



HIGHLIGHTS

of the NVCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS
No. 03/14 – Mar. 28, 2014

Bird Flyway Track Network coming to Petun Conservation Area

Bird Studies Canada (BSC) has been authorized to install an automated telemetry station at the Petun Conservation Area.

The Flyway Track Network is a joint project of BSC, Western University, Acadia University and the University of Guelph. Using a network of radio telemetry stations, researchers can track the movements of radio-tagged birds, bats and insects throughout the land and seascape in real-time and with unprecedented precision. There are currently 100 automated telemetry stations planned for southern Ontario and Atlantic Canada. Each telemetry station can detect and track radio-tags within about 20 km. The stations are not permanent, being set-up for varying lengths of time throughout the year (primarily April to November).

The project in its current form is expected to last 5-10 years.

NVCA seeks party status at Midhurst OMB Hearing

The NVCA board agreed to seek official party status at the proposed consolidated development hearing for a number of developments in Midhurst coming before the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) at a pre-hearing conference on April 9, 2014. Staff indicated that the developments pose extensive issues affecting NVCA's mandated interests related to flooding, erosion and resource management.

Spring 2014 Watershed Flood Potential

Board members received a presentation on the risk of spring flooding in the Nottawasaga Valley watershed. Snow surveys conducted by NVCA staff show that the average water content in the snow, 120 mm or 5", is almost two times the long-term average. When this snow melts, it will pose a very high potential for flooding this spring.

Staff are meeting with officials from watershed municipalities to discuss the flood potential and ensure plans are in-place should a flood occur.

NVCA staff continue to monitor weather, river and snow conditions, and issue flood statements as conditions warrant. Such a statement was issued by the authority on March 27. This flood outlook cautioned about rising water and fast flows in area rivers and streams owing to warming temperatures and expected rainfall. Residents were reminded to stay safely away from area waterways.

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Future meetings & events:

Apr. 5 & 6—Spring Tonic Maple Syrup
Festival (Tiffin Centre for Conservation,
Utopia)

Apr. 25—Board Meeting 4/14 (Tiffin
Centre for Conservation, Utopia)

May 3 – Black Ash Creek Tree Planting
(Collingwood – date may change if
snow melt/weather do not cooperate)

May 10—NVCA's 25th Annual Tree Sale
(Tiffin Centre for Conservation, Utopia;
Nordic Centre, Wasaga Beach; and
other locations to be announced)