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APPROVED MINUTES

Board of Directors **8/15** **October 22, 2015**

- Present:** Anne Barr
Pat Barr
Brian Campbell
Barclay Cormack
Ed Hand
Andy Jozefowicz
Dale McLenaghan
Sharon Mousseau
Ralph Pentland
Ray Scissons
- Jeff Banks
Gerry Boyce
Vince Carroll
Erin Greco
Victor Heese
Pieter Leenhouts
Scott Moffatt
Lyle Pederson
Gerald Schwinghamer
Tom Scott
- Guests:** Doug Thompson, Chair, South Nation Conservation
- Staff:** Ferdous Ahmed
Martha Bradburn
Jocelyn Chandler
Terry Davidson
Rudy Dyck
Ewan Hardie
Michelle Paton
- Jamie Batchelor
Sommer Casgrain-Robertson
Dan Cooper
Diane Downey
Kristy Giles
Glen McDonald
- Regrets:** Judy Brown Joe Gallipeau

Lyle Pederson welcomed Doug Thompson, Chair of South Nation Conservation to the meeting. Mr. Thompson brought greetings from the Board and staff of South Nation Conservation and thanked RVCA for their support during the recent 2015 International Plowing Match.

1.0 Agenda Review

Lyle Pederson reviewed the Agenda.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 1-151022 **Moved by:** Andy Jozefowicz
Seconded by: Sharon Mousseau

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 declared.

4.0 Approval of Minutes of September 24, 2015

Motion 2-151022 **Moved by:** Brian Campbell
Seconded by: Pieter Leenhouts

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority approves the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting #7/15, September 24, 2015 as presented.

Motion Carried

5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes None.

6.0 Otty Lake Fish Habitat Enhancement Project

Brian Campbell shared his first-hand impressions of the Otty Lake Fish Habitat Enhancement Project and the successful partnership between the RVCA and Otty Lake Association. Board Members who are interested in initiating similar projects were asked to contact Ms. Casgrain-Robertson.

7.0 Remic Rapids Wetland Creation Project

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson responded to questions.

8.0 Source Water Protection Update

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson updated the Board on Source Water Protection activities during the first year of Plan implementation and responded to questions regarding the future direction of the program.

9.0 2016 Meeting Schedule

Motion 3-151022 **Moved by:** Gerry Boyce
Seconded by: Sharon Mousseau

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority approve the Draft 2016 Meeting Schedule as presented.

Motion Carried

10.0 Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson responded to questions regarding the process associated with formal Freedom of Information requests under the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)*.

Motion 4-151022 **Moved by:** Ray Scissons
Seconded by: Pat Barr

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority designate the General Manager to be the “Head” as defined by the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (MFIPPA)*.

Motion Carried

11.0 Haggart Island Dam Decommissioning

Terry Davidson responded to questions on work completed to date and the schedule for upcoming work.

Motion 5-151022 **Moved by:** Brian Campbell
Seconded by: Pieter Leenhouts

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority approve the transfer of all remaining funds held by the RVCA for the Haggart Island Dam decommissioning to the Town of Perth.

Motion Carried

12.0 Britannia Village Flood Control Project

Terry Davidson explained the tender process undertaken with the City of Ottawa in accordance with RVCA’s purchasing policy. Sommer Casgrain-Robertson explained that, while two easements were still outstanding,

awarding part of the tender would allow in-water work to be completed this fall. Ms. Casgrain-Robertson confirmed that funds were in the budget for the remainder of the tender to be awarded at a later date.

Motion 6-151022

Moved by:

Tom Scott

Seconded by:

Pieter Leenhouts

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority ratify the awarding of a tender to Meyknecht-Lischer Contractors Ltd. in the amount of \$1,005,007.

Motion Carried

13.0 Wetland Conservation in Ontario: A Discussion Paper

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson responded to questions regarding the RVCA's submission on wetland conservation in Ontario. Ms. Casgrain-Robertson explained that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is responsible for wetland classification which is often triggered by Official Plan reviews. Members raised questions and potential concerns with the process and impact of lands being designated as provincially significant wetlands by the province. It was noted that many wetlands have been lost over the years along with massive tree cuttings.

Motion 7-151022

Moved by:

Sharon Mousseau

Seconded by:

Barclay Cormack

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority approve the attached submission and direct staff to send it to the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry in response to EBR posting 012-4464.

Motion Carried

14.0 2016 Preliminary Draft Budget

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson presented the 2016 Preliminary Draft Budget and responded to questions. Ms. Casgrain-Robertson reported that both Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority and South Nation Conservation were considering a 3.6% increase in levy.

Options to deal with a projected shortfall in planning revenue of \$100,000 were discussed. Current planning fees are harmonized with Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority and South Nation Conservation and traditionally increase by 2% annually. Ms. Casgrain-Robertson noted that the complexity of planning files is increasing and the capacity of partner agencies is decreasing. Glen McDonald, Director of Planning, confirmed

that permit applications are declining in some municipalities including Ottawa. Staff were directed to look at internal options for addressing the shortfall in planning revenue before considering an increase in levy.

Staff were directed to provide 2015 and 2016 salary and non-salary cost breakdowns.

Motion 8-151022

Moved by:

Jeff Banks

Seconded by:

Pat Barr

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority receive the attached 2016 preliminary budget and levy apportionment sheet for review.

Motion Carried

15.0 Meetings

- a) Conservation Ontario Council Meeting: September 28, 2015
Lyle Pederson provided an update on a decision by the Provincial Divisional Court which overturned a decision by the Mining and Lands Commission. Staff were asked to circulate information in the Gilmor v. Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority & Township of Amaranth case when it becomes available.
- b) Lake Networking Group Meeting: October 8, 2015
Paul Lehman, General Manager of the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority presented an update on the *Conservation Authorities Act* Review to the Lake Networking Group
- c) Conservation Authority General Managers Meeting: October 20, 2015
- d) 2015 Annual Lake Links Workshop: October 24, 2015
Jennifer Lamoureux will be presenting and providing examples of fish habitat projects.
- e) RVC Foundation Board of Directors Meeting: November 16, 2015
- f) Latornell Conservation Symposium: November 17-19, 2015
Sommer Casgrain-Robertson advised that RVCA will be sending a smaller complement to this year's Symposium. Board Members, Victor Heese and Tom Scott, will be attending.
- g) RVCA Board of Directors Meeting: October 22, 2015

16.0 Member Inquiries

In response to an inquiry from a member concerning the availability of alternative septic technologies, staff will organize a tour next year of the Ontario Rural Wastewater Centre located at Baxter Conservation Area.

13.0 New Business None

14.0 Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m. This was moved by Andy Jozefowicz and seconded by Ray Scissons.

Lyle Pederson
Chair

Michelle Paton
Recording Secretary