



Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

HIGHLIGHTS

of the NVCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS - No. 11/13 & 01/14 – Jan. 10, 2014

NVCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTS CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Nina Bifolchi, Councillor for the Town of Wasaga Beach, was re-elected as Chair of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors for 2014 at the NVCA's Annual General Meeting on January 10, 2014. Bifolchi has served as Board Member, Vice Chair and Chair over the last three years. Gail Ardiel, Councillor for the Town of the Blue Mountains was elected Vice Chair for the 2014 term. Walter Benotto, Councillor for the Town of Shelburne will continue as Past Chair for 2014.

2014 BUDGET APPROVED BY BOARD

The Board of Directors unanimously approved a 2014 NVCA budget of \$4,525,040. The budget is comprised of a non-matching levy (no provincial grant provided) of \$1,836,387 and a matching levy (matching provincial grant provided) of \$185,490. The increase over 2013 is 3.25%, which is equal to the combined rates of population growth and inflation. The approved budget will enable the NVCA to continue to provide "Innovative watershed management supporting a healthy environment, communities and lifestyles" consistent with the recently approved NVCA 2014 to 2018 Strategic plan (Plan available on website, www.nvca.on.ca) Staff will report budget activity to the board on a monthly basis, with quarterly budget update reports.

NVCA AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE – BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED

The Board approved the Terms of Reference for an NVCA Agricultural Advisory Committee on Dec. 13th/13. The committee shall be composed of 12 members, who live, farm or work within the NVCA watershed. It will be the responsibility of the individual organizations to appoint annually in writing their representatives, by Jan. 30th to the NVCA Chief Administrative Officer or designate. An invitation for membership has been sent to the following organizations:

Ontario Federation of Agriculture:

3 representatives from Simcoe County FA
 1 representative from Dufferin County FA
 1 representative from Grey County FA

Other Agricultural Groups:

1 representative each
 Christian Farmers Assoc.
 Simcoe County Farm Fresh
 National Farmers Union

1 additional representative from Agricultural Community (selected by the Advisory Committee through an open/by invitation selection process)

The Board appointed the following NVCA board members to the committee:

NVCA Vice-Chair Gail Ardiel, member representing the Town of the Blue Mountains
 Rob Keffer, member representing the Town of Bradford West-Gwillimbury,
 Paul McQueen, member representing the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

In addition Perry Ritchie, member representing the Township of Springwater and Donna Jebb, member representing the Town of New Tecumseth were named as alternate members. All of the members appointed from the NVCA Board of Directors are members of the agricultural community, actively farming in the NVCA watershed.

NVCA PLANNING STAFF REPORT ON PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT CASSELL DRIVE AND HIGHWAY 93, HILLSDALE SECONDARY PLAN, TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGWATER

NVCA Senior Planner and Director of Planning reported on the Cassell Drive proposed development. NVCA staff will continue working with the landowner and the Township of Springwater to ensure wetland reconfiguration which will result in the protection and enhancement of the overall wetland feature and functions of the property.

BARTRAM WOODLANDS TO PROVIDE SERVICE TO FORESTRY PROGRAM

The NVCA has retained the services of Bartram Woodlands to provide tree planting and spraying services for the 2014 spring tree planting season. Please contact the NVCA office for tree planting opportunities in 2015.

BOARD RECEIVES DEPUTATION REGARDING DUFFERIN WIND POWER INC.

Jonathon Myers and Crawford Smith of TORY LLP made a deputation to the Board of Directors on behalf of Dufferin Wind Power Inc. regarding the issuance of four applications submitted to the NVCA for properties in the County of Dufferin. The Board of Directors directed staff to continue to implement NVCA Board approved procedures regarding the implementation of Ontario Reg. 172/06

For the full agenda including documents and reports, please visit our website:

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Future meetings and events:

Board Meeting 2/14 – Feb. 28, 2014
Family Day at the Tiffin – Feb. 17, 2014

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