

RIDEAU VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
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Meeting Held Electronically due to COVID-19 State of Emergency

APPROVED MINUTES

Board of Directors **8/20** **November 05, 2020**

Present:	Gerry Boyce Judy Brown Barclay Cormack Brian Dowdall Don Halpenny Andy Jozefowicz Dale McLenaghan Gene Richardson Rob Rothgeb	Carolyn Bresee Vince Carroll Jamie Crawford Julie Graveline Victor Heese Pieter Leenhouts Scott Moffatt Anne Robinson Melissa Sullivan
Staff:	Sommer Casgrain-Robertson Kathy Dallaire Glen McDonald Terry Davidson	Dan Cooper Diane Downey Michelle Paton
Regrets:	Pat Barr Guy Desjardins George Sachs	George Darouze Shawn Pankow

Chair Leenhouts called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.
A roll call was taken to confirm attendance.

1.0 Agenda Review

Chair Leenhouts reviewed the Agenda.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 1-201105	Moved by:	Carolyn Bresee
	Seconded by:	Victor Heese

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

Carried

3.0 Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interest were identified.

4.0 Approval of Minutes of October 22, 2020

Motion 2-201105

Moved by:

Gerry Boyce

Seconded by:

Melissa Sullivan

THAT the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority approves the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting #07/20, October 22, 2020 as circulated.

Carried

5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

6.0 2021 Preliminary Draft Work Plan and Budget

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson, General Manager, presented RVCA's 2021 preliminary draft work plan, both operational and capital priorities, and responded to questions.

Kathy Dallaire, Manager of Finance, presented RVCA's 2021 preliminary draft operating and capital budget and responded to questions.

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson confirmed that the ongoing impact of COVID-19 had been factored in to RVCA's preliminary draft budget for 2021.

In response to a question from a member regarding the importance and current condition of the pedestrian bridge at Baxter Conservation Area, Sommer Casgrain-Robertson confirmed that staff would revise the 2021 budget to reflect this current capital priority subject to external funding.

In response to a question from a member regarding the 20% increase in insurance rates, Kathy Dallaire confirmed that all conservation authorities were experiencing large increases in insurance rates in 2020 and anticipated increases in 2021 as well. Staff were directed to circulate the insurance premiums for the year.

Motion 3-201105

Moved by:

Judy Brown

Seconded by:

Brian Dowdall

THAT the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority receives the attached 2021 Preliminary Draft Work Plan, Budget and Levy Apportionment sheet for review and comment.

Motion Carried

7.0 Meetings

- a) Lake Links 2020, October 24, 2020
Sommer Casgrain-Robertson stated that this year's Lake Links workshop, held virtually, was a success. Presentations can be viewed at <https://watersheds.ca/lake-links-2020/>
- b) Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee Meeting: October 27, 2020
- c) Conservation Ontario General Manager's Meeting: November 4, 2020
Sommer Casgrain-Robertson stated that the discussion covered COVID-19, rising insurance rates, budgets and infrastructure funding.

Upcoming

- c) RVCA Board of Directors Meeting: November 26, 2020
Sommer Casgrain-Robertson confirmed that November 26 is the last scheduled meeting of the year.
- d) Latornell Leadership Project 2020 / 2021 Webinar Series (November, December, January and February)

8.0 Member Inquiries

9.0 New Business

National Disaster Mitigation Program

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson advised that letters seeking support from member municipalities for NDMP funding applications would be sent out shortly. RVCA's application would likely focus on the acquisition of LiDAR elevation data.

Provincial Budget Bill – Changes to *Conservation Authorities Act*

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson advised that Ontario had released their provincial budget earlier in the day. The budget bill includes amendments to many pieces of legislation including the *Conservation Authorities Act*. Conservation Ontario will be reviewing the documents as quickly as possible and will provide a summary of changes that will be circulated to members.

10.0 Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m. on a motion by Carolyn Bresee which was seconded by Andy Jozefowicz.

Pieter Leenhouts
Chair

Michelle Paton
Recording Secretary

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer