

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

APPROVED MINUTES

Board of Directors **5/21** **June 24, 2021**

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

Chair Leenhouts called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
A roll call was taken to confirm attendance.

1.0 Agenda Review

Chair Leenhouts reviewed the Agenda.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 1-210624	Moved by:	Andy Jozefowicz
	Seconded by:	Brian Dowdall

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

Motion Carried

3.0 Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interest were identified.

4.0 Approval of Minutes of May 27, 2021

Motion 2-210624

Moved by:

Gene Richardson

Seconded by:

Carolyn Bresee

THAT the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority approves the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting #04/21, May 27, 2021 as circulated.

Motion Carried

5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising.

6.0 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson, General Manager, confirmed that the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks granted RVCA's request for an exception under Section 17(1.3) of the *Conservation Authorities Act* to allow the current Chair and Vice-Chair of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority to serve up to four consecutive one-year terms subject to re-election. The approval was received on May 25, 2021.

Motion 3-210624

Moved by:

Carolyn Bresee

Seconded by:

Gene Richardson

THAT the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority appoints the General Manager as Acting Chair for the purpose of Election of Officers.

Motion Carried

Pieter Leenhouts 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 2021.

Ms. Casgrain-Robertson called for nominations from the floor for Chair of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors for the year 2021.

Brian Dowdall nominated Pieter Leenhouts for Chair of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority. Mr. Leenhouts accepted the nomination.

Ms. Casgrain-Robertson called for further nominations from the floor two more times.

Motion 4-210624 **Moved by:** Dale McLenaghan
Seconded by: Victor Heese

That nominations for Chair be closed.

Motion Carried

Pieter Leenhouts was acclaimed as Chair of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority for 2021.

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson then conducted the election for Vice-Chair of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors for 2021.

Ms. Casgrain-Robertson called for nominations from the floor for Vice-Chair of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors for the year 2021.

Pieter Leenhouts nominated Judy Brown for Vice-Chair of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority. Ms. Brown accepted the nomination.

Ms. Casgrain-Robertson called for further nominations two more times.

Motion 5-210624 **Moved by:** Gene Richardson
Seconded by: Brian Dowdall

That nominations for Vice-Chair be closed.

Motion Carried

Judy Brown was acclaimed as Vice-Chair of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority for 2021.

7.0 Appointments to Executive Committee

Motion 6-210624 **Moved by:** Gene Richardson
Seconded by: Judy Brown

THAT the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority appoint the Chair, Vice-Chair, Brian Dowdall, Victor Heese, and Anne Robinson to the RVCA's Executive Committee for the year 2021.

Motion Carried

8.0 Appointments to Audit Committee

Motion 7-210624

Moved by:

Victor Heese

Seconded by:

Anne Robinson

THAT the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority appoint the Chair, Vice-Chair, Jamie Crawford, Dale McLenaghan, and Rob Rothgeb to the RVCA's Audit Committee for the year 2021.

Motion Carried

9.0 Truck Purchase

Terry Davidson, Director of Engineering and Regulations, recommended the purchase of a new truck for the RVCA fleet to be funded through the Vehicle Reserve.

In response to a question from a member as to whether the RVCA had considered purchasing an electric vehicle, Terry Davidson confirmed that this option had been investigated but was not feasible at this time. When it is time to replace the fleet car used by office staff, the purchase of an electric vehicle will definitely be considered.

Motion 8-210624

Moved by:

Carolyn Bresee

Seconded by:

Judy Brown

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority approves a purchase order to Surgenor Barrhaven (GMC) for the acquisition of a 2022 GMC Canyon Crew Cab 4X4 in the amount of \$41,358 plus all applicable taxes with the purchase funded by RVCA's vehicle reserve.

Motion Carried

10.0 Comments on MECP's Regulatory Proposal Consultation Guide (Phase 1)

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson advised that the eastern Ontario conservation authorities worked closely together to review MECP's Regulatory Proposal Consultation Guide and drafted recommendations which are outlined in the attached draft letter to the Ministry. Ms. Casgrain-Robertson responded to questions regarding the recommendations.

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson noted that the recent provincial cabinet shuffle had resulted in ministerial changes to the portfolios of Environment, Conservation and Parks and Natural Resources and

Forestry (MNRF). David Piccini, MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South, has replaced Jeff Yurek as the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks. Replacing John Yakabuski (MNRF) is Greg Rickford, MPP for Kenora-Rainy River, who assumes a merged role as Minister of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry, while remaining Minister of Indigenous Affairs.

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson confirmed that former Minister Yurek had been instrumental in the formation of the Conservation Authority Working Group which enables conservation authorities and other stakeholders to have a voice at the table regarding the development of regulations that will support the implementation of changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act*. It is hoped that Minister Piccini will continue the work of this group. Robin Jones suggested that staff draft a letter of support for the Working Group to Minister Piccini on behalf of the Board.

Motion 9-210624 **Moved by:** Robin Jones
Seconded by: Judy Brown

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority direct staff to draft a letter of support for the Conservation Authority Working Group for delivery to Minister Piccini.

Motion Carried

Motion 10-210624 **Moved by:** Anne Robinson
Seconded by: Andy Jozefowicz

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority approve the attached comment letter in response to Environmental Registry of Ontario posting 019-2986 (*Regulatory Proposal Consultation Guide: Regulations Defining Core Mandate and Improving Governance, Oversight and Accountability of Conservation Authorities*) and direct staff to submit this letter to the registry prior to June 27, 2021.

Motion Carried

11.0 Meetings

a) MECP Consultation Guide Webinars: May 27 and June 1, 2021

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson confirmed that the webinars had been open to multi-stakeholders. Chair Leenhouts confirmed that he had attended one of the webinars.

b) RVCF AGM and Board of Directors Meeting: June 9, 2021

Diane Downey, RVCF Executive Director, announced that Jason Kelly had stepped down from his role as Chair of the Foundation after 11

years. Andrew Harkness was elected as Chair and Allison Brown as Vice-Chair. Kathy Dallaire continues to serve as Secretary-Treasurer.

- c) Rideau Lakes Council Annual Report Presentation: June 14, 2021
Carolyn Bresee thanked Sommer Casgrain-Robertson for the presentation noting that updates to Council were very informative. Sommer Casgrain-Robertson expressed her willingness to present to any other interested municipal councils.
- d) Policy Working Group Meeting #2: June 15, 2021
Sommer Casgrain-Robertson stated that the second meeting of the Policy Working Group had concentrated on the review of planning policies and that participants had provided very valuable feedback.
- e) Conservation Ontario Council Meeting: June 21, 2021
Sommer Casgrain-Robertson advised that the focus of this meeting had been MECP's Phase 1 Consultation Guide.

Upcoming

- f) RVCA Board of Directors Meeting: July 22, 2021

12.0 Member Inquiries

There were no Member Inquiries.

13.0 New Business

There was no New Business.

14.0 Adjournment

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson reminded members that there would be a brief Executive Committee meeting following the Board meeting and asked those members to remain on the line.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m. on a motion by Andy Jozefowicz which was seconded by Julie Graveline.

Pieter Leenhouts
Chair

Michelle Paton
Recording Secretary

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer