



HIGHLIGHTS

of the NVCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - No. 09/12 – Sep.21, 2012

NVCA BOARD APPROVES 2013 TREE PLANTING FEE SCHEDULE

The NVCA has been planting trees on private lands each spring since the late 1960s. The successful establishment of trees throughout the watershed helps to improve water quality, reduce flooding and streambank erosion, create fish and wildlife habitat, reduce wind issues and soil erosion, and provide important recreational opportunities and forest products in the long term.

The NVCA works with partners to provide grants to offset the costs, and contributions from partners are expected to exceed \$175,000 in 2013. The remaining costs are covered through a user fee system. The approved increase in fees for 2013 is mainly due to the increased costs of cover crop planting, mowing and boom spraying.

PLANNING SOLUTIONS INC. SELECTED TO HELP DEVELOP STRATEGIC PLAN

The Board of Directors supported the ad hoc selection committee's recommendation that the firm of Planning Solutions Inc. be retained to implement the NVCA's requirement for strategic plan development, for a cost of \$15,000 plus applicable taxes. The funds for hiring the consultant and completing this strategic review will be sourced from the Corporate Human Resources reserve.

The selection committee unanimously recommended the hiring of Planning Solutions Inc., who – in addition to fully meeting all the requirements of the RFP including being within budget – demonstrated that the consultant team was skilled and experienced in strategic plan development, and very knowledgeable about the business of Conservation Authorities and the NVCA specifically.

NVCA SELECTS KPMG FOR FINANCIAL AUDITING SERVICES

The Board of Directors supported the ad hoc selection committee's recommendation to enter into an agreement for financial auditing services with KPMG LLP Chartered Accountants, effective October 1, 2012, for a period not to exceed five years. The appointment will be confirmed annually based on the recommendation of the CAO/Secretary-Treasurer or his designate and the Director of Corporate Services. KPMG was selected based on their experience with the public sector and Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) accounting, value-added services and fee schedule.

Future meetings and events:

Board Meeting 10/12

– October 16, 2012 9 a.m.

Nature at Night at the Tiffin Centre

– October 27, 2012, 5 – 9 p.m.

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