



NVCA Board Meeting Highlights, June 24, 2016

Next Board Meeting: August 26, 2016

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Update on NVCA Flood Warning and Forecasting Program

The board of directors received a deputation from Tom Reeve, NVCA's Senior Manager, Engineering Services, on the authority's Flood Warning and Forecasting program.

NVCA is responsible for flood forecasting in the watershed, monitoring river flow conditions and issuing flood messages and warnings as warranted. As well, the authority plays a role in flood prevention, protection and mitigation, and emergency preparedness and response. The authority's Flood Risk Management Plan addresses these issues.

Moving forward, NVCA has applied for federal funding under the National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP) to update the Nottawasaga River watershed floodplain mapping (hydrology data). Currently, the authority's mapping is based on data from 1988. This update will ensure that decisions are made using current data. If funding is approved, it is anticipated that the update will be conducted in-house starting in January 2017.

Final Board Governance Transition Plan to be presented in September

Staff presented an updated on NVCA's Board Governance Transition Plan, which included a recommendation to permanently restructure the NVCA board to 18 members. (In January, the board reduced to 18-members as a nine-month pilot project.) The final report on governance transition will be presented to the full board, all 28 members, at the September 23, 2016 meeting.

NVCA Climate Change Strategy to be developed

The board approved the development of an NVCA Climate Change Action Plan as a high priority, with a target implementation date of April 2017.

Chief Administrative Officer, Gayle Wood, announces plans for 2017 retirement

D. Gayle Wood, CAO, announced to the board her intention to retire from NVCA in May 2017.

The board thanked Gayle for her valuable contribution to the NVCA to date, and for her ongoing efforts on behalf of the authority.

Further, the board directed staff to prepare a CAO Recruitment and Transition Plan, to be presented at the August 2016 board meeting.

In brief

During this meeting, the board also:

- approved a protocol and service agreement with the Township of Springwater and Severn Sound Environmental Association(SSEA). This agreement outlines services to be provided to Springwater by the NVCA and SSEA.
- accepted a \$40,000, three-year, grant from Environment Canada's National Wetland Conservation Fund to support habitat creation and enhancements within the Minesing Wetland Conservation Authority.
- approved the use of \$15,200 in matching funds should the authority's funding request to the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program for upgrades to Fort Willow Conservation Area be successful.

- approved NVCA's application for funding under the second round of the National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP) for updating floodplain mapping. (Earlier this year, the authority was successful in receiving funding under round one of the NDMP to complete a watershed risk assessment.)

Future Meetings & Events

[Blacksmithing Course](#)

Saturday, July 23, & Sunday, July 24, 2016
Fort Willow Conservation Area

This event is hosted by the Friends of Historic Fort Willow.

[Fight the Phrag!](#)

[Volunteer Phragmites Removal Work Day](#)

Saturday, August 6, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Collingwood

This workday is being held in partnership with many community partners.

[NVCA Board of Directors Meeting](#)

Friday, August 26, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Tiffin Centre for Conservation
8195 8th Line, Utopia
(Board/Staff BBQ to follow)

[Phragmites and Invasive Species Workshop](#)

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

Tiffin Centre for Conservation

8195 8th Line, Utopia

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm.

This is a hands-on workshop on how to identify and remove phragmites and other invasive species.

[Camp Tiffin Summer Day Camp](#)

Throughout the summer.

Tiffin Centre for Conservation

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