responding on behalf of all CAs. Consensus as to an appropriate municipal reaction developed around the idea that the Province should start to pay the 50% they owe and re-engage in provincial support for watershed management and conservation programs.

#### 15. Upcoming Meetings

- a) **RVCA Board of Directors and Conservation Advisory Board Meeting, Thursday, February 25, 2010**
- b) **Conservation Ontario Council Meeting, Monday, March 1, 2010**
- c) **RVCA Board of Directors, 7 pm, Thursday, March 25, 2010**

16. **Adjournment**      The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

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**Alan Arbuckle**  
**Chair**

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**Charles Billington**  
**Recording Secretary**

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