



# RIDEAU VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY WATERSHED BRIEFS

August 2011

A newsletter for municipal councillors

## 2011 Board of Directors

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two vacant seats

## The Rideau — A Safer Place

Parks Canada and the Ottawa Police are working together to make the Rideau Canal a safer place through enforcement and promotion of responsible boating. This summer there has been an increased presence on the water, allowing for more interaction with boaters. During several patrols, more than 30 charges were laid in the Northern Section of the Rideau Canal, primarily for failure to comply with a posted no wake/speed sign. Parks Canada is educating boaters on the benefits of boating safely and watching their wake. They are also installing new signs that will clearly identify where the “no wake zones” begin and end. For more information visit [www.parkscanda.ca/rideau](http://www.parkscanda.ca/rideau).

## Back by Popular Demand — Erosion and Sediment Control Workshop

### How to Prepare Effective Erosion and Sediment Control Plans

The Conservation Partners (MVC, SNC and RVCA) hosted this one-day workshop in April 2011 to a full capacity audience and rave reviews. Perfect for municipal site inspectors, consulting engineers and drainage superintendents, this interactive workshop targets strategies for developing effective Erosion and Sediment Control Plans that can actually be implemented on a construction site. Traditionally this industry has focused on the installation of devices such as silt fence and check dams; however, it's time to move beyond the cookie cutter approach to a more integrated process that addresses erosion control, sediment control and environmental awareness. To learn more, visit [www.rvca.ca/erosion\\_workshop](http://www.rvca.ca/erosion_workshop).

Date and Time: September 21, 2011 — 8:30 am to 4:00 pm  
Location: Monterey Boardroom, Rideau Valley Conservation Centre  
Cost: \$350.00 + HST (includes lunch and course materials)

## The Lower Rideau Watershed Strategy

project included a landowner opinion survey. It identified boat speed, noise and wake as a major problem on the Rideau. Controlling boat wakes will reduce damage to shorelines, meaning less suspended sediment and nutrient loading, and hence better water quality and aquatic habitat in nearshore areas.

## Low Water Response — Time to Know about Low Flow

Periods of dry weather and low water levels have been relatively uncommon in Ontario. However, changing weather patterns indicate that low water levels may become more common. Working with local municipalities, the RVCA has developed “low water response” procedures that reflects our watershed’s local needs and conditions. In times of low flow, the RVCA will work with member municipalities and other agencies to form a local Water Response Team that will develop a strategy on how to respond to local water issues — this includes ongoing monitoring, responding to shortages and public communication.

Stream flow and water level data are collected year-round by the RVCA. You can see current watershed conditions at [www.rvca.ca](http://www.rvca.ca) — click on the water level gauge ([patrick.larson@rvca.ca](mailto:patrick.larson@rvca.ca)).

**Board of Director's Meetings**

Thursday, September 22, 2011



**National Tree Day**  
September 21, 2011



World Rivers Day  
September 25, 2011

**Now Available @ [www.rvca.ca](http://www.rvca.ca)**

*Jock River Catchment Data Sheets*

Get information on the groundwater features, land cover, riparian zone conditions, surface water quality features and more for each of the Jock's seven tributaries.

**Upcoming Event**

Fourth Annual Aquatic Insect and Flyfishing Workshop  
Saturday, September 17, 2011

- learn how sample for benthic invertebrates.
- enjoy casting demonstrations and hands-on learning

Hosted by City Stream Watch and the Ottawa Flyfishers Society  
Contact [justin.robert@rvca.ca](mailto:justin.robert@rvca.ca) for more information.

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## Who to Call? Common Work Projects at a Glance

When doing work in or near a public waterway, you may need approval from one or more government agencies before starting your project. Municipalities deal with planning applications and building permits. Parks Canada reviews work plans to protect Crown land (such as the bed of the Rideau Canal). RVCA looks at flooding, pollution and conservation of land. **Please share this chart with your staff and constituents.**

Your best first call is always to the RVCA's LandOwner Resource Centre to get a clear, quick understanding of how to proceed. Contact one of Resource Specialists:

☎ 613-692-3571  
1-800-267-3504  
ext. 1128 or 1132  
✉ [info@lrconline.com](mailto:info@lrconline.com)

Project Type	CA	OMNR	PC-RCO	Municipality	Coast Guard
Planning Act Application - (severance, zoning amendment, minor variance etc.) <sup>1</sup>	✓			✓	
Clarification of Potential Crown Ownership— along the Rideau River)			✓		
Clarification of Potential Crown Ownership— off the Rideau River)		✓			
Shoreline Stabilization/Alteration (along the Rideau River)	✓		✓		
Shoreline Stabilization/Alteration (off the Rideau River)	✓	✓ <sup>2</sup>			
Dock — along the Rideau River	✓		✓		
Dock — off the Rideau River	✓	✓ <sup>2</sup>			
Boathouse — along the Rideau River	✓		✓	✓	
Boathouse — off the Rideau River	✓	✓ <sup>2</sup>		✓	
Aquatic Plant Harvesting — on the Rideau River			✓		
Aquatic Plant Harvesting —off the Rideau River		✓			
Dredging — on the Rideau River	✓ <sup>3</sup>		✓		
Dredging — off the Rideau River	✓	✓			
Floating Raft /Mooring Buoy — on the Rideau River			✓		✓
Floating Raft / Mooring Buoy — off the Rideau River		✓			✓

<sup>1</sup> Conservation Authority's comments to the Municipal approval authority are required by legislation.  
<sup>2</sup> *The Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act* is being harmonized with Conservation Authority requirements but *Public Lands Act* provisions remain.  
<sup>3</sup> Conservation Authority interest is in disposal of dredged material.

### Agency Contact Information for Eastern Ontario

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**Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources**  
Kemptonville  
613-258-8204  
OMNR Kingston  
613-531-5700

**Parks Canada Rideau Canal Office**  
Smiths Falls 613-283-7199  
[RideauCanal-info@pc.gc.ca](mailto:RideauCanal-info@pc.gc.ca)

**Coast Guard, Fisheries & Oceans Canada**  
*Navigable Waters Protection Act*  
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