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APPROVED MINUTES

Board of Directors **4/15** **May 28, 2015**

Present:

Jeff Banks	Anne Barr
Pat Barr	Judy Brown
Gerry Boyce	Vince Carroll
Barclay Cormack	Joe Gallipeau
Erin Greco	Ed Hand
Victor Heese	Andy Jozefowicz
Pieter Leenhouts	Dale McLenaghan
Sharon Mousseau	Lyle Pederson
Gerald Schwinghamer	Ray Scissons
Tom Scott	

Staff:

Ferdous Ahmed	Martha Bradburn
Sommer Casgrain-Robertson	Dan Cooper
Terry Davidson	Diane Downey
Rudy Dyck	Ewan Hardie
Don Maciver	Shelley Macpherson
Glen McDonald	Michelle Paton
Mike Yee	

Guests: Margaret Brand, The Review Mirror (Westport)
Peter Hannah, Rideau Lakes Networking Group

Regrets: Brian Campbell Scott Moffatt
Ralph Pentland

Note: The meeting was preceded by a celebration of the planting of RVCA's 5 millionth tree.

Lyle Pederson welcomed Councillor Joe Gallipeau, the municipal representative from Smiths Falls, to the RVCA Board of Directors.

1.0 Agenda Review

Lyle Pederson welcomed Margaret Brand and Peter Hannah to the meeting. As Mr. Hannah is appearing as a delegation to speak to Agenda Item 10.0 "Review of Municipal Site Evaluation Guidelines", Chair Pederson proposed that Items 9.0 and 10.0 be moved up in the Agenda to follow Item 5.0.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 1-150528

Moved by:

Andy Jozefowicz

Seconded by:

Joe Gallipeau

That the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors adopts the Agenda as amended.

Motion Carried

3.0 Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interest were declared.

4.0 Approval of Minutes of April 23, 2015

Motion 2-150528

Moved by:

Pieter Leenhouts

Seconded by:

Sharon Mousseau

That the RVCA Board of Directors approves the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting #3/15, April 23, 2015 as presented.

Motion Carried

5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes None.

9.0 Planning Advisory Services and Section 28 Regulations Program

Don Maciver, Director of Planning, gave the Board an overview of RVCA's Planning Advisory Services and Section 28 Regulations Program (presentation attached).

In response to comments from a member regarding the restrictiveness of development setbacks, Sommer Casgrain-Robertson explained that the *Planning Act* and Provincial Policy Statement set the parameters for land use planning across Ontario. Decisions made by Local Boards such as municipalities and Conservation Authorities must be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement.

10.0 Review of Municipal Site Evaluation Guidelines

A report titled *Assessment of Municipal Site Evaluation Guidelines for Waterfront Development in Eastern Ontario's Lake County* was produced by the firm of Hutchinson Environmental Ltd. of Bracebridge, Ontario. The

review supports the continued use of site evaluation guidelines for development application review. The Hutchinson report has been approved for use by the Mississippi Valley Conservation Board of Directors and the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors.

Don Maciver, Director of Planning, and Mike Yee, Manager of Biology and Water Quality gave a brief presentation on buffers and the updated Municipal Site Evaluation Guidelines (presentation attached).

Delegation:

Peter Hannah spoke on behalf of the Rideau Lakes Networking Group (attachment) in support of the findings of the 2014 Hutchinson report and encouraged the Board of Directors to adopt the report. Mr. Hannah added that the findings from the RVCA's *2014 Rideau Lakes Subwatershed Report* reveal the need for increased scrutiny not less.

In response to a question from a member as to why the impacts of beaver and geese were not considered in the review, Sommer Casgrain-Robertson committed to look into opportunities for the RVCA to gain an understanding of the impacts of beavers and geese on water quality.

Motion 3-150528

Moved by:

Ray Scissons

Seconded by:

Gerry Boyce

That the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors receive the report by Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd. titled *Assessment of Municipal Site Evaluation Guidelines for Waterfront Development in Eastern Ontario's Lake Country* (dated April 10, 2014) and that the findings and methods therein be adopted as a guide for providing input to planning documents and commenting on development proposals.

Motion Carried

6.0 Brewer Park Pond Planting Day

The report was received by the Board.

7.0 RVCA Water Control Infrastructure

Terry Davidson, Director of Regulations, and Mike Yee responded to questions from the Board regarding RVCA's Water Control Structures.

Motion 4-150528

Moved by:

Andy Jozefowicz

Seconded by:

Vince Carroll

That the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors accepts the RVCA Water Control Infrastructure report.

Motion Carried

8.0 Britannia Village Flood Control Project

A revised staff report (attached) was distributed to Board Members.

Terry Davidson reviewed the history of the Britannia Village Flood Control Project and confirmed that construction is slated to begin in September or October 2015.

Motion 5-150528

Moved by:

Sharon Mousseau

Seconded by:

Pieter Leenhouts

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority approve the issuance of a revised purchase order and authorization to Parsons Corp. to continue the delivery of “Part A – Design Services” and “Part B – Contract Administration and Inspection Services” within the revised scope of professional services as set out in May 25, 2015 correspondence to a new revised upset limit of \$295,409 and \$69,070 respectively, plus taxes.

Motion Carried

11.0 Meetings

a) Conservation Authority General Managers’ Meeting: May 25, 20105 (Toronto)

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson informed members that the provincial government is considering a review of the *Conservation Authorities Act*. A discussion paper has been prepared which is being reviewed internally by various provincial ministries. It is believed that this discussion paper could be posted on the Environmental Registry (EBR) for public consultation as early as June, 2015. Conservation Ontario believes that the review is focussed on administrative changes to make the Act more efficient. Over the past few years, Conservation Authorities have compiled a substantial list of desired changes to the Act, mostly administrative.

Upcoming:

- b) Ottawa River Summit: May 29 & 30, 2015 (Gatineau)
Sommer Casgrain-Robertson will attend the Ottawa River Summit along with municipalities, First Nations, non-governmental organizations, Conservation Authorities, Québec's Basin Organizations and the Ministers of Environment of Ontario and Québec. Ms. Casgrain-Robertson will also present RVCA's experience with integrated watershed management.
- c) Conservation Ontario Council Meeting: June 22, 2015 (Toronto)
Lyle Pederson and Sommer Casgrain-Robertson will represent the RVCA at this meeting.
- d) RVCA Board of Directors Meeting (Watershed Tour): June 25, 2015 (Westport)
Sommer Casgrain-Robertson advised that the 2015 Watershed Tour would take place in the Westport area and would likely involve water and land components. Board Members are asked to advise Michelle Paton of their interest and availability to participate.

12.0 Member Inquiries

A member raised concerns about preparing a 5 year Financial Plan this fall in advance of the strategic review which is currently underway.

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson confirmed that the strategic review process is underway with staff sessions almost complete. Next steps would involve consultation with the Board and municipal staff to get their input. The goal is to have a strategic plan completed in 2016 to coincide with RVCA's 50th Anniversary. The idea is to prepare a first draft of a long-term financial plan for the RVCA, as recommended by the Auditors, for this fall based on our current needs. The plan would certainly be updated once the strategic review is completed and the Board begins to make decisions about future priorities.

13.0 New Business

Conservation Ontario's Annual Report 2014 was distributed.

14.0 In-Camera Session

At 8:48 p.m., Chair Pederson announced that the Board would move in-camera to discuss a legal issue and that Sommer Casgrain-Robertson and Michelle Paton would participate.

Motion 6-150528 **Moved by:** Sharon Mousseau
Seconded by: Pat Barr

That the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors move in-camera to discuss a legal issue.

Motion Carried

Motion 7-150528 **Moved by:** Jeff Banks
Seconded by: Judy Brown

That the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors move out-of-camera.

Motion Carried

The Board returned to an open session at 9:05 p.m.

Motion 8-150528 **Moved by:** Judy Brown
Seconded by: Jeff Banks

That the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors direct staff to contact the Ontario Municipal Board and work with them to come into compliance with s.37 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27, s. 37, and that the current per diem, mileage and honourarium rates for members continue to be used.

Motion Carried

15.0 Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m. This was moved by Pieter Leenhouts and seconded by Joe Gallipeau.

Lyle Pederson
Chair

Michelle Paton
Recording Secretary