



NOTTAWASAGA VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY HIGHLIGHTS FROM BOARD MEETING ON FEBRUARY 25, 2011

NVCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – NO. 2/11 – 25 February 2011

2011 BUDGET DEFERRED TO MARCH 25/11 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors deliberated over the 2011 proposed NVCA Budget. There was not majority support for the budget as circulated. Staff were directed to bring back a revised budget, with a lower levy increase, reflective of the Board Members direction, for consideration at the March 25, 2011 meeting of the Board of Directors.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS VOTE AGAINST PER DIEM INCREASE IN 2011

In an effort to reduce the NVCA budget pressures for 2011 the board members voted against a 2.26% cost of living increase to their per diem rate.

2011 KILOMETRE RATE REMAINS THE SAME AS 2009 AND 2010

Board members voted to keep the NVCA kilometer rate the same as in 2009 & 2010. The current kilometer rate for NVCA staff and Board members is \$0.52 per km for the first 5,000 km, and \$0.46 for each additional km., consistent with the Department of Finance Canada kilometer rate.

BOARD APPROVES PURCHASE OF 108,000 SEEDLINGS FOR 2011 TREE PLANT

The NVCA will purchase 108,000 tree seedlings for the 2011 planting season to secure trees for the spring tree plant and meet the landowner planting contract obligations established for 2011.

2011 MANAGED FOREST PLAN FEE SCHEDULE REVISED

The Board approved the staff recommended managed forest plan fee schedule revision. One method of ensuring healthy forest cover throughout the watershed is to provide technical expertise to landowners who wish to manage their forests. One incentive for the landowner to undertake forest management is property tax reduction through the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program. To be eligible a landowner requires a managed forest plan. NVCA staff are trained to prepare such a plan.

INSTALLMENT APPROACH FOR PLANNING REVIEW FEE PAYMENTS

The Board directed staff to use a four installment approach on large scale development proposals, where appropriate, subject to the approval of the NVCA CAO/Secretary-Treasurer.

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Future Meetings and Events Board of Directors Meeting – Budget Meeting – March 25, 2011