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APPROVED MINUTES

Board of Directors **6/17** **July 27, 2017**

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

1.0 Agenda Review

Lyle Pederson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and reviewed the Agenda.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 1-170727	Moved by:	Andy Jozefowicz
	Seconded by:	Gerry Boyce

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

Motion Carried

3.0 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest declared.

4.0 Approval of Minutes of May 25, 2017

Motion 2-170727 **Moved by:** Victor Heese
Seconded by: Barclay Cormack

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority approves the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting #5/17, May 25, 2017 as circulated.

Motion Carried

5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising.

6.0 Shoreline Naturalization Plans for Heart's Desire Weir Decommissioning

Mike Yee, Manager, Biology and Water Quality, presented the attached update on the Shoreline Naturalization Plans for the Heart's Desire Weir Decommissioning and responded to questions.

In response to questions from a member, staff clarified that the current weir is owned by the RVCA, that decommissioning the weir is an RVCA decision and project, and that there should be no liability associated with ceasing to operate the weir as RVCA's permit from Transport Canada to operate the weir has now lapsed.

Staff were asked to update the Board on contract status and/or any changes to landowner agreements in September.

Motion 3-170727 **Moved by:** Ray Scissons
Seconded by: Jeff Banks

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

Motion Carried

7.0 Flood and Regulation Limits Mapping for the Rideau River from Hogs Back to Kars and from Kars to Burritts Rapids, for the purposes of administering Ontario Regulation 174/06 under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act of Ontario

Ewan Hardie, Director, Watershed Sciences and Engineering presented flood and regulation limits mapping for the Rideau River from Hogs Back to Kars and from Kars to Burritts Rapids and responded to questions from the Board. Mr. Hardie noted that the real estate and insurance sectors were added to the list of agencies to be notified of new mapping as previously recommended by the Board.

In response to a question from a member regarding the impact of insurance on homeowners whose properties are now in the floodplain, another member responded that if a homeowner does not purchase overland flood insurance they may not qualify for disaster relief programs. Glen McDonald added that staff are looking for a contact within the Insurance Board of Canada to further discussions.

Glen McDonald responded to a question about whether floodplain mapping studies are mandatory. He noted that they are a best practice and that municipalities look for floodplain mapping information when updating their Official Plans.

Motion 4-170727

Moved by:

Tom Scott

Seconded by:

Ralph Pentland

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority receive these three reports (dated May 29, July 17 and July 18, 2017);

That the reports and associated maps be adopted as the best available information related to establishing flood risk limits along the Rideau River;

That the reports and maps be used in RVCA's planning advisory and regulation programs and other watershed management activities effective immediately;

That the mapping studies done by M. M. Dillon in 1989 and by A. J. Robinson in 2003 and associated maps be superseded with the approval of these reports and maps;

That the new reports and maps be published and put on the RVCA web site for public use and information;

That a public open house be held in an expeditious manner to solicit input from the public on the reports and maps and to explain how the regulation limits were derived and how they are being administered;

That a final staff report be provided to the Board to inform them of the outcome of the public open house; and,

That any feedback from the open house that warrants a change to the reports or maps be done promptly and brought to the Board for approval.

Motion Carried

8.0 EBR Posting: Conservation Authorities Act Amendments

In response to a question from a member, Lyle Pederson clarified that Cindy Forster, MPP (Welland), had introduced a Private Members Bill seeking to amend the *Conservation Authorities Act* to require that at least half the members of a conservation authority have significant training, experience or employment history in an environmental or natural resource field. The Bill would also require that all existing appointments be terminated and those members whose appointments are terminated in this manner could be reappointed if they meet the new qualifications. Only first reading of this Bill has taken place.

A member noted that through the consultation process on the *Conservation Authorities Act* it had been strongly identified that the province should fund priorities that they identify. The member asked that the EBR submission letter be amended to reiterate this position.

Motion 5-170727

Moved by:

Tom Scott

Seconded by:

Victor Heese

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority endorse the attached EBR submission as amended regarding EBR posting #013-0561 and direct staff to submit it to the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

Motion Carried

9.0 Planning and Regulation Fees in Flood Damaged Areas

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson provided a report in response to the request from Brian Campbell at the May 25, 2017 board meeting to consider reducing planning and regulation fees for homeowners in flood damaged areas. Ms. Casgrain-Robertson noted that disaster relief funding, which Tay Valley Township is pursuing, considers planning and regulation fees an applicable expense.

In response to a question from a member, Terry Davidson agreed to raise the issue of beaver dams in municipal drains at his next Drainage Act &

Section 28 Regulations Team (DART) meeting and report back to the Board.

Motion 6-170727

Moved by:

Judy Brown

Seconded by:

Gerry Boyce

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

Motion Carried

10.0 Meetings

- a) NCC Environment Strategy Stakeholder Consultation, June 6, 2017
RVCA participated in the stakeholder consultation session.
- b) Presentation to Merrickville-Wolford Council: Monday, June 12, 2017
Sommer Casgrain-Robertson gave a presentation
- c) Presentation to South Frontenac Council: Tuesday, June 13, 2017
Pat Barr commented that Sommer Casgrain-Robertson's presentation had been well received.
- d) Merrickville-Wolford Municipal Open House: Wednesday, June 21, 2017
RVCA staff had two booths at this inaugural event.
- e) RVCA Board of Directors Watershed Tour: Thursday, June 22, 2017
Members indicated that they appreciated the variety of site visits and seeing how private business was undertaking conservation measures.
- f) Conservation Ontario Council Meeting: Monday, June 26, 2017 (Toronto)
- g) Presentation to Central Frontenac Council: Tuesday, June 27, 2017
Victor Heese commented that Sommer Casgrain-Robertson's presentation had been well received.
- h) Teeny Tiny Summit: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 (Merrickville)
Sommer Casgrain-Robertson and Jeff Banks both attended the summit.

Upcoming:

- i) Ontario East Municipal Conference: September 13-15, 2017 (Kingston)
The Eastern Ontario conservation authorities have a booth and a speaking session at this year's conference.
- j) RVC Foundation Board of Directors Meeting: Monday, September 18, 2017 (Manotick)
- k) Conservation Ontario Council Meeting: Monday, September 25, 2017
- l) RVCA Board of Directors Meeting: Thursday, September 28, 2017

11.0 Member Inquiries

Jeff Banks raised concerns about the regulation of trailers in campgrounds. Terry Davidson confirmed that Building Inspectors can lay a charge under the *Building Code Act* if sewage is present. Mr. Banks was urged to contact Terry Davidson or Glen McDonald directly with any additional concerns.

12.0 New Business

North Gower Flooding

Ewan Hardie presented an update (attached) on recent flooding in the North Gower area of Ottawa and responded to questions.

Program Review

Lyle Pederson outlined expectations regarding the program review process. He asked members for feedback and responded to questions. A member requested that his comments be summarized in writing and circulated to members.

13.0 In-Camera Session

Staff were asked to leave the meeting at 8:27. Sommer Casgrain-Robertson and Michelle Paton were asked to remain in the room.

Motion 7-170727 **Moved by:** Victor Heese
Seconded by: Pat Barr

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

Motion Carried

Motion 8-170727 **Moved by:** Judy Brown
Seconded by: Jeff Banks

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

Motion Carried

There was nothing to report from the in-camera session.

14.0 Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:30 on a motion by Andy Jozefowicz which was seconded by Judy Brown.

Lyle Pederson
Chair

Michelle Paton
Recording Secretary