



Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

HIGHLIGHTS

of the NVCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS - No. 04/13 – Apr.26, 2013

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS RECEIVED

The Board received the 2012 NVCA financial statements, presented by KPMG LLP Chartered Accountants. The NVCA received the highest level of assurance available that the 2012 financial statements are complete and accurate, reflecting revenue of \$4,415,085 and expenses of \$3,995,261. Revenue was slightly higher than anticipated in 2012 due largely to a donation of land valued at approximately \$475,000. A copy of the statements will be sent to the Minister of Natural Resources and Conservation Ontario and will be placed on the NVCA website.

BEETON CREEK LEASE RENEWAL AND DEPUTATION REVIEWED

Procyon Wildlife gave a deputation regarding their lease of NVCA-owned property at Beeton Creek for a wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre. The Board voted to defer a motion to renew the lease for the 2014 term until June, in order to allow staff to meet with Procyon Wildlife representatives to review the terms of the lease and discuss strategies for carrying out repairs.

BARTRAM WOODLANDS TO PROVIDE EXTRA TREE PLANTING SERVICES

NVCA's contract with Bartram Woodlands for tree planting and spraying services has been expanded for the 2013 spring tree planting season. The additional planting and spraying support is required due to staffing changes at the NVCA that will not be completed prior to the key spring planting period.

FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL PROPOSALS HEADED TO THE PROVINCE

The Board gave formal support to proposed projects to repair riverbank erosion at the Pretty River Dyke and replace stop logs at the Utopia Dam. This support allows the Ministry of Natural Resources to consider the proposals for funding through their Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECI) program, which provides 50% funding support for major maintenance projects and studies important to the viability of flood and erosion control structures.

NVCA TO UPDATE TECHNICAL GUIDE FOR DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

The Board gave their support for NVCA staff to update the technical guide. This document provides engineering and ecological consultants with clear guidance on submissions in order to streamline the development application review process. The guide will also bring existing NVCA documents up to date with current practices and ensure alignment with adjacent Conservation Authorities and municipal practices. Once the document has been drafted, consultations will be undertaken with member municipalities and affected sectors before seeking final endorsement from the NVCA Board of Directors.

STRATEGIC PLAN DEVELOPMENT CONTINUES WITH KEY STAKEHOLDER INPUT

The draft NVCA Strategic Plan is currently being reviewed by key stakeholder groups including the development and agricultural communities. A revised draft plan will be prepared and posted publicly in mid-May for comments prior to the final plan being presented to the Board at their June 21 meeting.

MOU FOR SOURCE WATER PROTECTION APPROVED

The NVCA is involved in the provincial Source Water Protection Planning Initiative under the Ontario Clean Water Act, working with neighbouring Conservation Authorities towards the development and implementation of the Source Protection Program.

The proposed Source Protection Plan was submitted to the Ministry of the Environment in October of 2012, and it is anticipated that it will be reviewed/approved later this year. In the meantime, a small committee has been working on implementation guidelines to aid municipalities once the plan comes into effect.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been developed to outline the specific work to be completed by the NVCA for the lead Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority in providing Source Protection, technical and administrative support from January 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014. The Board supported the MOU and it will now be signed on behalf of the NVCA by the Chair and the CAO/Secretary-Treasurer.

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Future meetings and events:

Board Meeting 05/13 – May.31, 2013

Board Meeting 06/13 – Jun.28, 2013

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