



Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

HIGHLIGHTS

of the NVCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS - No. 08/13 – Sep. 27, 2013

NVCA 2014-2018 STRATEGIC PLAN APPROVED

The NVCA's Board of Directors approved the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan, which has been developed over the past year with input from staff, Board members and more than 100 members of key stakeholder groups and the general public. It was prepared with the assistance of Karen Wianecki of Planning Solutions Inc. and Janet Dusek of JD & Associates.

The plan includes an updated vision, mission and guiding principles, and lays out the Conservation Authority's strategic direction under three overarching themes. The first – *Protect, Enhance and Restore* – deals with the business of protecting life and property from natural hazards and promoting a healthy, sustainable watershed. The second – *Learn and Discover* – addresses ways in which the CA will continue to promote the watershed while seeking new knowledge and sharing information. The third – *Connect* – looks at ways in which the NVCA can expand its connections with people in the watershed, and lead, partner and collaborate with other organizations.

The Strategic Plan is available on the NVCA's website at www.nvca.on.ca.

CUSTOMER SERVICE STRATEGY APPROVED

In conjunction with the NVCA's Strategic Plan, staff were directed to develop a Customer Service Charter and Strategy to publicly affirm the CA's commitment to providing a high standard of effective and efficient service. The Customer Service Charter – outlining targets for customer service – was approved by the Board in June. At the September 27 meeting the Board approved the Strategy, in which the NVCA explains its overall customer service goals and plans for continuous improvement. The Customer Service Strategy is available on the NVCA's website at www.nvca.on.ca.

BOARD ENDORSES STUDY INTO GROUNDWATER RESOURCES IN SIMCOE COUNTY

Municipalities in central Simcoe County rely heavily on groundwater for municipal drinking water, and growth pressures will continue to put high demands on this critical resource. In order to increase understanding of the geology of the region and the groundwater availability now and for the future, a 4-year project is being implemented by the Ontario Geological Survey, funded by the Province of Ontario. The data and 3D model to be produced will be extremely useful to organizations like the NVCA, and therefore staff will provide in-kind support to the project such as providing expertise and access to field sites.

The Board voted to endorse the "Proposed Groundwater Study of the 3D mapping of Quaternary deposits in the central Simcoe County area" and to send letters to the Councils of Springwater, Clearview, Wasaga Beach and Collingwood to request that they also consider resolutions of support.

DEPUTATIONS MADE TO NVCA BOARD BY NDACT AND THE BLUE MOUNTAIN WATERSHED TRUST FOUNDATION

Two groups made presentations to the NVCA Board of Directors at their September 27 meeting for future discussion and consideration.

Carl Cosak of the North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Task Force (NDACT) requested that the NVCA pledge support for their "Food and Water First" campaign, in which they seek to protect Ontario farmland and sourcewater regions, and to preserve the land and water for future generations.

Don Kerr of the Blue Mountain Watershed Trust Foundation (BMWTF) presented an update on the BMWTF's efforts to protect the Silver Creek Wetland Complex. The BMWTF would like to see this land donated to the NVCA to be managed under the conservation lands program.

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Future meetings and events:

Board Meeting 9/13 – October 25, 2013

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