



Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

HIGHLIGHTS

of the NVCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - No. 10/13 – Dec. 13, 2013

AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO FORM IN FIRST QUARTER 2014

The terms of reference (TOR) for the Nottawasaga Valley Agricultural Advisory Committee have been approved by the NVCA Board of Directors. A letter to invite members will be forwarded to a wide range of agricultural organizations in Simcoe, Dufferin and Grey Counties, as identified in the TOR, with the aim of having 12 members. The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to improve two-way communications between the agricultural community and the NVCA. Organizations will be asked to appoint their representatives by January 30, 2014.

NVCA TO POST RFP FOR EFFICIENCY AUDIT

The final Request for Proposals for an efficiency audit at the NVCA was approved for immediate posting. Submissions will be accepted until January 10, 2014, and reviewed by the Efficiency Audit Committee with a recommendation returned to the Board at the February meeting.

AWARE SEEKS SUPPORT FOR NAVIGATION PROTECTION ACT PETITION

AWARE Simcoe made a deputation to the Board requesting endorsement of their petition to have the Nottawasaga River included under the Navigation Protection Act. The Board directed staff to look into the matter further and bring a staff report back to the Board for consideration.

NVCA BOARD PLEDGES SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE OF "FOOD AND WATER FIRST" CAMPAIGN

At the request of the North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce (NDACT), Vice-Chair Darren White brought forward a motion asking for support of NDACT's "Food and Water First" campaign, aimed at preserving Class 1 farmland in Ontario. The NVCA Board of Directors voted in favour of a motion to support in principle the "Food and Water First" campaign.

AUGMENTED REALITY COMING TO HISTORIC FORT WILLOW

The Friends of Fort Willow play an integral role in assisting NVCA with the management and promotion of the Fort Willow Conservation Area. A recent project funded by the Barrie Rotary Club and conducted by local high school teacher Trevor Carter and his students is designed to bring history to life through mobile technology. The Board enjoyed a video showing how visitors to the Fort can use their mobile device and data plan to superimpose clickable images over the surrounding scenery, allowing access to a wealth of information about the former uses of the site. The content will be advertised and rolled out early in 2014.

***NVCA, ORO-MEDONTE AND SEVERN SOUND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATION
EXTEND MOU***

In 2003 the jurisdiction of the NVCA was expanded to include portions of land in the Township of Oro-Medonte that are located within the Severn Sound Watershed. The Severn Sound Environmental Association (SSEA) was already providing some of the services the NVCA would provide, so in 2011 all parties entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to ensure that they worked together to provide effective, coordinated environmental programs and services within the Severn Sound Watershed portion of Oro-Medonte. The MOU includes a reduction in levy paid by Oro-Medonte reflecting the change in service delivery. At their December meeting, the Board voted in favour of extending the MOU for an additional three years.

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Future meetings and events:

Board Meeting 11/13 and 2014 AGM
– January 10, 2014

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