

RIDEAU VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
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APPROVED MINUTES

Board of Directors **3/15** **April 23, 2015**

Present:	Jeff Banks Pat Barr Gerry Boyce Barclay Cormack Victor Heese Pieter Leenhouts Scott Moffatt Ralph Pentland Ray Scissons	Anne Barr Judy Brown Brian Campbell Ed Hand Andy Jozefowicz Dale McLenaghan Lyle Pederson Gerald Schwinghamer
Staff:	Sommer Casgrain-Robertson Diane Downey Ewan Hardie Don Maciver	Terry Davidson Rudy Dyck Eric Kohlsmith Shelley Macpherson
Regrets:	Vince Carroll Erin Greco Tom Scott	Joe Gallipeau Sharon Mousseau

1.0 Agenda Review

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 1-150423	Moved by:	Andy Jozefowicz
	Seconded by:	Jeff Banks

That the RVCA Board of Directors adopt the Agenda as circulated.

Motion Carried

3.0 Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interest were declared.

4.0 Approval of Minutes of March 26, 2015

Motion 2-150423

Moved by:

Barclay Cormack

Seconded by:

Jeff Banks

That the RVCA Board of Directors approves the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting #2/15, March 26, 2015 as presented.

Motion Carried

5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes None.

6.0 Septic and Septic Re-Inspection Programs

Terry Davidson, Director of Regulations, presented an overview of the history, service delivery, educational efforts and enforcement protocols for the Part 8 septic approval program (attached). This Ontario Building Code requirement is currently delivered on behalf of the City of Ottawa and Tay Valley Township through the Ottawa Septic System Office and Mississippi Rideau Septic System Office respectively.

Eric Kohlsmith, Septic Inspector, presented an overview of the history, service delivery and educational efforts for the Septic Re-inspection Program offered to interested municipalities in the Rideau and Mississippi watersheds (attached).

7.0 Black Rapids Creek – Existing Conditions and Opportunities for Enhancement Report

The report was received by the Board.

8.0 Remic Rapids Wetland Creation Project

Diane Downey, Director of Communications, responded to questions regarding the wetland construction that is being undertaken by NCC as part of compensation work. The Board noted that this was another good example of the Authority working with partners to achieve quality on-the-ground improvements.

9.0 Memory Lane Tree Nomination

Diane Downey noted that a special event surrounding the planting of our 5 millionth tree would be forthcoming.

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson responded to questions regarding other potential recognitions. She indicated that staff are working on how best to recognize Pat McManus and John Miller, two longstanding board members who passed away in 2014.

Motion 3-150423 **Moved by:** Ray Scissons
Seconded by: Ed Hand

That the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors endorses the nomination of a tree on Memory Lane in honour of the five millionth tree planted through the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority.

Motion Carried

10.0 OEB Submission – Energy East Pipeline Conversion

Don Maciver, Director of Planning, updated the board on the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) submission. An amendment was brought forward to the board for their review. The amendment is a result of discussions with the Municipality of North Grenville and the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors.

Members thanked Don for the thorough, informative package. Mr. Maciver responded to questions relating to the OEB submission and clarified that this submission may vary from any future NEB submissions as additional information becomes available.

Motion 4-150423 **Moved by:** Brian Campbell
Seconded by: Judy Brown

That the attached “Comments for the Assistance of the Ontario Energy Board” be received as amended and conveyed to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to inform them of local watershed vulnerabilities in the Rideau and Mississippi watersheds so as to assist the OEB in their provision of advice to the Government of Ontario related to the Energy East Pipeline Conversion Project.

Motion Carried

11.0 Long Term Financial Planning

Chair Pederson stated that there is a growing need for the Authority to prepare a five-year financial plan. This plan would benefit both the board and management allowing for better perspective on the long-term needs of the Authority. The plan would include anticipated revenue streams and expenditures and allow the board to better understand how their decisions

would impact the long-term stability of the organization. Staff have been asked to draft this five year plan.

Members highlighted the need for the Board to guide, debate and approve the financial commitments. Chair Pederson assured the group that the information prepared by staff would be brought to the Board for full discussion and approval, ideally before 2016 budget discussions.

12.0 Meetings

a) Conservation Ontario Council Meeting: March 30, 2015 (Toronto)

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson and Lyle Pederson attended the Conservation Ontario meeting. Lyle highlighted four topics of interest:

i) MOECC is developing a discussion paper regarding how to move forward with partners to promote Climate Change Adaptation. Conservation Authorities are being seen as a key participant.

ii) Bill C6, *Great Lakes Protection Act* is being brought forward for the third time to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. Conservation Authorities are considered a key partner in the efforts to protect and restore the Great Lakes – St. Lawrence River Basin.

iii) Conservation Ontario is pursuing intervenor status over a court case in Bruce County on behalf of its membership. The ruling could have serious implications for municipalities and conservation authorities throughout the province should the judge's decision remain as it stands.

iv) Discussions are taking place around the contamination of lakes through provincial baiting practices.

v) Conservation Ontario is undergoing a strategic review. A consultant will be reviewing Conservation Ontario's functions and performances.

b) RVCA Board of Directors Meeting: May 28, 2015 (7 p.m., Manotick)

Sommer reiterated that a small event to celebrate the planting of the 5 millionth tree is being planned prior to the May board meeting. Board members can expect an invitation in the following weeks.

Sommer also highlighted that June's Board Meeting is typically a Watershed Tour. This year's afternoon tour is slated for the upper watershed (Westport and area).

c) Ottawa River Summit: May 29 & 30, 2015 (Gatineau)

RVCA, along with three other Ottawa River watershed Conservation Authorities, will be involved in an inter-provincial discussion on governance relating to the Ottawa River. Sommer will be participating in a panel discussion at the event to discuss integrated watershed management.

13.0 **Member Inquiries** None

14.0 **New Business** None

15.0 **Adjournment**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m. This was moved by Andy Jozefowicz and seconded by Brian Campbell.

Lyle Pederson
Chair

Diane Downey
Recording Secretary