

# News Release

## SITE PREPARATIONS BEGIN FOR NEW RVCA OFFICE

MANOTICK, November 22, 2006 — The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) is very pleased to announce the start of construction of the new RVCA Headquarters Building in Beryl Gaffney Park at the northeast corner of Rideau Valley Drive and Prince of Wales Drive just north of Manotick.

This milestone event results from the recent signing of all necessary agreements with the City of Ottawa. RVCA is pushing ahead with the construction start in 2006 and has awarded the first tender for site works. This involves site preparation and grading, site services, excavation and backfill, roadways and parking areas. We also hope to form and place concrete for all foundation elements over the next few weeks.

The RVCA has been housed in historic buildings in Manotick since 1971. Over the intervening 35 years, the Authority stabilized, upgraded and refurbished many historical structures in the town while maintaining many of them as offices for a growing staff. RVCA is very proud of its legacy of lovely heritage structures in the core of old Manotick.

But for many years now, it has become obvious that the cost and inconvenience of running a modern, watershed environmental protection program from a base of seven older buildings was untenable. The Authority went through a rigorous review of options finally deciding, with member municipality approval, to build a new office to house its 60 professional staff on City of Ottawa land in Beryl Gaffney Park.

RVCA gratefully acknowledges the cooperation brought to bear on this project by the staff of the City of Ottawa, the architect Christopher Simmonds Architect, and the Construction Manager M.P.Lundy Construction.

Activity on-site in the next few weeks will be related to getting underway with the long-awaited new home for natural resource conservation in our watershed. Target completion date is October 2007.

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