

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 1-170928 **Moved by:** Andy Jozefowicz
Seconded by: Tom Scott

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 July 27, 2017

Motion 2-170828 **Moved by:** Barclay Cormack
Seconded by: Gerry Boyce

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority approves the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting #6/17, July 27, 2017 as amended.

Motion Carried

5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising.

6.0 Delegation — Goulbourn Wetlands

Ken McRae made a delegation to the Board regarding the protection of provincially significant wetlands in the Flewellyn Special Study Area. He requested that the Board reverse an earlier decision made in 2009 and apply Ontario Regulation 174/06 to wetlands within the special study area before designation in the City's Official Plan. He provided background information as well as photos of wetland destruction currently taking place in the absence of regulations.

Terry Davidson, Director of Regulations made a presentation outlining the history of the Flewellyn Special Study Area.

Members of the public in attendance requested an opportunity to address the Board. The Chair polled the members and it was unanimous that the

guests be permitted to address the Board on this topic. They were given five minutes.

Tom Black, President of the Ontario Landowners Association, spoke of the historical land use in the area and stated that these wet areas were formerly farmed and are the result of larger drainage issues.

Mike Westley, a property owner in the Flewellyn Special Study Area, spoke about the MNRF wetland criteria and how errors were made. He expressed concerns regarding changes to drainage features with the construction of Highway 7 and discharging of water from local quarries.

There was much discussion among the members and questions asked of staff and some of the speakers. During the discussion, various concerns and considerations were raised regarding this issue and several board members indicated they would require more information to make an informed decision. Specifically, members indicated that they would like to hear from the City of Ottawa regarding their process and interests regarding this issue.

Motion 3-170928

Moved by:

Judy Brown

Seconded by:

Sharon Mousseau

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority defer any decision on this matter until additional information can be brought forward from the City of Ottawa and RVCA staff in regards to the request.

Motion Carried

7.0 Heart's Desire Weir Decommissioning

Terry Davidson, Director of Regulations, announced that the Heart's Desire Weir decommissioning and construction of a rocky ramp is scheduled to proceed in late October. Nine of the 11 homeowners immediately upstream of the weir have been working with staff to develop site specific restoration plans for their properties. No response has been received from the other two homeowners despite efforts to contact them. Weather permitting, the project should take three weeks to complete.

Motion 4-170928

Moved by:

Barclay Cormack

Seconded by:

Vince Carroll

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority approve Tomlinson to provide materials for the construction of the Heart's Desire Rocky Ramp at a cost of \$101,783 plus HST;

That the Board approve Rabb Construction to provide equipment rentals at a cost of \$69,480 plus HST;

And that staff be allowed to issue Change Work Orders (contingencies) up to a total maximum of \$25,500 to complete the project.

Motion Carried

8.0 Flood and Regulation Limits Mapping for Kings Creek

Ferdous Ahmed, Senior Water Resources Engineer, presented a summary regarding the newest flood and regulation limits mapping project to be completed. It is on Kings Creek, which is a tributary of the Jock River, from the Brunton Side Road to the Jock River. Members of the public will be invited to an upcoming open house to review the flood and regulation maps in early November.

Barclay Cormack requested that a map identifying the study area be included in future staff reports.

Sharon Mousseau indicated that the study had been reviewed by the Township of Beckwith and they had no concerns. She then asked for an explanation that she could provide to staff as to why the RVCA has the mapping take effect prior to the open house. Sommer Casgrain-Robertson referred members to the staff report that was brought to the board in February 2017 outlining the process and the rationale which the Board reaffirmed. A copy of this report will be circulated to the member.

Motion 5-170928

Moved by:

Judy Brown

Seconded by:

Ralph Pentland

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority receive the flood mapping report (dated September 6, 2017);

That the report and associated maps be adopted as the best available information related to establishing flood risk limits along Kings Creek;

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

That the report 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

9.0 Revenue and Expenditure Report as at June 30, 2017

Chair Lyle Pederson introduced the RVCA's new Manager of Financial Services, Sarah Wayne.

