

RIDEAU VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY WATERSHED BRIEFS

June 2015

A newsletter for municipal councillors

2015 Board of Directors

Andy Jozefowicz *Athens*

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Sharon Mousseau *Beckwith*

Victor Heese *Central Frontenac*

No appointment *Clarence-Rockland*

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Anne Barr *Merrickville-Wolford*

Vince Carroll *Montague*

Gerry Boyce *North Dundas*

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Erin Greco *Ottawa*

Ed Hand *Ottawa*

Pieter Leenhouts *Ottawa*

Scott Moffatt *Ottawa*

Ralph Pentland *Ottawa*

Tom Scott *Ottawa*

Judy Brown *Perth*

Jeff Banks *Rideau Lakes*

Joe Gallipeau *Smiths Falls*

Pat Barr *South Frontenac*

Brian Campbell *Tay Valley*

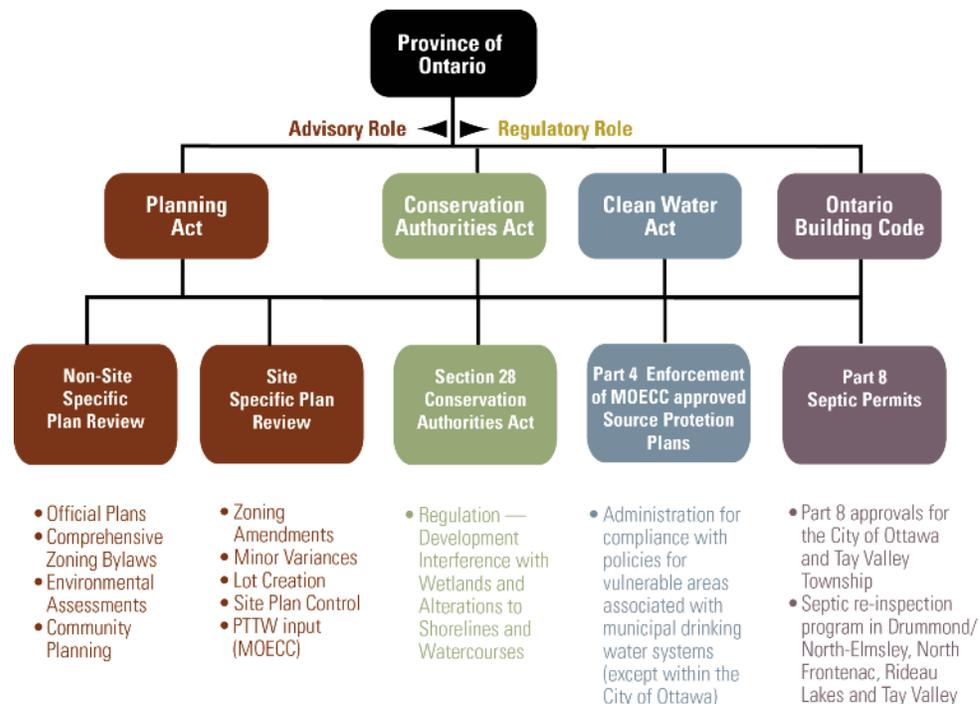
Gerald Schwinghamer *Westport*

RVCA Planning Advisory and Regulatory Services Professional, Competent, Qualified and Consistent Service

The RVCA conserves natural resources in the Rideau Valley for everyone's benefit. As part of its mandate, the RVCA reviews development proposals submitted to municipalities within or adjacent to hazard lands and natural areas. We also regulate development in environmentally sensitive areas such as floodplains, wetlands, shorelines and waterways. These efforts are undertaken by a professional team of planners, water resources engineers, biologists and hydrogeologists to ensure clean water, natural shorelines and sustainable land use throughout the watershed. Although good planning balances society, economy and the environment, the RVCA's ultimate client is our watershed.

The RVCA reviews, advises and regulates on a range of development activities, including:

- Non-site specific plan review — larger scale planning activities covering wide planning areas
- Site specific plan review
- Section 28 — *Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation*
- Part 4 — *Clean Water Act* compliance
- Part 8 Septic Approvals — *Ontario Building Code*



Upcoming Board of Director's Meetings —

Thursday, July 23, 2015
7 p.m. at the RVCC in
Manotick, ON

RVCA's Advisory Role

1) Non-Site Specific Plan Review — The Authority offers the services of professional staff to advise municipalities on larger scale planning projects such as the development of official plans and comprehensive zoning by-laws. Staff also participate in municipal committees to assist in the preparation of community or neighbourhood plans, environmental management plans and infrastructure/servicing plans. The Conservation Authority may also participate in the Environmental Assessment process particularly related to growth and infrastructure renewal in our member municipalities.

2) Site Specific Review — The RVCA advises municipalities on behalf of the province on "site specific" planning applications where natural hazard issues (flooding, unstable slopes and soils) are involved. We may undertake technical reviews and provides planning advice on matters related to ground water, surface and storm water, aquatic habitat or wetland impacts for municipal consideration. Advice may be also given to municipal approval authorities related to natural heritage issues and private servicing. Some 1,200 site specific planning application reviews, which are performed on a cost recovery basis through the collection of fees for services, are typically processed annually.

RVCA's Regulatory Role

3) Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act — The RVCA protects and regulates important environmentally sensitive areas such as in floodplains, areas adjacent to unstable slopes, in and around wetlands and along shorelines and waterways. Regulation occurs based on our delegated responsibilities to administer *Ontario Regulation 174/06— the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation*. Work near a lake, river, stream or wetland may require approval from a Conservation Authority. This includes construction and alterations to buildings, site grading, as well as changes to a watercourse or wetland (altering or interfering).

4) Part 4 Enforcement of Source Protection Plans, Clean Water Act — Starting in January 2015 RVCA staff, in partnership with Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) staff, act as Risk Management Officials/Risk Management Inspectors to carry out Part IV enforcement of Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Plan (SPP) policies for vulnerable areas associated with municipal drinking water systems except within City of Ottawa. The majority of the work involves working with property owners located close to municipal drinking water systems to determine what measures are in place to reduce or eliminate the risk that a certain activity will contaminate municipal drinking water supplies. The work also involves the review of new development applications to ensure compliance with the SPP policies.

5) Part 8 Septic Review — RVCA staff, in partnership with two other local conservation authorities (MVCA and South Nation Conservation), act as the municipal approval authority for private onsite sewage systems for the City of Ottawa and Tay Valley Township. The Ottawa Septic System Office (OSSO) and Mississippi Rideau Septic System Office (MRSSO) are the regulatory authorities that inspect systems, issue permits, maintain records and enforce Part 8 of the *Ontario Building Code (OBC)*. As part of this service, we also review development applications, including private onsite services in the municipalities where we have approval authority powers, for their ability to meet current OBC approvals and standards.



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