

RIDEAU VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
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APPROVED MINUTES

Board of Directors **2/16** **March 31, 2016**

Present:	Jeff Banks Gerry Boyce Vince Carroll Ed Hand Andy Jozefowicz Dale McLenaghan Sharon Mousseau Ralph Pentland Ray Scissons	Pat Barr Judy Brown Erin Greco Victor Heese Pieter Leenhouts Scott Moffatt Lyle Pederson Gerald Schwinghamer Tom Scott
Staff:	Ferdous Ahmed Dan Cooper Diane Downey Glen McDonald	Sommer Casgrain-Robertson Terry Davidson Ewan Hardie Michelle Paton
Regrets:	Anne Barr Barclay Cormack	Brian Campbell Joe Gallipeau

1.0 Agenda Review

Lyle Pederson reviewed the Agenda.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 1-160331	Moved by:	Ray Scissons
	Seconded by:	Pieter Leenhouts

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 January 28, 2016

Motion 2-160331 **Moved by:** Sharon Mousseau
Seconded by: Judy Brown

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority approves the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting #1/16, January 28, 2016 as presented.

Motion Carried

5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

Appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board

Sharon Mousseau advised that a meeting had been held on March 9, 2016 which was attended by RVCA staff members Terry Davidson and Jamie Batchelor, the Applicant, the Engineer, and Planning staff from the Township. Ms. Mousseau thanked staff for their work to-date.

6.0 2015 Financial Statements

Howard Allan of Allan and Partners LLP presented the 2015 Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015. Mr. Allan also indicated that he had met with the General Manager and Audit Committee to review the statements and provide recommendations.

Mr. Allan and Sommer Casgrain-Robertson responded to questions. Ms. Casgrain-Robertson also presented the attached slide to show all 2015 reserve transfers that had taken place.

Motion 3-160331 **Moved by:** Andy Jozefowicz
Seconded by: Sharon Mousseau

That the RVCA Board of Directors approve the attached 2015 Financial Statements.

Motion Carried

7.0 2016 Budget and Levy

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson advised that the proposed 2016 budget and levy apportionment sheet had been circulated to municipalities in December. No written comments had been received.

Ms. Casgrain-Robertson reviewed the proposed 2016 budget and responded to questions from members.

A recorded vote of all Board of Director members was undertaken to approve the 2016 Budget dated February 17, 2016.

Motion 4-160331

That the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority approve the attached 2016 Budget as amended in the amount of \$10,041,500 (dated February 17, 2016); and further

That the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority establish a 2016 general municipal levy of \$5,289,763; and further

That this levy be apportioned to the participating municipalities according to the attached sheet entitled "Rideau Valley Conservation Authority 2016 Municipal Levy Apportionment (dated February 17, 2016); and further

That the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority establish special levies payable by the City of Ottawa as sole benefitting municipality, as follows:

1. \$10,000 – Ottawa Infrastructure Reserve for Emergency Repairs (Capital – Water Control Structures)
2. \$23,500 – Routine Operation and Maintenance of Flood and Erosion Control Structures in Ottawa (Water Control Operations)
3. \$844,500 – Rideau River Ice Management (Water Control Operations)

Those in favour:	Jeff Banks	Pat Barr
	Judy Brown	Gerry Boyce
	Vince Carroll	Erin Greco
	Ed Hand	Victor Heese
	Andy Jozefowicz	Pieter Leenhouts
	Dale McLenaghan	Scott Moffatt
	Sharon Mousseau	Lyle Pederson
	Ralph Pentland	Gerald Schwinghamer
	Ray Scissons	Tom Scott

Those against: None

Those abstaining: None

Absent:	Anne Barr	Brian Campbell
	Barclay Cormack	Joe Gallipeau

Motion Carried

Ms. Casgrain-Robertson stated that copies of the approved budget and levy apportionment sheet would be sent to municipalities the first week of April 2016 along with their levy invoices.

8.0 2015 Annual Report

Diane Downey presented highlights of the 2015 Annual Report (slides attached) and responded to questions.

Motion 5-160331 **Moved by:** Gerry Boyce
Seconded by: Vince Carroll

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority receive the attached 2015 Annual Report.

Motion Carried

9.0 Ottawa Septic System Office – 2016 Fee Schedule

Terry Davidson presented the proposed Ottawa Septic System Office 2016 Fee Schedule.

Mr. Davidson responded to questions regarding septic systems, including systems that have a nitrogen-removal process in place. Mr. Davidson confirmed that systems are also available that can remove phosphorous. It was suggested that this would be a valuable discussion for septic staff to have with municipal staff as it pertains to development approvals.

Motion 6-160331 **Moved by:** Pieter Leenhouts
Seconded by: Jeff Banks

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority approves the attached Ottawa Septic System Office Proposed 2016 Feed 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 2016 Fee Schedule take effect April 4, 2016.

Motion Carried

10.0 Black Rapids Wetland Creation Project

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson responded to questions indicating that this project was still in the design phase and that information about the design could be provided in the coming months.

