

4.0 Consent Agenda

Lyle Pederson proposed that full consideration be given to all agenda items and recommended discontinuing the use of the consent agenda at upcoming meetings.

5.0 Approval of Minutes of February 26, 2015

Lyle Pederson noted that Motion 17-150226 did not identify a mover and seconder. Mr. Pederson recommended that the motion be deleted from the minutes of February 26, 2015 and dealt with under Business Arising from the Minutes.

Motion 2-150326	Moved by:	Judy Brown
	Seconded by:	Andy Jozefowicz

That the RVCA Board of Directors approves the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting #1/15, February, 2015 as amended.

Motion Carried

6.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

Motion 3-150326	Moved by:	Erin Greco
	Seconded by:	Barclay Cormack

That the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors receive the report on Public Open Houses for Flood and Regulation Mapping for the Ottawa River and Cardinal Creek, presented on February 26, 2015, for information purposes.

Motion Carried

7.0 City Stream Watch 2014/2015 Program Update

Jennifer Lamoureux, Aquatic & Fish Habitat Biologist, confirmed that local schools are contacted once stream projects are identified and advised of the opportunity for students to accumulate community volunteer hours through the City Stream Watch Program.

8.0 Jock River Fish Habitat Embayment Creation Project Conservation Award

Members congratulated Jennifer Lamoureux and partners on winning the 2014 Canadian Fishing Industry Conservation Project of the Year Award.

Lyle Pederson emphasized the importance of the Jock River Fish Habitat Embayment Project which falls within the RVCA mandate and demonstrates the importance of partnerships.

Motion 4-150326 **Moved by:** Andy Jozefowicz
Seconded by: Sharon Mousseau

That the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors recognize the Jock River Fish Habitat Embayment Project as a Project of Excellence.

Motion Carried

9.0 Ottawa Septic System Office – 2015 Fee Schedule

Terry Davidson confirmed that the Septic System program operates on a cost-recovery basis but added that the goal is to achieve a one-year reserve as recommended by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Motion 5-150326 **Moved by:** Ray Scissons
Seconded by: Pieter Leenhouts

That the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors approves the attached Ottawa Septic System Office Proposed 2015 Fee Schedule as per the requirements of the Building Code Act, S.O. 1992, c.23 as amended by S.O. 2010, c.19, schedule 2, section 7.(1)(c), and section 7.(6) BCA; and

That the Proposed 2015 Fee Schedule take effect April 6, 2015.

Motion Carried

10.0 Water Quality Monitoring

Jennifer Lamoureux presented an overview of the RVCA's Stream Characterization Program (attached). Sarah MacLeod-Neilson spoke to the RVCA Surface Water Quality Monitoring Programs, PWQMN, RVCA Baseline, and Watershed Watch (attached). Staff responded to questions relating to the monitoring programs.

11.0 Land Classification

Chris Czerwinski, GIS Technician, presented an overview of the land classification program (attached).

Staff confirmed that one full cycle of monitoring has been completed on the six subwatersheds which will be used to compare future monitoring and assessments. The current data is used to produce Subwatershed Reports and Catchment Reports which are shared with municipalities. The data is also being fed back to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

12.0 Rideau Lakes Subwatershed Report, 2014

Martin Czarski, Watershed Ecologist, presented the Rideau Lakes Subwatershed Report, 2014. Mr. Czarski's attached presentation highlighted some of the report's findings. Mr. Czarski responded to questions from the Board.

Motion 4-150326

Moved by:

Sharon Mousseau

Seconded by:

Pat Barr

That the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors receive the *Rideau Lakes Subwatershed Report, 2014: A Report on the Environmental Health of the Rideau Lakes* and direct staff to distribute it to member municipalities, government agencies, non-government organizations and the public.

Motion Carried

13.0 Stewardship Programs

Derek Matheson, Scott Danford, Rudy Dyck, and Andrea Klymko presented the RVCA's Stewardship programs (attached).

Derek Matheson, Rural Clean Water Program Manager, responded to questions regarding the Rideau Valley Rural Clean Water Program, the Ottawa Rural Clean Water Grants Program, and the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program. In response to a comment from a Member, Mr. Matheson advised that there are no additional funding sources available for septic repair/replacement and added that the City of Ottawa removed septic systems from their list of eligible projects.

Scott Danford, Forestry Program Manager, reviewed the RVCA's tree planting history. Mr. Danford advised that the RVCA will plant its 5 millionth tree this spring.

Rudy Dyck, Director of Stewardship Services, updated the Board on the Beaver Management program and the Butternut Recovery program.

Andrea Klymko, Lake Planning/Shoreline Stewardship Program Manager, reviewed the Shoreline Naturalization Program.

