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***Britannia Village Flood Control Project***

Staff provided a verbal progress report to the Board of Directors (with powerpoint slides) on this project on May 28, 2009. It was reported that the costs associated with securing legal access to directly affected private lands were now expected to be significantly higher than was assumed for original project budget-setting purposes. It is necessary to estimate the potential cost of securing easements within an updated overall project cost estimate to be presented to Ottawa City Council for approval. RVCA staff continue to work with City personnel to that end. In May we indicated that our engineering consultants on the project (Delcan Corp.) would, in the meantime, resume the design work for that portion of the works (as laid out in the conceptual design) to be located on filled Crown Land (former river bed) which is under the control of MNR. Subsequently, questions regarding the legal ownership status of the filled lands have been raised, and the planning and design process is on hold, pending clarification of the matter.