

RIDEAU VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
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APPROVED MINUTES

Board of Directors **1/18** **January 25, 2018**

Present:	Jeff Banks Pat Barr Judy Brown Barclay Cormack Joe Gallipeau Ed Hand Andy Jozefowicz Dale McLenaghan Sharon Mousseau Ralph Pentland Tom Scott	Anne Barr Gerry Boyce Brian Campbell Vince Carroll Erin Greco Victor Heese Pieter Leenhouts Scott Moffatt Lyle Pederson Ray Scissons
Staff:	Ferdous Ahmed Dan Cooper Diane Downey	Sommer Casgrain-Robertson Terry Davidson Ewan Hardie
Regrets:	Mark Parliament	
Guests:	Gerry Belisle Tom Black George Clarkin Barb Easer Reba Featherstone Brian Gallagher Bob Jinkinson Immo Tilgner Paul Menzel Tim Mount Tony Walker	Marlene Black Jeff Bogaerts Shirley Dolan Glen Featherstone Brian Finch Don Roelie Jackson Keith Langley Jack MacLaren Greg Mount Ken McRae Mike Westley

1.0 Agenda Review

Lyle Pederson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and reviewed the Agenda.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 1-180125

Moved by:

Pieter Leenhouts

Seconded by:

Andy Jozefowicz

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority adopts the Agenda as circulated.

Motion Carried

3.0 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest declared.

4.0 Approval of Minutes of December 14, 2017

Motion 2-171214

Moved by:

Sharon Mousseau

Seconded by:

Gerry Boyce

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority approves the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting #10/17, December 14, 2017 as circulated.

Motion Carried

5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson confirmed for the board that the draft budget was sent to member municipalities in December. A reminder notice was also sent in early January highlighting that municipalities have until March 8, 2018 to provide comments.

6.0 Goulbourn Wetland Complex

Chair Lyle Pederson welcomed members of the public who were in attendance and explained to the Board that he had accepted three public delegation requests as they demonstrated they would be bringing forward new information not already presented by delegations in October.

Scott Moffatt raised a point of order that the agenda item should not be before the Board again. Mr. Moffatt stated that the grounds to revisit the issue were erroneous and that proper procedure had not been followed. The Chair indicated that in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order the Board can revisit an item when there is new information to consider. Mr. Moffatt asked the Chair if he considered the information brought forward in

November to be new information. The Chair responded that he did and Mr. Moffatt challenged the Chair on his ruling and requested a recorded vote to determine if the Board's decision to revisit the regulation of the Goulbourn Wetland Complex would be sustained.

Those in favour of the challenge of the chair:

Jeff Banks	Gerry Boyce
Brian Campbell	Vince Carroll
Barclay Cormack	Joe Gallipeau
Scott Moffatt	Sharon Mousseau
Ray Scissons	

Those against the challenge of the chair:

Anne Barr	Pat Barr
Judy Brown	Erin Greco
Ed Hand	Victor Heese
Andy Jozefowicz	Pieter Leenhouts
Dale McLenaghan	Lyle Pederson
Ralph Pentland	Tom Scott

Absent:

Mark Parliament

The challenge was defeated so the Board's decision to revisit the regulation of the Goulbourn Wetland Complex was upheld.

Presentations were received from three public delegations.

Shirley Dolan spoke on behalf of Terry Hale, President of the Goulbourn Landowners Association, who is currently out of the country. She drew the attention of the board to a study conducted by Carleton University student Mark Russell in 2010 which states these areas are not wetlands due to vegetation and soil types. Instead, these are wet areas resulting from impaired drainage. The area is suffering from a drainage problem not a wetland issue. She also asked the Board to consider the property owners being affected by the proposed designations.

Tony Walker representing the Carleton Landowners Association, delivered the attached presentation.

Mike Westley, representing the Goulbourn Landowners Association, spoke to the longstanding drainage management issues. He spoke to the persistent efforts of landowners to maintain drainage features. It is strongly felt that Goulbourn is dealing with other peoples' water. Examples of this increased flow include: modifications due to Highway 416 bypass construction and Highway 7 construction and quarry dewatering. A permit to dewater the R.W. Tomlinson quarry was permitted; however, no efforts were made to ensure there were no objections to the dewatering process from downstream landowners. This requirement was overlooked and no landowners were consulted. Drainage efforts continue at the expense of landowners.