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson summarized the revenue and expenditure statements for mid-year.

Tom Scott suggested that a line item for contingencies could be considered in future budgets.

Judy Brown asked what the general practice is at the RVCA for approval of unexpected expenses. Sommer Casgrain-Robertson responded that purchases are limited by budget availability and approval of purchases must follow the RVCA's Purchasing Policy. She further explained that purchases over \$25,000 require board approval.

Motion 6-170928 **Moved by:** Gerry Boyce
Seconded by: Brian Campbell

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority approve the Revenue and Expenditure Report as at June 30, 2017.

Motion Carried

10.0 2017 Group Benefits Renewal

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson outlined upcoming changes to Employee Group Benefits that will reduce renewal rates in 2018. This renewal is brought to the Board every fall for their review and acceptance.

Motion 7-170928 **Moved by:** Pat Barr
Seconded by: Joe Gallipeau

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority accept the 2017 Group Benefit Renewal, the terms of which have already been accepted by the Group Insurance and Benefits Committee.

Motion Carried

11.0 2017 Meeting Schedule

With a great deal of work to accomplish before year end, staff requested a change to the 2017 meeting schedule to include an additional Board meeting on December 14, 2017. No Executive Meeting is anticipated on December 14.

Motion 8-170928 **Moved by:** Sharon Mousseau
Seconded by: Brian Campbell

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority approve the revised 2017 Meeting Schedule as presented.

12.0 Meetings

- a) Ontario East Municipal Conference, September 13-15, 2017
The Eastern Ontario Conservation Authorities shared a booth and a speaking slot at this year's conference. Many members indicated that they see great value in this conference and highly recommended it to others.

- b) Presentation to Westport Council: September 18, 2017
Gerald Schwinghamer thanked Sommer for presenting to Westport Council.
- c) Conservation Ontario Council Meeting: September 25, 2017
Lyle Pederson reported that Minister Katherine McGarry attended and expressed her confidence that amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act* would be passed by the end of the legislature's session. He also provided an update on the Gilmor Appeal and a summary of CO's 2018 proposed budget. A member expressed concern regarding the cost of our annual CO levy and hoped we received adequate value for it.
- d) Floodplain Mapping Open House: September 27, 2017
This meeting was well attended with over 60 people present including Councillor Scott Moffatt. Good feedback was collected and there are no major issues although some additional measurements will be taken on specific properties.

Upcoming:

- e) General Managers Meeting: October 16, 2016 (Toronto)
- f) Eastern Ontario GM & Chairs Meeting: October 24, 2017 (Kingston)
- g) RVCA Board of Directors Meeting: October 26, 2017 (Manotick)
- h) Latornell Conservation Symposium: November 21-23, 2017 (Alliston)

13.0 Member Inquiries

Andy Jozefowiz asked how work was proceeding on the second Haggart Island dam decommissioning in Perth. Judy Brown said work on the second decommissioning and rocky ramp construction had begun but was now delayed because the cofferdam aqua-barrier broke. It is hoped that work can resume shortly.

14.0 New Business

With a new Manager of Financial Services in place, Lyle Pederson indicated that an Audit Committee meeting would be scheduled soon with staff to work through the Auditors recommendations. This includes assessing deferred revenue and developing a policy as well as preparing a ten year capital expenditure plan.

Lyle indicated that the program review schedule has been delayed but that the board should expect information from staff prior to the end of the year.

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson informed the Board that Councillor Blais from the City of Ottawa expressed concerns regarding the RVCA's approval process for flood and regulation mapping. She indicated that she had shared his concerns with Chair Pederson and Councillor Moffatt but also wanted to the Board to be aware. She informed the Councillor that the current process was initiated in 2010 and was recently reconsidered and approved by the Board at their February 2017 meeting.

15.0 Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m. on a motion by Andy Jozefowicz which was seconded by Sharon Mousseau.

Lyle Pederson
Chair

Diane Downey
Recording Secretary