

Heart Desire Weir Decommissioning and Riparian Restoration Plan Process



November 26, 2013

On September 26, 2013, the motion accepted by the RVCA Board of Director's (BOD) was:

That the Board direct staff to undertake the following tasks and report back to the Board when they have been completed:

Detailed drawings of proposed changes at the weir site to eliminate migration barriers and safety hazards, and a clear depiction of proposed river cross-sections immediately below, at and above the existing concrete weir

Detailed and accurate surveying of the river's bathymetry (i.e. topography of the river bottom below the water surface) to provide additional information about the water depths and widths that can be expected after the weir is taken out of service (beyond what has already been produced and presented) – especially for typical and extreme low flow conditions in the summer months

Detailed and explicit drawings showing proposed changes to existing shoreline structures (to be developed in close consultation with the owners of the affected properties)

Detailed and explicit drawings showing proposed streambank stabilization and habitat improvement measures (to be

developed in close consultation with the owners of the affected properties)

Preparation of a cost estimate and proposed schedule for implementation of the proposed measures

and

that the Board designate the City of Ottawa as the sole benefitting municipality with respect to the continuing operation of the Heart's Desire Weir and assess the annual cost of operating it against the City of Ottawa through a Special Levy, starting in 2014.

RVCA staff will work to complete these tasks in consultation with affected landowners and the community groups; we will have a plan to bring to the BOD at the earliest in the summer of 2014. Our first steps will be the surveying and landowner site visits.

If you have any questions or want to discuss the process, please contact:

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