

RIDEAU VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
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APPROVED MINUTES

Board of Directors **5/17** **May 25, 2017**

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

1.0 Agenda Review

Lyle Pederson called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm and reviewed the Agenda. Brian Campbell asked that an item be added under new business to discuss the possibility of reducing planning and regulation fees for flood-affected property owners.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 1-170525	Moved by:	Jeff Banks
	Seconded by:	Barclay Cormack

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

Motion Carried

3.0 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest declared.

4.0 Approval of Minutes of April 27, 2017

Motion 2-170525 **Moved by:** Andy Jozefowicz
Seconded by: Victor Heese

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority approves the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting #4/17, April 27, 2017 as circulated.

Motion Carried

5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

Note: Anne Barr arrived.

Lyle Pederson introduced the concept of a “learning moment” to promote Board self-assessment with respect to roles and responsibilities of Board Members. At the April 27, 2017 meeting, staff came to the Board with a policy issue, agenda item 8.0 RVCA Appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board. Mr. Pederson underscored that the role of the Board is policy oversight and therefore discussions should remain focused on the policy issue at hand.

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson noted that there is a schematic outlining the RVCA’s Planning Advisory and Regulatory roles. This will be circulated to the Board (Attachment #1).

6.0 Years of Service Certificate

Rudy Dyck, RVCA Director of Watershed Stewardship Services will be retiring on June 1, 2017. Mr. Dyck was presented with a Certificate acknowledging his 33 years of service.

Anne Barr, on behalf of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, presented Rudy Dyck with a letter of congratulations from Mayor Nash.

7.0 Jock River Subwatershed Report 2016

Martin Czarski presented the *Jock River Subwatershed Report 2016* (Attachment #2) and responded to questions.

Mr. Czarski thanked Chris Czerwinski, Jennifer Lamoureux, and Sarah MacLeod-Neilson for their valuable contributions to the Subwatershed Report.

Diane Downey confirmed that a distribution and communications plan had been developed and would be implemented following receipt of the Subwatershed Report by the Board.

Motion 3-170525 **Moved by:** Sharon Mousseau
Seconded by: Pieter Leenhouts

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority receive the *Jock River Subwatershed Report 2016: A report on the environmental health of the Jock River* and direct staff to distribute it to all member municipalities, government agencies, non-government organizations and the community at large.

Motion Carried

8.0 New Website and Geoportal

Diane Downey gave a live demonstration of the capabilities and features of RVCA's new website and geoportal.

Motion 4-170525 **Moved by:** Andy Jozefowicz
Seconded by: Judy Brown

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority receive this report for information.

Motion Carried

9.0 Overview of 2017 Spring Flooding

Diane Downey, Ewan Hardie and Terry Davidson presented an overview of the 2017 spring flooding (Attachment #3) and responded to questions.

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson confirmed that the completed portion of the Britannia berm did provide flood protection for the local community during this spring's flood. Terry Davidson confirmed that the Britannia berm will be completed in the fall of 2017 once all easements have been executed.

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson thanked staff for their efforts during the 2017 spring flooding.

Motion 5-170525

Moved by:

Gerry Boyce

Seconded by:

Joe Gallipeau

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

Motion Carried

10.0 Ottawa Harvested Hydrogeological Information Geodatabase Project (OHHIG) Phase 1 Completion and Phase 2 Initiation

Motion 6-170525

Moved by:

Pieter Leenhouts

Seconded by:

Ed Hand

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority receive this report for information.

Motion Carried

11.0 Meetings

- a) Provincial GMs Meeting: May 8, 2017 (Toronto)
- b) Presentation to Perth Council, May 9, 2017 (Perth)
Judy Brown provided an update on Sommer Casgrain-Robertson's presentation to Perth Council.

Upcoming:

- c) Presentation to Merrickville-Wolford Council: Monday, June 12, 2017
- d) Presentation to South Frontenac Council: Tuesday, June 13, 2017
- e) RVCA Board of Directors Watershed Tour: Thursday, June 22, 2017
Sommer Casgrain-Robertson noted that there may be a need for a short meeting of the Board on June 22, 2017 following the Watershed Tour.
- f) Conservation Ontario Council Meeting: Monday, June 26, 2017 (Toronto)
- g) Presentation to Central Frontenac Council: Tuesday, June 27, 2017
- h) RVCA Board of Directors Meeting: Thursday, July 27, 2017 (Manotick)

13.0 Member Inquiries

Merrickville-Wolford

Anne Barr asked if any information was available on the operating costs of donated land.

Beckwith

Sharon Mousseau advised that a two-page spread in the *Beckwith Beaver* promoting RVCA's stewardship programs had been mailed to all Township residents.

Tay Valley

Brian Campbell extended thanks to RVCA's Meaghan McDonald and her stewardship team who planted over 1,500 trees along the pathway by the County of Lanark's nursing home.

Energy East Pipeline Project

In response to a question from a member, Sommer Casgrain-Robertson confirmed that a new NEB Hearing Panel had been appointed to undertake the review of the Energy East pipeline project which restarted the process. The review is now underway again and staff will circulate an update on the project to the Board via email.

Baxter Conservation Area

Pieter Leenhouts noted that he has been appointed Group Commissioner of Scouts in Kars/North Gower. Mr. Leenhouts extended thanks to Scott Danford for his help in organizing a tree plant at Baxter for the area scouts.

14.0 New Business

Ontario East Municipal Conference

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson advised that the Ontario East Municipal Conference confirmed a speaking slot for the eastern Ontario Conservation Authorities at this year's conference (September 13-15, 2017).

Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson advised that the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation has received accreditation through Imagine Canada's Standards Program.

Staffing Changes

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson announced that, with the departure of Rudy Dyck, Dan Cooper will be taking on the role of Director of Conservation Lands and Stewardship.

Proposed Reduction in Planning and Regulation Fees

Brian Campbell advised that significant flooding had impacted over 400 properties on Christie Lake in Tay Valley Township. Mr. Campbell noted that Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority has reduced their regulation application fees for affected property owners in the Constance Bay area and asked if RVCA would do the same.

After some discussion, Staff were asked to prepare a report for the next Board meeting indicating the financial implications of reducing fees.

Motion 7-170525

Moved by:

Judy Brown

Seconded by:

Ed Hand

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority defer a decision on the reduction of planning and regulation application fees for flood-affected property owners until the next Board meeting.

Motion Carried

15.0 Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:56 on a motion by Andy Jozefowicz which was seconded by Judy Brown.

Lyle Pederson
Chair

Michelle Paton
Recording Secretary