11.0 RVCA 50th Anniversary

Lyle Pederson kicked off the RVCA's 50th Anniversary by reviewing the history of the Authority's founding in 1966. Mr. Pederson then led the Board in an interactive exercise relating to the 50th Anniversary timeline which has been posted on the RVCA website.

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson spoke of the communication pieces associated with the anniversary including the banner on the building, increased signage at Conservation Areas and info-graphic posters for municipalities to display at their offices.

Ms. Casgrain-Robertson advised that a social event is planned for September 22 which will involve municipal staff and councils, partners and other agencies.

Lyle Pederson and Ed Hand circulated a congratulatory message from Premier Kathleen Wynne.

12.0 Meetings

- a) Eastern Ontario MNR / CA Regulations Meeting: February 4, 2016
A positive re-introductory meeting was held between MNR Kemptville and Eastern CA Regulations staff.
- b) RVC Foundation Board of Directors Meeting: February 8, 2016
The Foundation is reviewing their mission and discussing strategic goals in line with the RVCA.
- c) Flood Forecasting and Warning Partners Meeting: February 10, 2016
This meeting was attended by emergency response municipal and agency staff and included an interactive exercise.
- d) Budget Presentation to Montague Council: March 1, 2016
Vince Carroll spoke to the value of staff presentations to municipal council.
- e) Hutton Creek Wetland Restoration Committee Meeting: March 4, 2016
Lyle Pederson advised that the Committee met to develop a work plan to restore the health of the wetland.
- f) Conservation Ontario Queen's Park Day: March 10, 2016
Sommer Casgrain-Robertson attended this event to talk about the work of Conservation Authorities with MPPs.

Upcoming:

- g) Conservation Ontario Council Meeting: Monday, April 11, 2016
(Toronto)

- h) RVC Foundation Meeting: Monday, April 18, 2016 (Manotick)
- i) Budget Presentation to North Grenville Council: Monday, April 25, 2016 (Kemptonville)
- j) RVCA Board of Directors Meeting: Thursday, April 28, 2016 (Manotick)
Sommer Casgrain-Robertson reminded participants that prior to the meetings on April 28 and May 26, there will be departmental presentations and discussions beginning at 5:00 pm.
- k) RVCA Board of Directors Meeting: Thursday, June 23, 2016
Ms. Casgrain-Robertson advised that this year's Watershed Tour on June 23 would focus on the Middle Rideau. She reminded members that this tour traditionally is held during the day. More information will follow.

13.0 Member Inquiries

Cormorants in Rideau Lakes Township

Jeff Banks advised that the Big Rideau Lake Association had recently made a presentation to the Township of Rideau Lakes Council regarding the cormorant population in the area. Mr. Banks questioned whether the RVCA has studied the impact of waterfowl on water quality. Sommer Casgrain-Robertson indicated a literature review of the impact of geese on water quality had been undertaken and the results circulated to the board but that she would follow up with staff about this issue.

Water Quality and Monitoring

Tom Scott questioned whether Conservation Ontario had a policy on water quality testing for contaminants or whether RVCA should have its own policy. Mr. Scott noted that one of the neighbouring conservation authorities had recently had an issue with water quality and they did not have a baseline.

Windmill and Solar Farms

Tom Scott questioned whether Conservation Ontario had a policy on windmill development or whether RVCA should have its own policy. He suggested that municipalities should know what could be expected from conservation authorities. Jeff Banks added that the same should be understood for solar farms. Sommer Casgrain-Robertson explained that both fell under the *Green Energy Act* and that staff would put together a response.

Staff Recognition

Lyle Pederson took a moment to recognize and thank RVCA staff member, Michelle Paton, for her assistance with the Board.

Mr. Pederson recognized and offered the Board's congratulations to Jennifer Lamoureux, RVCA's Aquatic and Fish Habit Biologist. Ms. Lamoureux, in partnership with and Muskies Canada Ottawa Chapter, Minto, Richcraft, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Ontario Ministry of

Natural Resources and Forestry, City of Ottawa and the Institute of Environmental Science at Carleton University, won the Top Canadian Fishing Industry Conservation Project for 2015 for their Brewer Park Pond Restoration Project. Ms. Lamoureux, in partnership with the Ottawa Chapter of Muskies Canada, National Defence Headquarters Fish and Game Club and Ottawa Flyfishers Society, also won this national award in 2014 for their Jock River Habitat Embayment Creation Project.

14.0 New Business

Mississippi Rideau Source Protection Committee

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson advised that Janet Stavinga, who has chaired the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee since its inception, has tendered her resignation.

Motion 7-160331

Moved by:

Sharon Mousseau

Seconded by:

Scott Moffatt

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority direct staff to draft a letter of thanks to Janet Stavinga for her ten years of exemplary service as Chair of the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee.

Motion Carried

12.0 Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:35 on a motion by Andy Jozefowicz which was seconded by Judy Brown.

Lyle Pederson
Chair

Michelle Paton
Recording Secretary