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APPROVED MINUTES

Board of Directors

January 27, 2011

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Present:

Jim Anderton	Alan Arbuckle
Lee Armstrong	Gerry Boyce
John Campbell	Vince Carroll
Barclay Cormack	David Crowley
Gary Davison	Steve Desroches
Tom Dewey	Rob Dunfield
Ken Graham	Ed Hand
John H. Miller	Lyle Pederson
Ray Scissons	

Staff:

Ferdous Ahmed	Sommer Casgrain-Robertson
Jocelyn Chandler	Diane Downey
Dell Hallett	Don Maciver
Shelley Macpherson	Michelle Paton
Bruce Reid	

Regrets:

David Chernushenko	Andy Josefowicz
Bradley Wing	

Guests:

Don Marrin, Superintendent, Parks Canada
Doug Struthers, Mayor, Merrickville-Wolford

1. **Declaration of Interest** None.

2. **Delegations** None.

3. **Introductions**

4. **Rideau Corridor Landscape Strategy Presentation**

Ed Hand introduced guest speaker Don Marrin, Superintendent, Parks Canada. Mr. Marrin outlined the Rideau Corridor Landscape Strategy — highlighting past successes, current activities and next steps.

The Rideau Canal and its Corridor have been honoured with many distinctions; a National Historic Site, a Canadian Heritage River and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, proclaiming its universal value to humanity. In 2008, the National Geographic Society declared the Rideau the 2nd most authentic, sustainable destination in the World.

These designations are an honour but also carry with them an obligation to ensure the values that are the basis of the designations are protected. Communities are looking to capitalize on the status while maintaining the Canal through sensitive, sympathetic development. Development pressures are creating challenges for the municipalities and other authorities responsible for decisions around land use planning and economic development.

Following the recommendation of the World Heritage Committee in 2007, Parks Canada has committed to undertaking an assessment of the visual character of the Canal Corridor as part of what is being called the Rideau Corridor Landscape Strategy. The goal of the strategy is to work with First Nations, federal and provincial agencies, municipalities, NGOs, property owners and others to build a new vision for the Rideau. The end result will be guidelines that can be implemented by everyone with a stake in the future quality of the Corridor.

5. Consent Agenda

Motion 1	Moved by:	Ken Graham
	Seconded by:	David Crowley

That Agenda items 6, 11, 12, 18, 19 be approved by mutual consent.

Motion Carried

6. Approval of Minutes, December 16, 2010

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting, #12/10, December 16, 2010 are approved by consent.

7. Business Arising from Minutes None.

8. Meetings

a) Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee Meeting

Alan Arbuckle, RVCA Board Chair, attended this meeting on behalf of the Board of Directors. The meeting focused on the *Nutrient Management Act*. The Act provides a comprehensive nutrient management framework for Ontario's agricultural industry, municipalities and other generators of materials containing nutrients, including environmental protection guidelines. Discussion took place how the Committee will move forward to develop protective policies regarding nutrient management.

b) RVCA Members Orientation Session

Alan Arbuckle recognized that most of the people around the table were at the orientation session and no update was required.

9. **Accounts Paid, December 1 – 31, 2010**

Dell Hallett, RVCA General Manager, responded to questions regarding December's Accounts Paid.

Motion 2 **Moved by:** Vince Carroll
Seconded by: Tom Dewey

The Accounts Paid, December 1 to 31, 2010 (Attachment #1) be approved.

10. **Staff Report – Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2011**

a) **Chair**

Alan Arbuckle surrendered the Chair to Dell Hallett, RVCA General Manager. Dell conducted the election for Chair of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors for 2011.

Motion 3 **Moved by:** David Crowley
Seconded by: John Miller

That Alan Arbuckle be nominated for Chair of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority.

Dell Hallett requested that, there being no other no other nominations for Chair, nominations be closed.

Motion Carried

Alan Arbuckle was declared Chair of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority.

b) **Vice-Chair**

Dell Hallett conducted the election for Vice-Chair of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority for 2011.

Motion 4 **Moved by:** John Miller
 Seconded by: Barclay Cormack

That Ken Graham be nominated for Vice-Chair of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority.

Dell Hallett requested that, there being no other no other nominations for Vice-Chair, nominations be closed.

Motion Carried

Ken Graham was declared Vice-Chair of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority.

11. Staff Report – Appointment of Auditors

That the firm of Allan and Partners be retained to provide auditing services to the RVCA for the year 2011 be approved on consent.

12. Staff Report – Appointment of Legal Advisors

That the firm of Bell Baker, Barristers and Solicitors is retained as legal advisors for 2011 and furthermore that other legal counsel be retained on consent.

13. Staff Report – Borrowing By-Law

Dell Hallett responded to member inquiries regarding the line of credit. The borrowing maximum is an amount recommended by RVCA auditors that reflects the value of work being done. There is no borrowing formula dictated by the province. The RVCA has been fortunate we have not needed to borrow money in recent years and we do not anticipate the need in 2011.

Motion 5 **Moved by:** John Miller
 Seconded by: Lyle Pederson

That, in 2011, the signing officers of the RVCA be authorized to borrow up to a maximum of \$750,000, which may be required for the purpose of the RVCA to implement its program, until payment to the RVCA of any grants, levies or other revenues.

Motion Carried

18. Staff Report – Eastern Region Headwater Streams Workshop

The Board of Directors received this report for information on consent.

19. January Activity Reports

The January Activity Reports were received on consent.

20. Member Inquiries

John Miller inquired into his recommendation for a training session in the upper watershed. Don Maciver stated that staff are looking into suitable locations and preparing an agenda. The session would be targeted to contractors, real estate agents, lawyers, developers, contractors and staff of the upper watershed municipalities to provide them with information on RVCA planning and regulations, septic system reviews, waterfront development considerations, shoreline buffers, docks, grant and stewardship programs, etc. Presenters would include RVCA staff, MNR, Parks Canada, municipal staff and septic office.

Barclay Cormack asked when the proposed 2011 RVCA Budget will be circulated. Dell hopes to distribute the information well in advance of February's Board meeting, sending it out the first week of February.

Dell answered questions regarding the levy breakdown.

21. New Business

A fund raising campaign will soon be underway to garner dollars to support a floating boardwalk at Meisel Woods Conservation Area. Watershed resident and Meisel Wood supporter, Joe Slater, is spearheading this effort as it supports the completion of the Sandi Slater Memorial Walk.

22. Upcoming Meetings

- a) Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee Meeting, Thursday, February 3, 2011
- b) RVCA Board of Directors, 7 pm, Thursday, February 24, 2011

26. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m. This was moved by Ken Graham and seconded by Ed Hand.

Alan Arbuckle
Chair

Diane Downey
Recording Secretary