Chair Pederson thanked the delegations for their presentations.

Tom Scott presented a motion to the board for consideration:

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority reverse the decision under Motion 3-171026 made on October 26, 2017 and remove the Board's 2009 exemption of Provincially Significant Wetlands within the Flewellyn Special Study Area from the RVCA authority to exercise Ontario Regulation 174/06, effective this date.

A number of Board members spoke for and against the motion and staff responded to questions as required. A recorded vote was requested.

Motion 3-171214	Moved by:	Tom Scott
	Seconded by:	Victor Heese

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Those in favour:

Anne Barr	Pat Barr
Judy Brown	Erin Greco
Ed Hand	Victor Heese
Pieter Leenhouts	Dale McLenaghan
Lyle Pederson	Ralph Pentland
Tom Scott	

Those against:

Jeff Banks
Vince Carroll
Barclay Cormack
Andy Jozefowicz
Sharon Mousseau

Gerry Boyce
Brian Campbell
Joe Gallipeau
Scott Moffatt
Ray Scissons

Absent:

Mark Parliament

Motion Carried

A five-minute recess was held as guests and delegates left the boardroom.

7.0 Annual General Meeting

a) Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Lyle Pederson surrendered the Chair to Sommer Casgrain-Robertson, General Manager. Ms. Casgrain-Robertson conducted the election for Chair of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors for 2018.

Sharon Mousseau nominated Lyle Pederson for Chair of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority. Mr. Pederson agreed to let his name stand.

Ms. Casgrain-Robertson called for further nominations three times.

Motion 4-180125

Moved by:

Brian Campbell

Seconded by:

Erin Greco

That nominations for Chair be closed.

Motion Carried

Lyle Pederson was declared Chair of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority for 2018. Mr. Pederson accepted the role.

Lyle Pederson conducted the election for Vice-Chair of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors for 2017.

Andy Jozefowicz nominated Ed Hand for Vice-Chair of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority. Mr. Hand agreed to let his name stand.

Ray Scissons nominated Pieter Leenhouts for Vice-Chair of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority. Mr. Leenhouts agreed to let his name stand.

Mr. Pederson called for further nominations three times.

Motion 5-180125 **Moved by:** Pat Barr
Seconded by: Judy Brown

That nominations for Vice-Chair be closed.

Motion Carried

Motion 6-180125 **Moved by:** Brian Campbell
Seconded by: Judy Brown

That staff members Dan Cooper, Terry Davidson and Ewan Hardie be appointed as scrutineers.

A vote was held by secret ballot and Pieter Leenhouts was elected Vice-Chair of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority for 2018.

Lyle Pederson thanked Ed Hand for his commitment to the authority and assistance in the role of Vice Chair since 2013. He also thanked the Board for their continued support and commitment to conservation in the watershed. Chair Pederson highlighted several 2017 achievements and looks forward to continued progress on key projects such as program review and strategic plan deliverables for 2018.

Motion 7-180125 **Moved by:** Andy Jozefowicz
Seconded by: Tom Scott

That all ballots be destroyed.

b) Appointment of Executive Committee

Motion 8-180125 **Moved by:** Andy Jozefowicz
Seconded by: Pat Barr

That the Chair, Vice-Chair, Judy Brown, Sharon Mousseau and Ray Scissons be named to the RVCA Executive Committee for the year 2018.

Motion Carried

c) Appointments to Conservation Ontario

Motion 9-180125 **Moved by:** Sharon Mousseau
Seconded by: Brian Campbell

That the Chair be appointed as the RVCA's Conservation Ontario representative for 2018 and that the Vice-Chair and General Manager be appointed as alternates.

Motion Carried

d) Appointment of Auditors

Motion 10-180125 **Moved by:** Judy Brown
Seconded by: Sharon Mousseau

That the firm of Allan and Partners be retained to provide auditing services to the RVCA for the year 2018;

That a Request for Proposals for audit services be conducted in 2018 and the results of the RFP process be presented to the Board for selection; and,

That the selected audit firm be engaged to audit the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019.

Motion Carried

e) Appointment of Legal Advisors

Responding to a member inquiry, Sommer Casgrain-Robertson explained RVCA's working history with each of the appointed legal advisors.

