



## NVCA Board Meeting Highlights, May 27, 2016

Next Board Meeting: June 24, 2016

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### NVCA Phragmites and Invasive Species Action Plan

The board of directors received a presentation from Dave Featherstone, NVCA, Manager, Watershed Monitoring and Brittany Hope, NVCA's Watershed Monitoring Technician regarding the newly released NVCA *Phragmites australis* and Invasive Species Action Plan.

The plan addresses invasive species of concern within the watershed, roles and responsibilities of various parties, best management practices for control, and recommendations to address invasive species going forward. It also suggests outreach opportunities to make watershed residents more aware of invasive species.

The board approved the circulation of the plan to watershed municipalities for their information.

### Conservation Authorities Act Review

The board received correspondence from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) notifying the authority that the *Conservation Authorities Act* review and consultation paper are posted on the environmental registry ([ebr.gov.on.ca](http://ebr.gov.on.ca) – registry number 012-7583).

The MNRF's consultation paper, "Conserving Our Future: Proposed Priorities for Renewal," outlines proposed priorities for renewal of the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

The province has created an advisory group to provide advice throughout the review process. NVCA's Chief Administrative Officer Gayle Wood has been appointed by the MNRF to this advisory group.

### Town of Shelburne Municipal Service Agreement

At the meeting, the board approved an NVCA and Town of Shelburne Municipal Service Agreement regarding applications under the *Planning Act*.

NVCA staff will continue to work with watershed municipalities to establish and/or update municipal service agreements and standardize these agreements where possible.

### NVCA Forestry Program—2016 Tree Planting Results

NVCA has delivered a tree planting program each year since its creation. The board of directors commended forestry staff, who were pleased to report that more than 220,000 trees were planted throughout the watershed this year. Not only is this the most trees NVCA has planted in a single season—it is the most planted by any conservation authority in the province in 2016.

Staff are already preparing for next year, with board's approval of the 2017 tree planting fee schedule.

### In brief

During this meeting, the board also:

- approved the Friends of Minesing Wetlands 2016-2018 Strategic Plan.
- endorsed the board orientation manual for their use.
- congratulated NVCA's Director of Corporate Services, Sheryl Flannagan, on receiving her Certified Human Resources Leader (CHRL) designation.

### Future meetings & events

#### **Community Volunteer Tree Plant**

(with South Simcoe Streams Network)

Saturday, May 28, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Bradford West Gwillimbury

#### **Community Volunteer Tree Plant**

(with Nature Conservancy of Canada)

Saturday, May 28, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Minesing Wetlands Conservation Area

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

Friday, June 24, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Town of New Tecumseth Municipal Offices

10 Wellington St E

New Tecumseth, ON, L9R 1G8

#### **Nature Days for Homeschoolers**

Wednesday, June 29, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Tiffin Centre for Conservation

#### **Camp Tiffin Summer Day Camp**

Throughout the summer.

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#### **Camp Monadh Mor Summer Day Camp**

(with the Town of Mono)

Throughout the summer.

Mono Community Centre

#### **Fight the Phrag!**

Volunteer Phragmites Removal Work Day

(with community partners)

Saturday, August 6, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Collingwood