



## **HIGHLIGHTS**

### **of the NVCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - No. 3/11- March 25, 2011**

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#### ***NVCA BOARD APPROVES 2011 BUDGET***

The NVCA Board of Directors approved the revised 2011 budget, with 72% of the members' weighted vote in favour. The budget is comprised of a non-matching levy (no provincial grant provided) of \$1,675,106, a matching levy (matching provincial grant provided) of \$183,960, and a total expenditure of \$4,069,066. The increase over 2010 is in line with the 2.26% cost-of-living increase. Staff will report budget activity to the Board on a monthly basis, with quarterly budget update reports

#### ***AUDITOR'S REPORT PRESENTED, AUDIT COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED***

Michael Laycock, Auditor with BDO Canada, presented the 2010 NVCA audited financial statements. Mr. Laycock reviewed the audit findings with the Board of Directors and advised that no evidence of any misstatements were detected and, accordingly, he has issued an unqualified audit report for the year ending December 31, 2010. The Board directed that the 2010 operations surplus of \$183,702 be used to restore the Planning Reserve (\$168,702) and the Land Acquisition Reserve (\$15,000).

In the absence of an Executive Committee to engage in regular interaction with the Auditor, the Auditor recommended and the Board approved the formation of an Audit Committee. This committee will consist of NVCA Chair Walter Benotto, Vice Chair Joan Sutherland, Past Chair Fred Nix and CAO/Secretary-Treasurer Wayne Wilson.

#### ***NVCA TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER WEIGHTED VOTING***

Within the NVCA, each member has one vote as per the Conservation Authorities act. The only exception is for the non-matching levy budget vote, which is weighted according to the municipal share of the NVCA Current Value Assessment provided by the Province of Ontario. The Board resolved to seek legal advice concerning the possibility of having other significant votes weighted, with the aim of encouraging more municipalities to appoint only one member to the Board of Directors, and an anticipated resulting cost savings. The CAO/Secretary Treasurer will seek legal advice and survey other conservation authorities regarding this manner and report back to the Board.

#### ***NVCA TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL TIME TO REVIEW QUARRY APPLICATION***

The NVCA is one of many organizations to receive for comment a substantial application from the Highland Companies that proposes a 937 hectare limestone quarry in the Township of Melancthon, in the headwaters of the Grand and Nottawasaga Rivers. The current deadline for comments is April 26; however, due to the volume of material and complexity of the Highland Companies' application under the *Aggregate Resources Act*, the Board voted to submit a request that the Ministry of Natural Resources extend the deadline for comment by 120 days to August 26, 2011.

#### ***BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION TO COMMENCE IN APRIL***

New members to the Board will have the opportunity to learn more about the operations of the NVCA through a series of orientation sessions beginning after the next Board meeting in April. These full-Board sessions will allow for the new and returning members to share learning and ideas.

#### **Future meetings and events:**

Spring Tonic – Tiffin Centre – Apr. 2-3, 2011  
Board Meeting 04/11 – Apr. 29, 2011

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