Motion 11-180125 **Moved by:** Ed Hand
Seconded by: Victor Heese

That the firm of Bell Baker, Barristers and Solicitors, be retained as legal advisors for the RVCA for the year 2018 and that the firm of Bird Richard be retained for employment issues and the firm of Wilson Law Partners be retained for land transfers; and furthermore that other legal counsel be retained as required.

Motion Carried

f) Appointment of Land Appraisers

Motion 12-180125 **Moved by:** Dale McLenaghan
Seconded by: Pieter Leenhouts

That the firms of S. Rayners & Associates of Kingston and Rivington & Associates of Perth be appointed as the land appraisers for the RVCA for the year 2018.

Motion Carried

g) Borrowing By-Law

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson responded to a member inquiry stating that this by-law is a requirement of the *Conservation Authorities Act* and that the stated amount would not be a limiting factor for operations should the RVCA ever need to use it. She confirmed that the arrangement with the City of Ottawa regarding Rideau River Ice Management would not require the RVCA to borrow.

Motion 13-180125 **Moved by:** Tom Scott
Seconded by: Pieter Leenhouts

That, in 2018, the signing officers of the RVCA be authorized to borrow up to a maximum of \$750,000, which may be required for the purpose of the RVCA to implement its program, until payment to the RVCA of any grants, levies or other revenues.

Motion Carried

8.0 Ontario Tree Seed Facility Closure

The board discussed the timing and content of the letter. Barclay Cormack stated that the facility will be closed and a transition team is working towards alternatives.

Motion 14-171214 **Moved by:** Victor Heese
Seconded by: Ray Scissons

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority approve the attached letter to the Honorable Nathalie Des Rosiers regarding the recent announcement to close the MNR's Ontario Tree Seed Facility.

Motion Carried

9.0 Ferguson Tree Nursery Purchases

Lyle Pederson explained that the staff report does not reflect an RFP, but rather provides a price comparison.

Motion 15-180125 **Moved by:** Brian Campbell
Seconded by: Tom Scott

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority approve a one year extension to the motion carried by the Board on December 13, 2012 which approved tree purchases from the Ferguson Forest Centre through to 2017.

This extension approves the purchase of trees and shrubs from the Ferguson Tree Nursery for 2018.

Motion Carried

10.0 Program Review Continuation

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson reported on next steps for the program review.

A member challenged RVCA management to look for performance measurements — quantitative and qualitative — to demonstrate positive watershed impacts.

Motion 16-180125 **Moved by:** Victor Hesse
Seconded by: Dale McLenaghan

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority receive this report.

Motion Carried

11.0 Meetings

- a) RVC Foundation Meeting: Thursday, February 1, 2018 (Manotick)
- b) RVCA Board of Directors Meeting: Thursday, February 22, 2018 (Manotick)
- c) Lower Ottawa Valley Winter Woodlot Conference, February 3, 2018, (Kemptville)
- d) Creating an Invasive Plant Management Strategy Workshop: Thursday, February 1, 2018 (Kingston)
- e) 31st Kemptville Winter Woodlot Conference: Wednesday, February 23, 2018 (Kemptville)

12.0 Member Inquiries

Jeff Banks reported that the Township of Rideau Lakes has decided to pursue an engineering study regarding the outlet of Otter Lake.

Andy Jozefowicz asked about the Authority's two rocky ramp construction projects. Terry Davidson responded that decommissioning of the second Haggart Island Dam in Perth and construction of a rocky ramp was completed in the fall. Some minor clean-up and shoreline planting will be conducted in the spring. The Hearts Desire Weir decommissioning and rocky ramp construction slated for fall 2017 was delayed due to heavy October rainfall which caused water levels to be too high for construction work. Work will be conducted after July 1, 2018 following in-water work restrictions.

13.0 New Business

None.

14.0 In-Camera Session (General Manager's Annual Performance Appraisal)

Staff were asked to leave the meeting.

Motion 17-180125

Moved by:

Victor Heese

Seconded by:

Dale McLenaghan

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority move in-camera to provide input into the General Manager's annual performance appraisal undertaken by the Chair.

Motion Carried

Motion 18-180125

Moved by:

Ray Scissons

Seconded by:

Brian Campbell

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority move out-of-camera.

Motion Carried

There was nothing to report from the in-camera session.

15.0 Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m. on a motion by Andy Jozefowicz which was seconded by Sharon Mousseau.

Lyle Pederson
Chair

Diane Downey
Recording Secretary