



## Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

# HIGHLIGHTS

of the NVCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - #14/11 – Oct.28, 2011

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### ***ORO-MEDONTE–SEVERN SOUND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATION (SSEA)–NVCA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING APPROVED***

The NVCA's Board of Directors approved a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which delineates the delivery of environmental services to the Severn portion of Oro-Medonte by the NVCA and the SSEA. The MOU comes into effect in January 2012, and the Board directed staff to assess the agreement's effectiveness after one year and report any recommendations at that time. The agreement is also to be reviewed publicly on an annual basis.

### ***NEW GUIDELINES FOR THE PLACEMENT OF LARGE QUANTITIES OF FILL***

The Board approved new guidelines regarding the placement of large quantities of fill within the NVCA watershed. The guidelines are designed to ensure that fill placement does not cause increased natural hazards or result in pollution of the land; to reflect the requirements of NVCA member municipalities and the Ministry of the Environment on such issues as haul routes, dust/noise and soil quality; and to be consistent with neighbouring Conservation Authorities' procedures. The guidelines are available on the NVCA website on the homepage or under Planning Policies.

### ***BOARD PROVIDES DIRECTION ON INCREASE IN LEVY COMPONENT OF BUDGET***

NVCA staff presented a preliminary 2012 budget report and received direction from the Board regarding the amount of levy increase they would support. The average increase recommended was 1.73%. NVCA staff will use this number to prepare a preliminary 2012 budget to be presented to the Board on November 25, 2011.

### ***NVCA'S PETUN CONSERVATION AREA TO EXPAND FISH HATCHERY***

Each year, hundreds of volunteer hours are logged by the Georgian Triangle Anglers Association (GTAA) operating the fish hatchery at the NVCA's Petun Conservation Area – collecting and raising eggs, and stocking rainbow and brown trout in local lakes, rivers and streams. The Ministry of Natural Resources has asked the GTAA to hold their fish for an additional six to eight months to ensure a better survival rate when released into the wild. The Board gave approval for the GTAA to construct a 400 ft<sup>2</sup> hatchery at Petun to create the capacity needed to meet this request.

#### **Future meetings and events:**

Board Meeting 15/11 – Nov.25, 2011

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