

RIDEAU VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
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APPROVED MINUTES

Board of Directors **April 23, 2009** **4/09**

Present: Alan Arbuckle David Crowley
Ken Graham Ed Hand
Andy Jozefowicz Michael McEwen
John H. Miller

Staff: Charles Billington Sommer Casgrain-Robertson
Rudy Dyck Dell Hallett
Don Maciver Brian Stratton

Guests: Pam Buell, Parks Canada

Regrets: Glenn Brooks Steve Desroches
Clive Doucet Maria McRae
Cathy Willoughby

1. **Declaration of Interest** None.

2. **Consent Agenda**

Motion 1 **Moved by:** Michael McEwen
Seconded by: Ken Graham

That Agenda items #3, #6, #9 and #10 be approved by mutual consent of the Directors.

Motion Carried

3. **Approval of Minutes, March 26, 2009**

Approval of the minutes of Board of Directors Meeting, #3/09, March 26, 2009, passed on consent.

4. **Business Arising from Minutes** None.

5. **Meetings**

a) RVCA Upper Advisory Board Meeting Minutes, April 15, 2009 – John Miller reported on the recent difficulties of achieving quorum at Upper Board meetings. Discussions are underway to overcome the challenge allowing members to get to the meetings.

- b) RVCA Middle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes, April 15, 2009 – Ken Graham presented the highlights of the joint meeting with members of the Upper Board. One amendment to the Draft Minutes- Director Ed Hand was in attendance.

Motion 2 **Moved by:** Andy Jozefowicz
Seconded by: John H. Miller

That the Draft Minutes of the Middle Advisory Board be approved as amended.

Motion Carried

- c) RVC Foundation Meeting, April 20, 2009

Charles Billington reported that the Foundation was proud to be able to write a cheque to the Conservation Authority for \$185,819 being the total of fundraising for conservation projects in 2008. The Tri-Valley conservation plaques are now installed in the three CA boardrooms displaying the many volunteer conservation activities going on throughout the three watersheds.

Motion 3 **Moved by:** John H. Miller
Seconded by: Ed Hand

That the RVCA Board of Directors write a letter of thanks for the generous and very effective fundraising work by the Conservation Foundation in 2008.

Motion Carried

6. Accounts Paid, March 1 - 31, 2009

Approval of the Accounts Paid, March 1 - 31, 2009, was passed on consent.

7. The Rideau Corridor Landscape Strategy, Presentation by Pam Buell, Project Lead for the Rideau Corridor Landscape Strategy, Parks Canada

Don Maciver introduced Pam Buell from Parks Canada. Her presentation explained the need for and the process by which Parks Canada is proposing to develop a plan to protect the Rideau Corridor. A formal request from Parks Canada to the Cataraqui and Rideau Valley CAs for representatives to sit on the Strategy Steering Committee will be forthcoming. Alan thanked Ms. Buell for the presentation.

8. Staff Report – 1991/97 Historical Watershed Air Photo Scanning Project

Rudy Dyck presented this air photo scanning project between the City of Ottawa and RVCA. The high resolution scans will be available and useful for

many long term conservation projects. Currently, we are limited to the actual hard copy air photos themselves.

Motion 4 **Moved by:** Ken Graham
 Seconded by: David Crowley

That RVCA purchase complete Rideau Watershed coverage of 1991/97 air photos through a film negative scanning contract with First Base Solutions valued at \$21,460 + GST.

Motion Carried

9. Staff Report – RVCA Carbon Neutral Program

The Board of Directors received this report under consent agenda.

10. April Activity Reports

The Board of Directors received the April Activity Reports under consent agenda.

11. Member Inquiries

Ken Graham asked on behalf of a member of the Middle Advisory Board if all members of the Advisory Boards, not just the Board of Directors, could receive the Full Agenda package by e-mail for all RVCA Board meetings. The Full Agenda package carries all of the background information and support material related to the Agenda items and would be useful for all members to fully understand RVCA business. Dell Hallett will make sure this happens from now on.

12. New Business

MVC and RVCA are making a joint presentation to the Development Committee of the County of Lanark on May 27. The presentation will highlight the full range of CA products and services available with emphasis on our Planning and Regulations work and hydrogeological services. All Advisory Board and Board of Directors members from Lanark are most welcome to attend the presentation.

13. Upcoming Meetings

- a) LEED GOLD Open House, 3:30 – 6:30 pm, Tuesday, May 12, 2009
- b) RVCA Board of Directors, 7 pm, Thursday, May 28, 2009

14. Adjournment The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Alan Arbuckle
Chair

Charles Billington
Recording Secretary