



February 3, 2011

Mayor Ellen Anderson & Council
The Town of the Blue Mountains
26 Bridge St. Box 310
Thornbury, Ontario N0H 2P0

Dear Mayor Anderson & Council:

**Member
Municipalities**

Adjala-Tosoronto
Amaranth
Barrie
The Blue Mountains
Bradford-West Gwillimbury

Clearview
Collingwood

Essa

Grey Highlands

Innisfil

Melancthon

Mono

Mulmur

New Tecumseth

Oro-Medonte

Shelburne

Springwater

Wasaga Beach

**Watershed
Countries**

Dufferin

Grey

Simcoe

Re: Request for deputation to present the NVCA Draft 2011 Budget

I am writing to introduce the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) and programs to the Town of the Blue Mountains 2011 Council.

The NVCA was formed in 1960, at the request of our watershed municipalities under the *Conservation Authority Act*. The local Conservation Authority formed a municipal/provincial partnership, critical to the effective management of our watershed. (see attached NVCA map). A healthy watershed is essential for healthy communities and healthy economies throughout our watershed.

Conservation Authorities are the only organizations established in Ontario on a watershed basis. This allows us to work with our municipal partners and watershed residents to manage upstream activities and resources wisely to promote sustainable communities by:

- protecting life and property from flood and erosion (over \$1 billion in property and 5,000 people subject to flooding);
- promote a safe and healthy environment;
- promote world class environmental recreation;
- promote wise growth (expect over 100,000 residents in the next 20 yrs.);
- promote and support local economic activities.

At the NVCA Annual General meeting held on January 28th, the following members were elected/acclaimed:

- Walter Benotto, Chair, (Shelburne rep.) for his 3rd year through acclamation;
- Joan Sutherland (New Tecumseth rep.) elected as Vice-Chair;
- Fred Nix (Town of Mono) Past-Chair.

Member of



**Conservation
ONTARIO**
Natural Heritage Program

Celebrating 50 Years in Conservation 1960-2010

NOTTAWASAGA VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY Centre for Conservation
John Hix Conservation Administration Centre Tiffin Conservation Area 8195 8th Line Utopia, On L0M 1T0
Telephone: 705-424-1479 Fax: 705-424-2115 Web: www.nvca.on.ca Email: admin@nvca.on.ca

Myself and Chair Benotto are requesting an opportunity to come before your Council to provide a brief overview of the NVCA's 50 years of programs and services. We would also like to present an overview of the draft 2011 Budget, circulated to your municipality on December 20, 2010 as per the *Conservation Authorities Act*, which will be voted on by our Board of Directors on February 25th.

Please have your appropriate staff contact, my Executive Assistant, Laurie Barron at 705-424-1479 ext 222 (lbarron@nvca.on.ca) to arrange for this deputation.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at ext 225 (wwilson@nvca.on.ca)

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne R. Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the "n" of "Wilson".

Wayne R. Wilson, B.Sc.,
CAO/Secretary-Treasurer

Copy: Gail Ardiel, NVCA Board Member

