



# HIGHLIGHTS

of the NVCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS  
No. 04-16, April 22, 2016

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## ***New Petun Dam Restoration Project***

The board of directors received a presentation from Fred Dobbs, NVCA's Manager, Stewardship Services, regarding the proposed Petun Dam removal project. The project aims to restore the health of Black Ash Creek by removing a dam structure and restoring the natural channel. Removing the dam will help minimize stream warming in the summer, minimize impacts to water quality and eliminate barriers to fish migration.

The board approved the project, which will be funded by provincial and federal grants. Following provincial permitting requirements, next steps for the project include creating a final design, public consultation and First Nations consultation.

## ***Mad River Flow Restoration Project***

The board also received a presentation from Mr. Dobbs on a restoration plan developed by staff to address two breaches on the Mad River in the Township of Clearview. As a result of the breaches, a 12 km stretch of the Mad is experiencing reduced flows, causing sediment to fill in portions of the river, affecting fish habitat and canoe routes.

The breaches have also increased flow into the 2nd Line Municipal Drain, resulting in erosion of the McKinnon Road culvert and impacting water quality in the Nottawasaga River.

The board approved a project to plug the breaches and restore natural flow through the area.

## ***Drinking Water Source Protection Plan Implementation***

At the meeting, the board met as the Nottawasaga Valley Source Protection Authority (NVSPA). The NVSPA is one of three source protection authorities for the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region, and is authorized to act under Ontario's *Clean Water Act*.

The NVSPA received an update from Lynn Dollin, Chair of the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee.

Chair Dollin advised that the Source Protection Plan for our region took effect on July 1, 2015. Source protection authority staff have been busy providing support to municipalities during this critical initial stage of implementation.

Source water is untreated water from streams, lakes, rivers or underground aquifers that people use for drinking water supply.

Source Water Protection looks to stop contaminants from getting into sources of drinking water — lakes, rivers and underground aquifers — and preventing overuse of these water resources.

Dr. Ben Longstaff, General Manager, Integrated Watershed Management at Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) outlined next steps in the implementation of the Source Protection Plan.

### ***In brief***

During this meeting, the board also:

- received the 2015 NVCA Financial Statements as presented by KPMG LLP Chartered Accountants (available online at [nvca.on.ca/about/PlansFinancials](http://nvca.on.ca/about/PlansFinancials)).
  - received the NVCA's 2015 annual report (available on the [NVCA's website](http://NVCA's website) and from the office). Each municipality also received a supplement outlining NVCA services in their jurisdiction.
  - approved a Memorandum of Understanding between NVCA and LSRCA regarding technical and administrative support roles associated with the Source Protection Plan Initiative.
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### ***For more information***

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### ***Future meetings & events***

#### **Friends of Minesing Wetlands Spring Canoe Trip**

Saturday, May 7, 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Minesing Conservation Area

#### **NVCA Annual Tree Sale (Utopia)**

Saturday, May 14, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Tiffin Centre for Conservation, Utopia

#### **NVCA Annual Tree Sale (Wasaga Beach)**

Saturday, May 14, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Nordic Centre, Wasaga Beach

#### **NVCA Board of Directors Meeting**

Friday, May 27, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Location: TBD

#### **Volunteer Tree Plants**

Community volunteer tree plants are planned across the watershed throughout the spring at various locations. Check our website at [www.nvca.on.ca](http://www.nvca.on.ca) (Events Section) for dates and locations.