



HIGHLIGHTS

of the NVCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS
No. 05/14 – May 23, 2014

Federal Funding to Improve Water Quality throughout the Watershed

The NVCA board approved an agreement that will see the Authority receive a total of \$1.1 million from Environment Canada's Lake Simcoe/South-eastern Georgian Bay Clean-up Fund over the next three years. The funding will support three on-the-ground programs to improve water quality:

- Healthy Waters from Brook to Bay will provide grants to area landowners and community groups undertaking water quality improvement projects.
- Nottawasaga Watershed Improvement Project will see NVCA continue to coordinate the stream restoration efforts of community groups in the northern part of the watershed.

This work falls under the umbrella of the Nottawasaga Watershed Improvement program (N-WIP), a water quality improvement initiative funded through Environment Canada's Community Action Framework for Lake Huron-Georgian Bay.

- Innisfil Creek and Upper Nottawasaga Watershed Improvement Program will allow NVCA to continue water quality and stream restoration work in the southern part of the watershed. This program will be conducted collaboratively with the South Simcoe Streams Network.

Funding for Pretty River and Black Ash Creek Restoration

The board also approved an agreement with the Ministries of Environment and Agriculture and Food that will see NVCA receive \$25,000 in funding for stream restoration work in Collingwood. The grant, received from the Great Lakes Guardian Fund, will support bank stabilization and habitat improvement work along Black Ash Creek and Pretty River in during the summer and fall of 2014.

Three New Monitoring Wells to be Installed in Melancthon

The board agreed to NVCA adding three new monitoring wells to its Provincial Groundwater Monitoring Network (PGMN). The wells will be located in Melancthon, near Shelburne, an area that presently lacks a monitoring well. Data gathered from the new wells will provide valuable insights into the health of our groundwater system.

NVCA Board Meetings move to Utopia Hall for the Summer Months

Board Members agreed to relocate NVCA Board meetings to Utopia Hall, 8396 6th Line, Utopia, for the months of June through October. As always, members of the public are welcome to attend these meetings.

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For the full meeting agenda including documents and reports, visit the NVCA website at www.nvca.on.ca/about/boardofdirectors.

Future meetings & events:

May 31 – Garlic Mustard Pull (Petun Conservation Area)

June 14 – Trees for Streams Work Party Day (Innisfil)

June 16 – Huronia Lookout Icon Unveiling (Simcoe County Museum, Minesing)

June 21 – NVCA at MEC Paddlefest (Centennial Beach Park, Barrie)

June 27 – NVCA Board of Directors Meeting (Utopia Hall, Utopia)