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APPROVED MINUTES

Board of Directors **May 27, 2010** **05/10**

Present: Alan Arbuckle
David Crowley
Ken Graham
Andy Jozefowicz
John H. Miller

Barclay Cormack
Steve Desroches
Ed Hand
Michael McEwen

Staff: Ferdous Ahmed
Sommer Casgrain-Robertson
Rudy Dyck
Jennifer Lamoureux
Bruce Reid

Charles Billington
Diane Downey
Dell Hallett
Don Maciver
Brian Stratton

Regrets: Glenn Brooks
Maria McRae

Clive Doucet

1. Declaration of Interest

None.

2. Consent Agenda

Motion 1 **Moved by:** Andy Jozefowicz
Seconded by: Ken Graham

That agenda items 3, 6, 8, 11 and 13 be approved on consent.

Motion Carried

3. Approval of Minutes, April 22, 2010

Approved by consent.

4. Business Arising from Minutes None.

5. **Meetings**

a) Conservation Ontario Council Meeting, Monday, April 26, 2010

Alan Arbuckle, RVCA Chair, provided an update stating that he and Dell Hallett, RVCA General Manager, attended the April meeting. The Conservation Ontario Board of Directors election took place and resulted in status quo representation. The meeting also included the first step in Conservation Ontario's Strategic Planning Process. This process will continue in June with an additional two-day session. MNR Minister Linda Jeffrey also attended the meeting where she spoke to the group and expressed her interest in strengthening the relationship between the Ministry and Ontario's Conservation Authorities.

b) Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee Meeting, Thursday, May 6, 2010

Sommer Cassgrain-Roberston, SWP Co-Manager, announced that the *Preliminary Draft Assessment Report* is complete and has been submitted to MOE. This is the result of over 18 months of technical work. The draft report will go to the Source Water Committee for approval on June 3. If approved, a public consultation process will follow.

Sommer noted that one set of results have been removed from the report. The staff, consultants and committee has struggled with the surface water vulnerability scores throughout the process. Staff decided that the responsible thing to do was to remove IPZ3 data regarding vulnerability, flag it as a data gap and ask for MOE to convene with experts and provide recommendations on how to proceed.

c) Meeting with Mayor Struthers, Merrickville-Wolford, May 27, 2010

Alan Arbuckle and Dell Hallett met with Mayor Doug Struthers to discuss the RVCA's 2010 budget, the RVCA budget process and levy breakdown. Mayor Struthers also asked how the RVCA will move forward on decisions regarding Board representation. Alan recognizes that a structure will need to be devised in the very near future to handle this ongoing process. Discussion took place between Board Members with various concepts being presented. More discussion and effort will follow.

6. **Accounts Paid, April 1 – 30, 2010**

Approved by consent.

7. **Staff Report – AMO Case for Joint and Several Liability Reform in Ontario**

Motion 2 **Moved by:** Ken Graham
Seconded by: Ed Hand

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has presented the case for Joint and Several Liability Reform in Ontario to the Attorney General's office; and

Whereas letters of support and resolutions are being solicited and have been received from municipal councils throughout Ontario; and

Whereas the issues related are of direct relevance to Conservation Authority operations and represent a significant burden on financial and legal resources;

Therefore be it resolved that the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority endorse, and communicate its endorsement of the Case for Joint and Several Liability Reform in Ontario to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and to the Office of the Attorney General for Ontario.

Motion Carried

8. **Staff Report – Banking Services**

Approved by consent.

9. **Staff Report – South Nation Conservation Request to Renew a Memorandum of Understanding**

Don Maciver, Director Planning and Regulations, responded to board inquiries.

Motion 3 **Moved by:** David Crowley
Seconded by: John Miller

That the General Manager be authorized to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with South Nation Conservation concerning the provision of approvals advice to the City of Ottawa within the South Nation watershed applicable to a prescribed areas in South Ottawa within the Leitrim Community and known as Findlay Creek Village.

Motion Carried

10. Staff Report – Fish Habitat Compensation at Chapman Mills Conservation Area

Jennifer Lamoureux, RVCA Aquatic and Fish Habitat Biologist, responded to questions regarding funding for compensation projects. Jennifer explained that the proponent is responsible for payment of all costs including construction, monitoring and deficiencies. Jennifer ensured the Board that various communications products are also required as part of the project including advertisement and site signage.

Steve Desroches expressed how pleased he is that Chapman Mills is being used for this compensation project.

Motion 4 **Moved by:** Steve Desroches
 Seconded by: Barclay Cormack

That the Board of Directors endorse the proposals to develop two fish habitat compensation sites at the Chapman Mills Conservation Area.

Motion Carried

11. Staff Report – Construction Contract for Cold Storage Construction

Approved by consent.

12. Staff Report – Status of the Britannia Village Flood Control Project

Bruce Reid, Director Watershed Science and Engineering, provided an update on the project. New information has come to light regarding the ownership of filled crown land that may ease the burden of negotiating easements and reduce project costs, making the project more likely to proceed. The city continues to investigate this property ownership issue and is proceeding with surveys. The RVCA continues to provide budget updates and identify changing benefit/costs ratios. The next step is for a report to be provided to Committee and Council for approval on the revised costs.

13. May Activity Reports

Approved by consent.

14. Member Inquiries

Barclay Cormack asked for an update regarding Upper Flowing Creek in light of a recent article in the Ottawa Citizen. Don Maciver stated that there is a great deal of misinformation being circulated regarding the project. This application is quite complicated and different from typical

drainage projects in that it proposes converting a natural watercourse into a municipal drain. In March 2008, the RVCA provided guidance to the project partners on simple, low-cost options to improve drainage while still protecting natural environment and fish habitat. These options, if followed, would have received immediate approval; however project partners felt another more rigorous route was required to ensure adequate drainage. The RVCA has provided a significant investment of time and expertise working towards the project's approval that was granted in August 2009. The RVCA will attempt to clarify misinformation as opportunities arise and through RVCA communications products.

15. New Business

a) 2010 Biennial Tour Update

John Miller announced that 60 participants have registered for this September event. A reminder email was circulated to Conservation Authority General Managers and Chairs early last week regarding the June 4 registration deadline. RVCA and MVCA staff are currently testing and finalizing tour routes and schedules. The Organization Committee will be meeting again on June 10. If anyone would like to see what's planned, they can visit www.rvca.ca/2010biennialtour.html

b) Expenditure and Revenue Summary, April 30, 2010

Dell presented a summary of expenditures and revenue. Very few changes have been made to the budget and staff expect another break-even year. Board members can expect budget updates again in June and September.

16. Upcoming Meetings

a) Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee Meeting, Thursday, June 3, 2010

b) RVCA Board of Directors Meeting, 7 pm, Thursday, June 24, 2010

17. In Camera

Motion 5	Moved by:	Ken Graham
	Seconded by:	Michael McEwen

The Board of Directors move in camera

Motion Carried

Motion 6	Moved by:	Barclay Cormack
	Seconded by:	Ed Hand

That the Board of Directors move out of camera.

Motion Carried

18. **Adjournment** The Chair adjourned the meeting.

Alan Arbuckle
Chair

Diane Downey
Recording Secretary

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