

RIDEAU VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
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Meeting Held Electronically due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

APPROVED MINUTES

Board of Directors **7/21** **September 23, 2021**

Present:	Pat Barr Carolyn Bresee Vince Carroll Brian Dowdall Victor Heese Andy Jozefowicz Dale McLenaghan Anne Robinson Kristin Strackerjan	Gerry Boyce Judy Brown Jamie Crawford Steve Fournier Robin Jones Pieter Leenhouts Gene Richardson Rob Rothgeb
Staff:	Sommer Casgrain-Robertson Laura Cummings Glen McDonald Brian Stratton	Dan Cooper Diane Downey Michelle Paton
Regrets:	George Darouze Scott Moffatt	Julie Graveline Shawn Pankow

Chair Leenhouts called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

1.0 Agenda Review

Chair Leenhouts reviewed the Agenda.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 1-210923	Moved by:	Andy Jozefowicz
	Seconded by:	Dale McLenaghan

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 July 22, 2021

Motion 2-210624 **Moved by:** Robin Jones
Seconded by: Gerry Boyce

THAT the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority approves the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting #06/21, July 22, 2021 as circulated.

Motion Carried

5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising.

6.0 COVID-19 Vaccine Policy

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson, General Manager, presented a COVID-19 vaccination and testing policy framework and responded to questions.

Motion 3-210923 **Moved by:** Jamie Crawford
Seconded by: Andy Jozefowicz

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority direct staff to implement a mandatory COVID-19 vaccination and testing policy requiring all employees, board and committee members, contractors, students and volunteers to provide proof of vaccination or undergo a vaccine education session and regular antigen testing as noted in the policy outlined in this report.

Motion Carried with 1 opposed

7.0 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson, General Manager, presented options for the RVCA to observe the upcoming National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and responded to questions.

During the discussion, it was made clear that should the RVCA choose to close on September 30, 2021 it would be to solemnly observe the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation by providing staff with the opportunity to reflect or participate in local truth and reconciliation events, despite the required legal terminology being non-statutory paid “holiday”.

Motion 4-210923 **Moved by:** Judy Brown
Seconded by: Rob Rothgeb

That the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation by providing educational resources to staff as well as links to local events, by beginning future meetings with a land acknowledgment statement and by posting reflective messaging on social media.

Motion Carried

Motion 5-210923 **Moved by:** Robin Jones
Seconded by: Jamie Crawford

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority observe the inaugural National Day for Truth and Reconciliation as a non-statutory paid holiday on September 30, 2021.

A recorded vote was requested.

Those in favour:

Pat Barr	Judy Brown
Jamie Crawford	Victor Heese
Robin Jones	Dale McLenaghan
Pieter Leenhouts	Gene Richardson
Rob Rothgeb	Kristin Strackerjan

Those against:

Gerry Boyce	Carolyn Bresee
Vince Carroll	Brian Dowdall
Steve Fournier	Andy Jozefowicz
Anne Robinson	

Absent:

George Darouze	Julie Graveline
Scott Moffatt	Shawn Pankow

Motion Carried

8.0 2022 Preliminary Budget Discussion

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson reviewed the annual budget process (presentation attached) and reviewed 2022 workplan priorities that were identified by staff and the Board in July. Ms. Casgrain-Robertson then reviewed key factors that would impact the 2022 budget, responded to questions and sought direction from the Board regarding proposed fee and levy increases for 2022.

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson confirmed that a fee review of Planning Advisory, Regulatory and Professional Services has been identified as a priority for 2023 once fee regulations are finalized.

Motion 2-210924 **Moved by:** Judy Brown
Seconded by: Carolyn Bresee

THAT the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority receive this report for information.

Motion Carried

9.0 Meetings

- a) Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee Meeting: September 7, 2021
- b) RVCF Board of Directors Meeting: September 8, 2021
Diane Downey, Executive Director, provided an update on the Foundation's recent accomplishments.
- c) Policy Working Group Meeting #3: September 14, 2021
- d) Big Rideau Lake Association AGM: September 18, 2021
Sommer Casgrain-Robertson and Sarah MacLeod-Neilson gave a presentation at the Big Rideau Lakes Association's annual general meeting.

Upcoming

- e) Conservation Ontario Council Meeting: September 27, 2021
Pieter Leenhouts and Sommer Casgrain-Robertson will be participating.
- f) Ontario East Municipal Conference: October 23, 2021
Sommer Casgrain-Robertson advised that the Eastern CAs may be presenting at this video conference. This on-demand presentation will be dependent upon receipt of provincial regulation amendments.
- g) RVCA Board of Directors Meeting: October 28, 2021

10.0 Correspondence

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson reminded members that the correspondence to and from the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of the Environment,

Conservation and Parks, regarding continued support for the Conservation Authorities Working Group originated from a suggestion by Robin Jones at the June 24, 2021 Board of Directors meeting. Ms. Casgrain-Robertson indicated that Minister Piccini had participated in a couple of working group meetings since his appointment and appears receptive to feedback and input from the working group.

11.0 Member Inquiries

There were no Member Inquiries.

12.0 New Business

There was no New Business.

13.0 Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m. on a motion by Andy Jozefowicz which was seconded by Victor Heese.

Pieter Leenhouts
Chair

Michelle Paton
Recording Secretary

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer