

News Release

RVCA 2007 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MANOTICK, January 26, 2007 — The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) has a new-look Board of Directors for 2007 with the election last night of Chair Alan Arbuckle from the City of Ottawa and Vice-Chair Ken Graham representing the Town of Smiths Falls. Mr Arbuckle, a retired Communications Manager, has four years of experience on the Board of Directors since being appointed by the City in 2003. Mr Graham, a recently-retired senior Investigator for the Ministry of the Environment, was appointed by Smiths Falls in 2004 and joined the Board of Directors in 2005.

Other members of the Board of Directors include five rural members (Dwight Bennett from North Grenville, former Chair Dave Crowley from the Town of Perth, Councillor Michael McEwen from Drummond/North Elmsley, Past-Chair John H. Miller from Tay Valley Township, and Cathy Willoughby of Merrickville-Wolford) and five members from the City of Ottawa (David Biggs, Magda Kubasiewicz, and Councillors Glenn Brooks, Steve Desroches and Maria McRae). RVCA believes that the balance between rural directors (elected from appointed municipal representatives in the rural areas) and urban directors (appointed directly by the City of Ottawa) is an important contributing factor to the success of the Board in dealing with matters on a watershed basis.

Some of the key projects on line for 2007 include increased monitoring, analyzing and reporting on watershed conditions; increased activity in the Source Water Protection program in cooperation with the Province; greater support for municipal septic system re-inspections; continued effort at reforestation on a watershed scale; provision of watershed information for municipal decision-making; continued support role in watershed and lake management planning and implementation; operation of the public education programs and conservation area services; and managing the construction and move of staff into a new headquarters building in Manotick.

RVCA is a partnership of municipalities within the Rideau Valley watershed created under the Conservation Authorities Act of Ontario to deliver a range of programs in watershed management and natural resource conservation.

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