



NVCA Board Meeting Highlights, September 23, 2016

Next Board Meeting: October 28, 2016, at Barrie City Hall

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Members support NVCA board reduction

Following a nine-month pilot project that saw the number of NVCA board members reduced from 27 to 18, the board of directors supported making the reduction permanent. The board directed Chair Lougheed to circulate a request for municipal resolutions of support for the reduction to all 18 watershed councils. A final report will be presented to the board in December 2016.

NVCA's 2017 draft budget and capital levy to be circulated for municipal review

The board received NVCA's 2017 Draft Budget, which sets total revenues/expenses at \$4.77 million (compared to \$4.99 million in 2016). The budget contains a 2.26% increase to the overall municipal levy. This amounts to an increase of \$48,600 to be shared by all 18 member municipalities.

At their August meeting, the board received NVCA's Asset Management Plan which details capital needs for the next ten years. To support this plan, the board received a 2017 Draft Capital Levy request in the amount of \$129,926.

The draft budget and capital levy will now be circulated to member municipalities for a 30-day review period. It is also available on the [NVCA website](#).

Board member tour watershed project sites

Following their meeting, board members and guests toured the northern part of the watershed to see firsthand NVCA projects and programs including:

- Black Ash Creek Restoration and invasive *Phragmites* mapping and removal in Collingwood,

- On-farm stream restoration and forestry projects in Clearview, and
- Nearshore Monitoring and Georgian Bay Shoreline mapping projects in Wasaga Beach.

This tour was part of the board's ongoing education initiative.

In brief

During the meeting the board also:

- Received a report regarding matching funds in support of a Wasaga Beach floodplain mapping project under the 2017 National Disaster Mitigation Program.
- Received an update on risk management services provided by NVCA to watershed municipalities in support of the *Clean Water Act*.
- Approved an increase to fees for NVCA's Environmental Education program in 2017.
- Received an overview of the proposed changes to the Niagara Escarpment Plan and the respective mandates of the Niagara Escarpment Commission and NVCA.
- Learned of a \$3,000 grant from Tourism Simcoe to be used support of a Fort Willow Hike Interpretive Trail.

Future Meetings & Events

Fort Willow – National Historic Site Designation Ceremony

Friday, September 30, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

*By invitation only. Contact events@nvca.on.ca for details.

Festival at Fort Willow

Saturday, October 1, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Fort Willow Conservation Area, Minesing

TD Tree Days Community Tree Plant, Hockley Valley (Baker's Pond)

Sunday, October 2, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
246372 Hockley Rd., Orangeville

Livestake Cutting Work Days

Thursday, October 20 & Friday October 21, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Various locations across watershed