



RIDEAU VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY WATERSHED BRIEFS

January 2011

A newsletter for municipal councillors

2011 Board of Directors

Andy Jozefowicz *Athens*

Lee Armstrong *Augusta*

John Campbell *Beckwith*

Tom Dewey *Central Frontenac*

No appointment *Clarence-Rockland*

Ray Scissons *Drummond/North Elmsley*

Lyle Pederson *Elizabethtown-Kitley*

Jim Anderton *Merrickville-Wolford*

Vince Carroll *Montague*

Gerry Boyce *North Dundas*

Barclay Cormack *North Grenville*

David Crowley *Perth*

Rob Dunfield *Rideau Lakes*

Ken Graham, RVCA Vice-Chair

Smiths Falls

Gary Davison *South Frontenac*

John H. Miller *Tay Valley*

Bradley Wing *Westport*

City of Ottawa

Alan Arbuckle, RVCA Chair

David Chernushenko

Steve Desroches

Ed Hand

two vacant seats

About Our Watershed Briefs

The RVCA's Watershed Briefs is a newsletter for municipal councillors and staff. It provides quick updates from the RVCA board meetings or about ongoing or proposed conservation projects across the watershed. Comments or suggestions are always welcome — contact Diane Downey at diane.downey@rvca.ca.

New Improved RVCA Board of Directors New Governance Structure for Board of Directors

January 27, 2011 was the first annual meeting of the new and improved RVCA Board of Directors. The Board, made up of municipal representatives, has expanded to include each member municipality. What was previously a twelve member board has grown into a 22 member board (one from each of the sixteen rural municipalities plus six representatives from the City of Ottawa).

RVCA prides itself on being a local, grassroots, municipally driven organization. We are pleased to reflect the needs of our members. In 2010, Chair Alan Arbuckle and RVCA staff asked member municipalities as to their preference in how they would like to be represented at the Board level. In response to municipal interests, the board has expanded to include all municipalities at the table.

The RVCA welcomes the new structure and looks forward to ensuring that it works to the satisfaction of our member municipalities. (dell.hallett@rvca.ca)

“Municipalities have the power and opportunity to be heard at the RVCA board table.”

Alan Arbuckle
RVCA Chair

RVCA Board of Directors Election

The Board of Directors re-elected Alan Arbuckle as RVCA Board of Directors Chair and Ken Graham as RVCA Board of Directors Vice-Chair.

RVCA Executive Committee

What is the RVCA Executive Committee? Executive Committee is a sub-committee of the Board of Directors which hears applications for permits associated with RVCA's *Ontario Regulation 174/06—Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation*. Hearings are held, at the request of an applicant, when an application for development or interference or alteration can not be approved at a staff level because it does not comply with the Board of Directors approved policy. A citizen may also appeal conditions of approval where permission has been granted. The Executive Committee has five members and automatically includes the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors. This year's members are Alan Arbuckle, Ken Graham, John Miller, David Crowley and Ed Hand with Barclay Cormack as an alternate. (don.maciver@rvca.ca)

Next Board of Director's Meeting

February 24 at the RVCA Conservation Centre in Manotick

Key Topic

Budget and Levy Approval

Municipal Tools Now Available:

1. *Who We Are and What We Do*
For a summary of the work we do at the RVCA, be sure to pick-up our new brochure — *Who We Are and What We Do*. For additional copies, contact Diane Downey at diane.downey@rvca.ca
2. Municipal Information Sheets —
Want to know what the RVCA does in your municipality? Visit www.rvca.ca/municipal for a snapshot of work being done in your part of the Rideau Valley. A great tool for councils and staff.

Coming Soon:

- 2010 RVCA Annual Report (February 2011)
- Fish Habitat Mapping Brochure (February 2011)
- Flood Forecasting and Warning Long Range Outlook (March 2011)
- 2010 Jock River Subwatershed Report (April 2011) (diane.downey@rvca.ca)

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Headwater Streams Workshop — Great training opportunity for municipal staff!

This workshop, designed for engineers, biologists, planners, GIS specialists and other technical staff, will highlight the importance of headwater streams and provide participants with current science that will improve our knowledge of these vulnerable features. The workshop will include an examination of the tools and

information available for protecting headwater systems and facilitated discussions to identify the gaps in science, monitoring, legislation, policy and restoration that currently limit our ability to provide this protection. For more information, visit www.rvca.ca/headwater.

Headwater Streams Workshop

Date: February 25, 2011

Time:

8:30 a.m. — Registration & Refreshments

9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. — Workshop

Location: Hilton Garden Inn Ottawa Airport
Bona Vista/Citadel Room 2400 Alert, Ottawa, Ontario

Cost: \$50 (lunch and refreshments provided)

Thanks to our workshop sponsors:

- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
- Rideau Valley Conservation Authority
- Toronto and Region Conservation
- Rideau Valley Rural Clean Water Program

Time to Review Municipal Flood Response

RVCA has the responsibility for Flood Forecasting and Warning (FF&W) in the Rideau River watershed. The RVCA's FF&W system is in operation 12 months a year — monitoring the weather and watershed and issuing advisories as local situations warrant. Should a flood event occur, the first response is up to the individual homeowner. If the flood is beyond the capability of the homeowner to combat, municipal Emergency Response Plans kick-in to assist those in need. Now is the time for municipalities to review their emergency response plan and make sure all employees, equipment and communications are in place just in case. The RVCA will issue the first long range forecast by March 1 or earlier based on weather conditions. (patrick.larson@rvca.ca)



Landowner Workshop:

Planting Trees Can Save You Money and Reduce Your Taxes

Trees Ontario is hosting a free workshop this winter in partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Ontario Forestry Association, Leeds-Grenville Stewardship Council, Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority and Rideau Valley Conservation Authority. Participants will learn about the Ontario Government's 50 Million Tree Program, the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program, tree planting techniques and other subsidy programs. To register for the workshop,

please call 1.877.646.1193 or visit www.treesontario.ca/landownerworkshops.

DateTuesday, February 22, 2011

Time7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

LocationBrockville Rowing Club —
1 Ferry Street, Brockville ON