

4.0 Approval of Minutes of October 27, 2016

A typographical error was identified under Item #7.0.

Motion 2-161124 **Moved by:** Erin Greco
Seconded by: Pat Barr

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority approves the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting #7/16, October 27, 2016 as amended.

Motion Carried

5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

Members thanked Glen McDonald for providing additional information following our October board meeting regarding the breakdown of revenue for planning and regulation programs. After further discussion about cost recovery, staff were asked to report back to the Board with a rationalization of the fees charged for various types of planning and regulation files. If not too onerous, staff were asked to perform a back scan to determine if cost recovery was going up, down or neutral.

6.0 2016 Low Water Conditions

Brian Stratton updated the Board on the low water conditions experienced throughout the watershed in 2016. In response to questions, Mr. Stratton advised that the RVCA has no authority over Permits to Take Water which fall within the purview of the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change and that Parks Canada is responsible for managing water levels on the Rideau Canal. Mr. Stratton also confirmed that sustained low water levels could influence future floodplain mapping as stream flow data is factored into the models. He also advised that provincial ministries are looking into low water contingency plans if drought conditions continue into 2017 and he will keep the Board updated accordingly.

Motion 3-161124 **Moved by:** Judy Brown
Seconded by: Sharon Mousseau

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority receives this report for information purposes

Motion Carried

7.0 Disposal of Silversides Tool Collection

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson updated the Board on the history of the Silversides Tool Collection.

Motion 4-161124 **Moved by:** Brian Campbell
Seconded by: Joe Gallipeau

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority approve the disposal of a collection of pioneer tools, known as the “Silversides Tool Collection”, back to the Silversides family.

Motion Carried

8.0 Draft Wetland Conservation Strategy for Ontario

The Board discussed wetlands and raised numerous concerns and areas for improvement that should be communicated to the province. These included how wetlands are designated and mapped, tools used to protect them, and public consultation and communication. Lyle Pederson noted that Conservation Ontario seemed to have over-committed the capacity of conservation authorities. Sommer Casgrain-Robertson concurred that the RVCA is not capable of taking on increased responsibilities associated with the Wetland Conservation Strategy without financial support from the province.

All the Board’s comments will be captured in a cover letter to the province that will accompany the comments prepared by Conservation Ontario.

Motion 5-161124 **Moved by:** Vince Carroll
Seconded by: Sharon Mousseau

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority approve the attached submission prepared by Conservation Ontario with exceptions and direct staff to send it to the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry in response to EBR posting 012-7675.

Motion Carried

9.0 Draft Strategic Plan

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson presented a draft Strategic Plan based on initial input from the Board and staff. Should the Board receive this draft, it will be presented to staff for final review along with any comments raised by the Board.

Lyle Pederson noted that the Plan could be reviewed annually and adjusted accordingly. Following a discussion of the identified priorities and the ability to track progress, staff were asked to prepare a work plan prioritizing the strategic priorities and to indicate in future staff reports when an item supports a particular priority.

Motion 6-161124

Moved by:

Barclay Cormack

Seconded by:

Judy Brown

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority receive the attached draft Strategic Plan for review and comment.

Motion Carried

10.0 RVCA Revenue and Expenditure Report as at September 30, 2016

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson presented the Revenue and Expenditure Report as at September 30, 2016. Staff confirmed that estimated amortization costs have been factored into the report. Ms. Casgrain-Robertson noted that Gary Boutillier, Manager of Financial Services, has been refining the Authority's accounts to ensure that tangible capital assets are properly accounted for.

Motion 7-161124

Moved by:

Brian Campbell

Seconded by:

Pat Barr

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority approve the Expenditure and Revenue Report at September 30, 2016 and direct staff to pay any deficit accumulation for 2016 out of reserves which must then be replenished from the 2017 operating budget.

Motion Carried

11.0 Draft 2017 Budget

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson presented a draft 2017 Budget based on a 3.3 percent increase in municipal levy. Also attached was a previously requested summary of board costs and a comparison of Conservation Authority per diems & honorariums. Ms. Casgrain-Robertson answered questions about the budget and explained that Conservation Authorities use modified current value assessment data provided by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

Motion 8-161124

Moved by:
Seconded by:

Sharon Mousseau
Andy Jozefowicz

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority approve the attached draft budget and levy apportionment sheet for circulation to member municipalities for their review and consideration prior to the RVCA's March 23, 2017 meeting.

Motion Carried

12.0 Meetings

a) A.D. Latornell Conservation Symposium: November 15-17, 2016
Erin Greco and Ralph Pentland reported on the sessions they attended and their overall observations of this year's symposium.

b) RVC Foundation Board of Directors Meeting: November 21, 2016

Upcoming:

c) 50th Anniversary Event: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 (Manotick)
Members were encouraged to RSVP if they were attending

d) Conservation Ontario Council Meeting: December 5, 2016 (Toronto)

e) RVCA Board of Directors Annual General Meeting: Thursday, January 26, 2017 (Manotick)

12.0 Member Inquiries

Sharon Mousseau inquired about starting Board meetings earlier. Interest was expressed by many members so staff were directed to conduct a poll of members to see if an earlier start time could be implemented.

13.0 New Business

14.0 Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:20 on a motion by Judy Brown which was seconded by Sharon Mousseau.

Lyle Pederson
Chair

Michelle Paton
Recording Secretary