



# NVCA Board Meeting Highlights, August 26, 2016

Next Board Meeting: September 23, 2016

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## Draft 2017 budget expected in September

The board approved guidelines for the development of the draft 2017 NVCA budget. Further, the board approved a series of budget assumptions to help direct the budget development process. The draft budget will be considered by the Board of Directors at their September 23, 2016, meeting.

## Conservation Authorities Act Review update

The board received a deputation from Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Gayle Wood outlining next steps in the provincial *Conservation Authorities Act* Review. The province's stated objective for the review is to "identify opportunities to improve the legislative, regulatory and policy framework that currently governs the creation, operation and activities of conservation authorities."

In May 2016, the province released their proposed priorities in a report entitled, "Conserving our Future – Proposed Priorities for Renewal."

The board approved NVCA's response to these proposed priorities, and directed staff to submit them to the province by September 9, 2016.

## Chief Administrative Officer Recruitment

The board approved a CAO recruitment plan and the creation of an ad hoc committee to oversee the process. The committee will include NVCA Chair Doug Lougheed, Vice Chair Gail Ardiel, Past Chair Nina Bifolchi and Board Member Phil Hall. The NVCA board of directors will approve the final CAO selection. It is expected that the new CAO will join the NVCA late May or early June 2017.

## In brief

During the meeting the board also:

- approved a municipal service agreement with the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio. This agreement outlines services NVCA will provide to Adjala-Tosorontio regarding applications under the *Planning Act*.
- approved Milestone 1 of the NVCA's Climate Change Strategy Action Plan.
- approved the NVCA's Asset Management Plan for implementation.
- approved a report from NVCA's Director of Planning Services regarding the Province's Four Plan Review and directed staff to provide comments to the province by September 30, 2016. The board also directed staff to prepare a report for their September meeting to enable further discussion on the Niagara Escarpment Commission in the context of the Provincial Plan Review.
- received a staff report outlining the NVCA's accomplishments under Environment Canada's Lake Simcoe South-eastern Georgian Bay Clean-up Fund.

## Future Meetings & Events

### [Paddle the Nottawasaga River](#)

September 11, 2016—9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Lower Nottawasaga River, Wasaga Beach

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[Phragmites and Invasive Species Workshop](#)

September 13, 2016—9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Tiffin Centre for Conservation, 8195 8th Line,  
Utopia

*This is a hands-on workshop on how to identify and remove phragmites and other invasive species. It will be of particular interest to municipal staff working in roads, parks and similar capacities.*

[NVCA Board of Directors Meeting](#)

September 23, 2016—9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Collingwood Public Library, 55 Ste. Marie St.  
Collingwood, L9Y 0W6

*To be followed by the NVCA Board of Directors Watershed Bus Tour, 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

[TD Tree Days Community Tree Plant – Minesing](#)

September 25, 2016—9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Minesing Wetlands, 2274 George Johnston Rd

[Fort Willow National Historic Site Designation](#)

September 30, 2016—11:00 a.m.  
(earlier arrival required for shuttle to site)  
Fort Willow Conservation Area, Springwater  
Township

[Festival at Fort Willow](#)

October 1, 2016—10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Fort Willow Conservation Area, Springwater  
Township

[TD Tree Days Community Tree Plant  
– Hockley Valley](#)

October 2, 2016—9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Baker Pond, 246372 Hockley Rd, Orangeville