



NVCA Board Meeting Highlights, October 28, 2016

Next Board Meeting: November 25, 2016 at Tiffin Conservation Area

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Town of Collingwood Municipal Service Agreement

At the meeting, the board approved an NVCA and Town of Collingwood 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.

Members support the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Recruitment Plan

The board received the CAO Recruitment Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations for the recruitment of a new CAO for the NVCA. Gayle Wood, NVCA's current CAO, will be retiring in May of 2017.

The CAO's job description and core competencies were approved by the board. The position will be advertised in early December 2016.

New education program for high school environmental Specialist High Skills Majors

The board received a report on the NVCA's education team's new program to support the Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) in the environment sector now being offered at select Ontario high schools.

As part of the SHSM program, students take a bundle of specific credits, workshops and certifications that focus on one sector of the economy. NVCA's program is offering 10 certifications and workshops to support the SHSM in environment. These include GPS, stream assessment and bird identification, among others.

As an example, in September NVCA and Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority jointly

delivered innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship training (ICE) to students from two schools, one from each watershed. The challenge to the students was to learn about and present ideas on "how might we reduce the negative impacts that storm water has on our local lake." This training prepared students for the Great Lakes Public Forum held this fall.

In brief

During the meeting the board also:

- Received an update from NVCA's Fred Dobbs, Manager, Stewardship Services, on the Lake Simcoe/South-eastern Georgian Bay Clean-up Fund projects completed from 2014-2016. NVCA received \$1.2 million in funding from Environment and Climate Change Canada for these projects.
- Received an update from NVCA's Gayle Wood, CAO, on the *Conservation Authorities Act* Review Stage 2 results as reported by Conservation Ontario on September 26, 2016.
- Received a third quarter budget update from NVCA's Sheryl Flannagan, Director, Corporate Services.

Future Meetings & Events

Community Stewardship Workshop

November 3, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Township of Springwater Administration Centre, 2231 Nursery Rd, Minesing

Evening of Science: Reptiles & Amphibians

November 10, 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Tiffin Centre for Conservation, Utopia

Hosted by the [Friends of Minesing Wetlands](#), with special guest speaker Jeff Hathaway from [Scales Nature Park](#). Public welcome!

Nature Days for Homeschoolers

November 18, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Tiffin Centre for Conservation, Utopia

Hay, Pasture & Grassland Birds: Exploring Conservation on Farms

November 22, 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Tiffin Centre for Conservation, Utopia

Shoreline Biodiversity & Citizen Science Workshop, Wasaga Beach

November 23, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Wasaga Beach Community Presbyterian Church

208 Mosely St, Wasaga Beach

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Friday, November 25, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Tiffin Centre for Conservation, Utopia

Shoreline Biodiversity & Citizen Science Workshop, Collingwood

November 29, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church, 200 Maple St.,

Collingwood

NVCA Board of Directors Meeting

December 16, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Tiffin Centre for Conservation, Utopia

Christmas Bird Count for Kids

January 7, 2017, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Tiffin Centre for Conservation, Utopia

For more information on these events, please visit the [NVCA website](#).