



NOTTAWASAGA VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY HIGHLIGHTS FROM MEETINGS OF DECEMBER 11TH, 2009

NVCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING –No. 11/09, December 11, 2009

ROLE OF CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES ADDRESSED IN PROVINCIAL REPORT AND SUPPORTED BY NVCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors voted unanimously in support of the draft report titled *Policies and Procedures for Conservation Authority Plan Review and Permitting Activities*. The report was written to clarify the roles of conservation authorities in development plan review and *Conservation Authorities Act* (Section 28) regulatory permitting processes.

The report was written by the Conservation Authority Liaison Committee (CALC), which includes members from the Ministry of Natural Resources, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and housing, Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure, Conservation Ontario, select conservation authorities, the development industry, municipal sector and environmental groups.

Overall, the recommendations in the CALC report support the planning and permitting activities currently being implemented by the NVCA. The role of conservation authorities as environmental planning specialists pertaining to natural hazards, and as watershed management agencies with expertise in natural heritage matters, is noted throughout the report.

The CALC report is posted on the government of Ontario's Environmental Registry. The comment period is open until January 11, 2010. NVCA staff made 3 recommendations for report clarification. To read the NVCA staff report or link to the Environmental Registry, please go to <http://www.nvca.on.ca/LatestNews/index.htm>.

NOTTAWASAGA VALLEY SOURCE PROTECTION AUTHORITY (NVSPA) MEETING – No. 03/09, December 11, 2009

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE CHAIR, LYNN DOLLIN, UPDATES NVSPA BOARD ON UPCOMING ASSESSMENT REPORTS

Chair Dollin advised that the deadline for the NVSPA Assessment Report is July 13th, 2010. An Assessment Report will be completed for each of the three SPA's in the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region. They will be the foundation for the Source Protection Committee to consider risk reduction strategies and land use planning policies in the Source Protection Plan.

Each property owner with an activity on their property that is identified as a significant threat to sources of municipal drinking water will be contacted. Source Protection staff will host a workshop for municipal politicians and staff in advance of letters being sent out. In addition, at least 3 public consultation sessions will be held pertaining to the Assessment Reports.

Future Meetings and Events

Board meeting 12/09 – Jan. 8, 2010
Board meeting 01/10 (Annual Meeting & elections) – Jan. 8, 2010
Executive Committee 01/10 – Jan. 22, 2010
Family Day Fun at Tiffin – Feb. 15, 2010

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