



Around the Rideau

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION FOR MUNICIPALITIES IN THE RIDEAU VALLEY

November/December 2018



RVCA Launches New Logo

RVCA is pleased to announce the launch of its new logo revealed at the November Board of Directors meeting. The new design honours RVCA's roots and represents an ongoing commitment to watershed communities. The modernized logo reflects the dynamic, fluid organization RVCA is today but still retains the integrity of the old logo with trees and water as the central visual element. Colours have been brightened to increase visibility, and the font has been changed to be bolder and more readable. The re-design recognizes our past, present and future while adding a modern spirit. The new design was created in-house by the communications team. The public will likely see both logos used until current stocks of branded materials are used up. For more information call DIANE at ext. 1126 or diane.downey@rvca.ca.

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson, RVCA General Manager and RVCA Vice Chair Pieter Leenhouts pose with RVCA's new logo

New Snowshoes For Foley

Thanks to the hard work and fundraising effort of the Friends of Foley Mountain, hundreds of students will be able to experience the wonder of Foley Mountain trails by snowshoe this winter. Forty-four new pairs of snowshoes arrived at the Conservation Area in November, just in time for winter. Students will learn how to safely travel with snowshoes and follow the trails through Foley's forest. Snowshoes provide a fantastic fitness and recreation option for the winter season. To learn more about the Friends of Foley Mountain and their fundraising initiatives, visit www.friendsoffoley.ca. For more info call REBECCA at 613-273-3255 or email her at rebecca.whitman@rvca.ca.



Rebecca Whitman, Foley's Area Supervisor, shows off a few of the new snowshoes provided by Friends of Foley Mountain



Looking for that Special Gift?

How about giving the gift of living trees — plant a tree, plant a grove or even better, plant a family forest of robust, native Ontario trees. We can help you, visit www.rvcf.ca/special_occasion and get your "tree on," this Christmas! Or, how about an Annual Pass? Annual passes are \$45 (until December 31, rates go up in January to \$50). The pass is good for the entire year and gives access to all RVCA conservation areas. You can buy your Annual Pass by visiting www.rvca.ca/conservation-areas, click on the "purchase a pass" button on the right-hand side of the page.



Lyle Pederson Steps Down as RVCA Chair

All of us at the RVCA would like to take this opportunity to thank Lyle Pederson for his significant contribution to the RVCA and his tenure as RVCA Chair. Lyle joined the Board in 2011, representing the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley. In 2012, he was appointed to RVCA's Executive Committee and was elected Chair of the Board in 2015. Lyle also chaired the Motts Mills Wetland Restoration Committee which facilitated replacement of the dam and creation of the Mott's Mills Conservation Area. During his eight years on the Board and his four years as Chair, Lyle was a strong champion of RVCA and the important work we do — even planting hundreds of trees on his own rural property! He was also a strong leader, instrumental in many positive forward-facing decisions that helped mold the RVCA into the dynamic organization it is today. Lyle's passion and commitment will be greatly missed and we wish him all the best. For more information contact SOMMER at ext. 1214 or sommer.casgrain-robertson@rvca.ca.



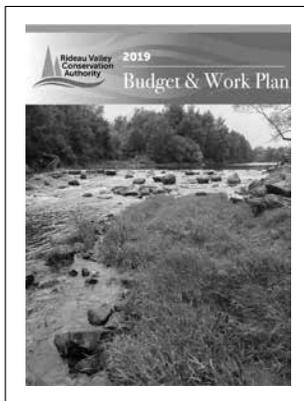
Shelley Macpherson and her fellow Leadership Award winners at the Latornell Conservation Symposium

Latornell Leadership Award

Every year the Latornell Conservation Symposium honours individuals who have demonstrated outstanding contributions to the field of conservation. The award recognizes individuals for innovation, leadership and dedication to conservation. We are proud to have one of this year's winners right here at RVCA — Shelley Macpherson, Regulations Enforcement Officer. Shelley joined RVCA in 1990 as a resource technician for Planning and Regulations and in 1993 she became a Provincial Offences Officer. Over the next 25 plus years, her role has grown and evolved to mainly reviewing retroactive applications, and addressing compliance and enforcement issues under the *Conservation Authorities Act*. Shelley is known for her sense of humour, experience and broad knowledge base. She has also been an important mentor to staff at RVCA and conservations authorities across the province. Her keen understanding of regulations and policies makes her an invaluable asset at RVCA. Congratulations Shelley! For more information contact SOMMER at ext. 1214 or sommer.casgrain-robertson@rvca.ca.

RVCF Welcomes New Executive Director

Need help connecting to a Foundation program or service? Simply contact the new Executive Director Diane Downey. Diane brings over 25 years of conservation communication and outreach work to the RVCF. You can reach her at 613-692-3571 ext. 1126 or email info@rvcf.ca.



RVCA 2019 Budget and Work Plan

Hot off the press is RVCA's 2019 Budget and Work Plan, and it's available on our website for viewing at www.rvca.ca (under publications). The document highlights how RVCA will fund important priorities and services to our member municipalities and watershed residents. For more information call SOMMER at ext. 1214 or sommer.casgrain-robertson@rvca.ca.

2018 Water Levels — It Was a Dry One!

Water levels have finally returned to "normal" after a long, minor drought, especially in the Kemptville Creek Subwatershed. Precipitation over the last month has raised levels to the historical average. Because of the dry conditions, fish and other aquatic inhabitants struggled to survive. Impacts of this year's drought won't be fully realized until 2019. Call PATRICK for more information at ext. 1210 or patrick.larson@rvca.ca.

Mapping Contribution Signed with the City of Ottawa

Back in September 2017, an agreement was signed between the City of Ottawa, RVCA, South Nation Conservation, and the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority to undertake flood risk mapping studies within the City of Ottawa. A new mapping contribution agreement has been signed encompassing 2018 to 2022 where RVCA will map Mud, Stevens and Mosquito Creeks as well as Monahan Drain. Additional flood line and depth maps will be made and an inventory of vulnerable areas will be compiled for the four streams as well as for ten other streams that were mapped previously. For further information contact FERDOUS ext. 1170 or ferdous.ahmed@rvca.ca.



Wonderful, Wild Winter Programs

Wild winter day programs are available for the kids on winter PD days! Programs are geared for kids aged six to twelve and hosted by our knowledgeable RVCA interpreters. Kids will snowshoe, put up a shelter, build campfires and cook outdoors! All camps run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The cost at Baxter is \$50/child and \$45 for additional children in the same family. At Foley Mountain the cost is \$45/child and \$40 for additional children in the same family. Each session can accommodate up to 25 children and preregistration is required.

- **Baxter Conservation Area Winter Adventurers Day Camp Dates** — January 25, January 31 and February 15, 2019. For more information call MEGAN at 613-489-3592 or megan.irving@rvca.ca.
- **Foley Mountain Conservation Area Winter Adventurers Day Camp Dates** — January 31, 2019. For more information call REBECCA at 613-273- 3255 or rebecca.whitman@rvca.ca.

Seasons Greetings and thank you to all our partners in conservation for a successful 2018!

RVCA HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The RVCA will be closed on Friday, December 21 at 4:30 p.m. and will re-open on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.



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