



# Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

of the NVCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS - #15/11 – Nov. 25, 2011

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### ***DRAFT BUDGET APPROVED***

The NVCA Board approved the Draft 2012 budget for circulation and municipal input. The draft budget includes a 1.736% municipal general levy increase, consistent with the Board direction provided in October. The municipal levy share will increase by \$32,277 to \$1.89 M. This levy supports a total budget of \$3.9M for the delivery of NVCA watershed conservation programs and services.

CAO/Secretary-Treasurer Wayne Wilson noted that the proposed budget was extremely tight, with levy increases below the consumer price index (CPI), resulting in no increased staff to address watershed growth pressures. Mr. Wilson also explained that it will be necessary to use some reserves to meet the 1.736% increase.

The draft budget is now being circulated to municipalities for comment, and has been posted online at [www.nvca.on.ca](http://www.nvca.on.ca). A final budget will be presented and voted on at the Board of Directors meeting on February 24, 2012.

### ***MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING NOW SIGNED BY ALL PARTIES***

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) approved by the NVCA's Board of Directors at the October meeting has now also been signed by the Township of Oro-Medonte and the Severn Sound Environmental Association (SSEA). The MOU was developed to improve the efficiency of conservation service delivery by clearly delineating the provision 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 will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Ralph Hough, Deputy-Mayor of the Township of Oro-Medonte and NVCA representative, thanked the members for approving the MOU.

### ***NEW POLICIES APPROVED***

As required by provincial legislation, staff developed and the Board approved new Policies & Procedures for Violence in the Workplace (HS-3) and Harassment in the Workplace (HS-4). The Board and staff are committed to ensuring that the NVCA maintains a productive and safe work environment.

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

Board Meeting 16/11 – Dec. 16, 2011  
Family Day at the Tiffin Centre  
– Feb. 20, 2012

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