



## NVCA Board Meeting Highlights, November 25, 2016

Next Board Meeting: December 16, 2016 at Tiffin Conservation Area

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### NVCA board reduction approved

Following a nine-month pilot project that saw the number of NVCA board members reduced from 27 to 18, NVCA member municipal councils have approved the board reduction.

NVCA board of directors received letters of support from all 18 member municipalities for this reduction in accordance with the *Conservation Authorities Act*. A memorandum of agreement will be circulated to each member municipality authorizing the new board structure.

### NVCA mandate approved by the board

Following a recommendation in the Service Delivery and Operational Review completed in 2014 regarding a review of NVCA's mandate, the board of directors approved a mandate of "Integrated Watershed Management."

Integrated Watershed Management is defined as the process of managing human activities and natural resources on a watershed basis, taking into account, social, economic and environmental issues, as well as community interest in order to manage water resources sustainably.

With this clarification of the authority's mandate, the board of directors endorsed the delivery of all current NVCA program areas.

### Township of Mono Municipal Service Agreement

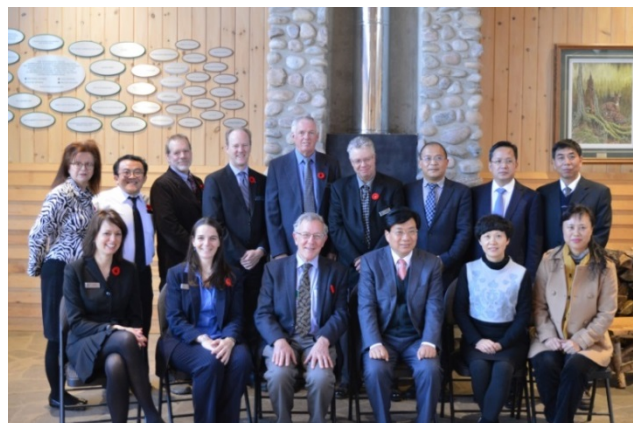
At the meeting, the board approved an NVCA and Township of Mono Municipal Service Agreement regarding applications under the *Planning Act*.

NVCA staff will continue to work with member municipalities to establish and/or update municipal service agreements and standardize these agreements where possible.

### In brief

During the meeting the board also:

- acknowledged NVCA staff who provided an overview of the importance of wetlands to guests from the Water Resources Department of Henan Province, China.



NVCA board member Fred Nix (centre, front), NVCA staff and guests from the Water Resources Department of Henan Province, China.



Doug Lougheed, NVCA Chair (left), Nina Bifolchi, Past Chair and Gayle Wood, CAO, thank David Featherstone and Yi Wang for their presentations to the delegation from Henan Province.

### **In brief...continued**

- enjoyed a photo tour of NVCA properties presented by Kyra Howes, Manager of Lands and Operations.
- received a progress report on NVCA's Municipal Action Plan, which outlines how NVCA's senior management team shares information and interacts with their colleagues at member municipalities.
- received a report highlighting how NVCA has maximized the use of contract, part-time and seasonal employees.
- approved a phased-in approach for the asset management plan capital levy request portion of the 2017 NVCA draft budget.
- received a status update on municipal comments regarding the 2017 NVCA draft budget.

### **Future Meetings & Events**

NVCA Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, December 16, 2016

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Tiffin Centre for Conservation, Utopia

Nature Days for Homeschoolers

Friday, December 16, 2016

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Tiffin Centre for Conservation, Utopia

Christmas Bird Count for Kids

Saturday, January 7, 2017

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Tiffin Centre for Conservation, Utopia

NVCA Annual General Meeting

Friday, January 27, 2017

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Tiffin Centre for Conservation, Utopia

For more information on these events, please visit the [NVCA website](#).