

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

6. **Meetings**

a) **Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee Meeting, Thursday, September 1, 2011**

Ken Graham advised that draft policies on Agricultural Source Materials (ASM), Non-agricultural Source Materials (NASM), Commercial Fertilizers, Pesticides, Aquaculture, and Transportation Corridors had been approved by the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee at this meeting.

b) **Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation Meeting, Monday September 19, 2011**

Dell Hallett advised that quorum for this meeting of the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation had not been achieved.

7. **RVCA Board of Directors – Strategic Planning Survey Results**

Dell Hallett gave a presentation (attached) highlighting the results of the Strategic Planning Survey. He spoke to the key messages identified by members and suggested that each of these messages might be addressed during upcoming Board meetings.

Improve Municipal Communication

Members discussed the challenges associated with improving communications between the RVCA and its member municipalities. The following suggestions for improving communications were noted:

- Presentations to municipal Councils could be made by the Chair and General Manager, Board members and/or staff. Members noted that staff members at other Conservation Authority make program presentations before Councils.
- Municipal Information Days could be hosted at the Rideau Valley Conservation Centre
- Increase public presence by participating in community events
- Board Members should advise Dell Hallett of any communication opportunities.

It was noted that Conservation Authorities are often viewed by municipalities as obstacles to development. A suggestion was made to develop a presentation showcasing the Authority's approvals and regulations processes.

8. Strategic Planning – Presentation

Dell Hallett gave a presentation on Program Directions Progress. Mr. Hallett advised that of the 17 program areas identified at the April Board Meeting, significant progress has been made on nine of them. An update was provided on these. An update on other programs will be made later in the year.

1. Beryl Gaffney Park

RVCA has developed a fundraising plan for development of Beryl Gaffney Park's 96 acres. The development plan calls for 1/3 funding from the City, 1/3 from the RVCA and 1/3 from fundraising. The RVCA plan which calls for total expenditures of about \$200K over the next 4 years, to help make the site "walkable" and "comfortable", is currently being reviewed by City staff.

2. Solar Power

Terry Davidson, RVCA's Director of Regulations, has been investigating opportunities to incorporate the use of solar power at the Rideau Valley Conservation Centre. A presentation to the Board is planned for the October meeting.

3. Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation

The Endowment Funds have reached the targeted \$100,000 threshold. Interest from this Fund can now be applied to ongoing maintenance costs for conservation lands.

4. Flood Plain Delineation Study Areas

This program satisfies requirements under O.Reg. 174/06. Current information is often obsolete and alternative approaches for lake flood-level mapping are being investigated. The City of Ottawa will pay a special levy of \$75,000 next year to aid in watercourse mapping within City limits.

5. Hydrometric Monitoring Network

This network plan for water quantity measurement has been completed and current gaps in data will be filled using existing resources over the next couple of years.

6. Information Management

Work has progressed on this program which will move unstructured data (historical and current) to a centralized database. Data migration is scheduled for 2012 and a fully operational toolkit should be available in 2013.

7. Stream Restoration

This, and other stewardship programs, provide the "biggest bang for the buck" at 6.5:1 \$ to levy ratio. They also provide excellent public relations opportunities.

Mr. Hallett reviewed the three year process associated with systematic and targeted stream restoration work using the Tay Watershed Report Card as an example.

8. Conservation Lands in Richmond

Improvements, funded entirely by the City of Ottawa, have been made to the Richmond Conservation Area and include parking lot repairs, trail widening and trail maps.

9. Perth Wildlife Reserve

Public open houses soliciting feedback on the Perth Wildlife Reserve Management Plan will take place in early November. The barn, which has been relocated to the Foley Mountain Conservation Area, will be used to support the education program.

Mr. Hallett spoke to the strong connection between scientific/technical work and program implementation stressing that one can't be done without the other.

Lyle Pederson suggested that the public should be made aware of the work the RVCA does to support the watershed. He suggested staff look into the production of a "what we do" video to augment the communications strategy.

9. **Accounts Paid, August 1-31, 2011**

The Accounts Paid, August 1-30, 2011 were approved on consent.

10. **Staff Report – Motion to Amend RVCA's "Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation" (Ontario Regulation 174/06) under Section 28 of the CA Act in accordance with direction provided by the Minister of Natural Resources**

The following Motion was approved on consent:

Whereas a local Conservation Authorities Act Section 28 "Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation" has been prepared in conformity with the provisions outlined in Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act and the amended Ontario Regulation 97/04, and as per the eligible amendments identified by the Ministry of Natural Resources,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority adopts the proposed amendments to the subject regulation.

AND THAT the said regulation proposal with eligible amendments be submitted to the Ministry of Natural Resources for review, posting on the Regulatory Registry and depending on the results of the registry posting, for subsequent consideration for approval by the Minister of Natural Resources.

11. **Staff Report – Ontario Regulation 174/06 under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act - “Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Waterways” Regulation Staff Approvals January 1 to June 30, 2011**

The following Motion was approved on consent:
That this report be received.

12. **Staff Report – 2011 Group Benefits Renewal**

The following Motion was approved on consent:
That the RVCA accept the 2011 Group Benefit Renewal, the terms of which have already been accepted by the Group Insurance and Benefits Committee.

13. **Member Inquiries**

RVCA Beaver Management Program

Vince Carroll asked about the delegation that appeared before the Board in August. Rudy Dyck advised that Drain Wolford had responded to the joint beaver dam removal proposal indicating their willingness to participate under certain conditions. The Village of Merrickville-Wolford had requested clarification on the scope of the work. Barclay Cormack advised that North Grenville had not officially responded.

2010 Biennial Tour

John Miller noted that a year had passed since the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority and the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority successfully co-hosted the 2010 Biennial Tour.

14. **New Business**

Motts Mill Dam

Bruce Reid gave an update on the Motts Mill Dam which supports water levels on Hutton Marsh, a Provincially Significant Wetland. RVCA has received a report from the engineering firm, exp. Services Inc. (Trow Associates Ltd.), indicating that the structural integrity of the 60 year old dam is deteriorating and recommending a dam restoration or replacement program.

Mr. Reid advised that recent unauthorized activity at the dam has resulted in the removal of stop logs, and the lowering of water levels in the Hutton Marsh. There have been no flooding issues downstream. Mr. Reid confirmed that a police report had been filed and recommended that RVCA issue a press release explaining the reasons for the lower water levels.

Vince Carroll recommended that, for safety reasons, RVCA consider replacing the Motts Mill Dam. Bruce Reid suggested that other partners,

who have been involved in all discussions to date, may be able to contribute financially.

Haggart Island Dam

In response to a question from David Crowley, Bruce Reid confirmed that the engineering firm Aquafor Beech has been retained. A start-up meeting has been scheduled for October 6.

City of Ottawa Appointments

Alan Arbuckle advised that the City of Ottawa has filled the two Citizen Appointee vacancies on the RVCA Board. Steve Curtis is a new appointee and Magda Kubasiewicz, a former RVCA Board member, has been re-appointed.

15. Upcoming Meetings

a) Conservation Ontario Meeting, Monday, October 3, 2011

Alan Arbuckle will represent the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority at this meeting.

b) Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Meeting, 7 pm, Thursday, October 27, 2011

Staff will present a preliminary budget. A modest increase in levy is anticipated.

16. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m. on a motion by Ed Hand and seconded by Barclay Cormack.

Alan Arbuckle
Chair

Michelle Paton
Recording Secretary

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