



## Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

# HIGHLIGHTS

of the NVCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - No. 05/13 – Jun. 28, 2013

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### ***NVCA 2013-2017 STRATEGIC PLAN TO BE PRESENTED AT THE AUGUST 30/13 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS***

The Board of Directors received the Draft five-year Strategic Plan which was developed based on input from NVCA board members and stakeholders. The Strategic Plan Committee was directed to receive additional input on the current draft plan from interested stakeholders, including representatives from the Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture.

A meeting of the Strategic Plan Committee has been set for July 29/13 at 9:30 a.m. at the John Hix Conservation Administration Centre. Interested parties are invited to send in written comments by July 26/13 or alternately are invited to attend the July 29<sup>th</sup> meeting to make a deputation. Please contact Laurie Barron, Executive Assistant at [lbarron@nvca.on.ca](mailto:lbarron@nvca.on.ca) or 705-424-1479 ex 222 to be included on the agenda.

After considering the input received, the Committee will provide the Board of Directors with a Final Strategic Plan for consideration at the August 30/13 Board meeting.

### ***FUNDING APPROVED TO MAKE REPAIRS TO PROCYON WILDLIFE FACILITY***

The Board of Directors approved the use of \$14,000 in funding for capital project repairs, including road safety improvements and basement window replacement for the property at Beeton Creek owned by the NVCA and leased by Procyon Wildlife veterinary hospital and wildlife rescue. The funding will be acquired from existing property reserve amounts of \$8,700, with the balance of \$5,300 being paid off through monthly lease payments ending the first quarter of 2015.

The Board of Directors also approved a revised lease renewal with Procyon Wildlife for the Beeton Creek property for a 5-year term at \$257.50 per month for 2013, with an annual increase of 3% per year plus HST.

### ***2014 TREE PLANTING FEE SCHEDULE APPROVED***

The Forestry Program has a user fee system in place for all tree planting projects. In order to properly assess, prepare and implement tree planting projects, the fee schedule must be established the year prior to the actual planting. Every effort is made to keep the program as affordable as possible since participation by landowners is strictly voluntary.

The Board approved the proposed 2014 Tree Planting Fee Schedule, which will be incorporated into the 2014 Budget and Business Plan. The new fee schedule sees an increase in prices of approximately one to three cents per tree for services including hand planting, machine planting and spot spraying. The complete fee schedule is contained in the June 2013 Board of Directors meeting agenda and will be made available on the NVCA website's forestry page.

### ***NVCA STAFF TO INVESTIGATE PROVIDING RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO MUNICIPALITIES***

The *Clean Water Act, 2006*, is designed to protect existing and future drinking water through Source Water Protection. Under the Act, significant threats to drinking water will in many cases have to be managed through an official Risk Management Plan. This management work is the responsibility of the Municipality in which the threat resides; however, if they wish, Municipalities can delegate this to another enforcement authority to provide this service. Conservation Authorities may be called upon to provide such services to municipalities within their watersheds.

The Board of Directors endorsed staff participation in the negotiating and development of draft agreements with municipalities in the NVCA watershed for the delivery of Risk Management official services, utilizing a full cost recovery principle, for future Board of Directors consideration..

### ***UPDATES TO REGULATION MAPPING READY FOR REVIEW***

The NVCA maintains mapping that indicates what areas of the watershed are regulated under the *Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation, Ontario Regulation 172/06*.

This mapping has been provided to all member municipalities and is available through the NVCA website. Since the mapping was created in 2006, a number of adjustments have been made to reflect new information on such things as updated elevation, refined wetland mapping and changes to watercourses.

The Board voted in favour of a series of steps to ensure a thorough review of the updated mapping prior to its release. These include posting the revised regulations maps for public and municipal review, hosting a public open house and meeting with interested parties and municipalities.

### ***NVCA TO PARTICIPATE IN 2014 INTERNATIONAL PLOWING MATCH***

The 2014 International Plowing Match will be hosted by the Simcoe County Plowmen's Association and held in the town of Ivy, just south of Utopia in Essa Township. The NVCA has been asked to contribute to the educational displays, and the Board approved this involvement, including the creation of an *ad hoc* planning

committee. The committee will be comprised of staff from all NVCA departments, as well as Board Members Donna Jebb of New Tecumseth and Michael Smith of Essa.

***NVCA FORMALIZES COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE IN CUSTOMER SERVICE***

As a public service agency, the NVCA has a longstanding commitment to exceptional customer service. A newly drafted Customer Service Charter formalizes the Authority's customer service goals, and a series of customer satisfaction surveys will be used to gauge the NVCA's success against those goals. The Board approved the charter and surveys, which will be the platform on which a full Customer Service Strategy will be based, for presentation to the Board at the August meeting.

For the full agenda including documents and reports, please visit our website:

<http://nvca.on.ca/meetings/BoardofDirectors/Agendas/>

**Future meetings and events:**

Board Meeting 06/13 – August 30, 2013

(NOTE: there is no July meeting)

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