

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

**Board of Directors** **October 28, 2010** **10/10**

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

**Staff:** Charles Billington                      Dell Hallett  
Bruce Reid

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

**Guests:** Jane Agnew, Concerned Britannia Floodplain Homeowners  
Marie Arsenault, Britannia Village Community Association  
John Campbell, RVCA member from Beckwith Township  
Alex Cullen, City of Ottawa Councillor for Bay Ward  
Matilde Hahn, Britannia Village Community Association  
Konrad Lewinski, Commodore, Britannia Yacht Club  
Plus about eight other unidentified citizens.

1. **Declaration of Interest**                      None.

2. **Staff Report – Britannia Village Flood Control**

Chair Arbuckle moved original Agenda item 11 (Staff Report on the Britannia Village Flood Control project) up to item 2 with the permission of the Board and for the convenience of the guests.

Bruce Reid introduced the topic and reviewed the sequence of events leading to this evening's discussion.

**Delegations**

i. Jane Agnew, Concerned Britannia Floodplain Homeowners

Ms Agnew addressed the Board with a petition and several reasons why they wanted the current flood protection project stopped while the City of Ottawa, the homeowners and RVCA revisit the need for flood protection in the area.

ii. Matilde Hahn, Britannia Village Community Association

Ms Hahn addressed the Board disputing the validity of the petition and expressing support for continuation of the flood protection works.

iii. Alex Cullen, Councillor for Bay Ward

Councillor Cullen reminded the Board of the early history of this project, expressed the City's opinion that the disputed land belongs to MNR, that another meeting with affected landowners is necessary but that the current information does not block a decision already made by the City.

Chair Arbuckle asked for questions from the Board and thanked the three speakers for their presentations. Discussion followed about the direction that RVCA should take on the project.

**Motion 1**                      **Moved by:**                      Ken Graham  
**Seconded by:**                      Dave Crowley

That the Board of Directors receive this report as supplementary to the staff report dated October 18, 2010 on the same subject.

That the RVCA acknowledge the petition submitted on behalf of Concerned Britannia Floodplain Homeowners and accept it as an indication that the proposed flood control project is not supported by a majority of its intended beneficiaries.

That staff be directed to consult with City of Ottawa officials to determine how the City wishes to proceed, and report back to the Board when appropriate.

That the RVCA's next steps in the planning and design of the flood control project (as outlined in the staff report dated October 18, 2010) be postponed, pending the outcome of consultation with City officials and further direction from the Board.

That RVCA remain available to engage with City of Ottawa officials and community representatives in the exploration of other appropriate and acceptable ways of managing flood risks in the Britannia Village community.

**Motion Carried**

**3. Consent Agenda**

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

That Agenda items 4, 9 and 13 be approved by mutual consent of the Board.

**Motion Carried**

4. **Approval of Minutes, September 23, 2010**

The minutes of Board of Directors Meeting, #9/10, September 23, 2010, approved by consent.

5. **Business Arising from Minutes**                      None.

6. **Meetings**

- a) Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Tree Plant, Annual General Meeting, Monday, September 27, 2010

Charles Billington reported on the informal birthday party and meeting of old friends, current supporters and potential future sponsors. Special thanks to Pat McManus of Westport, an original signatory to the founding of the Foundation, on attending and sharing his insights.

- b) Conservation Ontario Council Meeting, Monday, October 4, 2010

Alan reported on the highlights of the meeting including the aboriginal Land Claims update and the CO budget for 2011. The Board agrees that this is money well-spent.

- c) Tri-Valley Conservation Award Gala, Wednesday, October 20, 2010

Charles reported that 11 of our friends, colleagues and businesses in the watersheds of the Mississippi, Rideau and South Nation rivers were honoured at the Gala held at SNC headquarters in Finch. Next step is a strategy meeting of the three partners in November to discuss future awards programming.

7. **Accounts Paid, June 1 – 30, 2010**

Dell Hallett presented the Accounts Paid, June 1-30, 2010 and answered the Board's questions about products/services provided.

<b>Motion 3</b>	<b>Moved by:</b>	Ken Graham
	<b>Seconded by:</b>	Dave Crowley

That the Accounts Paid, September 1 – 30, 2010, be approved.

**Motion Carried**

8. **Staff Report – RVCA Expenditure and Revenue Summary at September 30, 2010**

Dell handed out the Expenditure and Revenue Summary at the meeting and offered apologies for its late appearance. Dell summarized the numbers to the end of September and the projections to year end. He expects a break-even year coming in within 1% of the anticipated expenditures on Dec 31, 2010 possibly with a small surplus. The RVCA financial position remains strong and under control.

**Motion 4**                      **Moved by:**                      Ken Graham  
   **Seconded by:**                      John Miller

That the Expenditure and Revenue Summary at September 30, 2010 be approved.

**Motion Carried**

9. **Staff Report – Board of Directors Terms of Reference**

The RVCA Board of Directors approves the attached Terms of Reference for immediate implementation on consent.

10. **Staff Report – RVCA Draft 2011 Meeting Schedule**

Alan clarified a point about the Executive Committee composition in light of the new RVCA Board structure coming in January.

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

That the RVCA Board of Directors approve the Draft 2011 Meeting Schedule as presented.

**Motion Carried**

11. **2011 Preliminary Budget**

Dell led a first discussion on the 2011 RVCA budget and asked the advice of the Board as to its reflection of current municipal appetite. Dell presented a comparison of the effect of two different scenarios on the municipal levy and what they both meant in terms of programming changes or putting off new projects.

The Board asked Dell to fine-tune the options and impacts in one or two areas of the budget and received the 2011 Preliminary Budget for information and discussion purposes.

**12. October Activity Reports**

The Board received the October Activity Reports on consent.

**13. In-Camera Session**

**Motion 5**                      **Moved by:**                      Dave Crowley  
**Seconded by:**                      Ed Hand

That the Board of Directors move in camera to discuss a legal matter.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion 6**                      **Moved by:**                      Andy Jozefowicz  
**Seconded by:**                      Ken Graham

That the Board of Directors move out of camera.

**MOTION CARRIED**

There is nothing to report from the in camera session.

**14. Member Inquiries**

Board members directed staff to develop a short paragraph of instructions on audience behaviour, time-keeping and meeting management to be read out before all future delegations at the Board.

**15. New Business**

Dell informed Board members of a recent letter sent to all landowners on Upper Flowing Creek offering free of charge RVCA beaver management services and experience for dam and beaver removal. This is the area where a proposed municipal drain was halted due to the cost assessed to each landowner. RVCA's assistance can be provided at very low cost; the aquatic environment can be protected at the same time.

**16. Upcoming Meetings**

- a) **Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee Meeting, Monday, November 15, 2010**
- b) **Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation, Board of Directors, Monday, November 15, 2010**
- c) **A.D. Latornell Symposium, November 17-19, 2010**
- d) **RVCA Board of Directors Meeting, 7 pm, Thursday, November 25, 2010**

17. **Adjournment**      The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

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**Alan Arbuckle**  
**Chair**

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

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