

RIDEAU VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY WATERSHED BRIEFS

January/February 2012

A newsletter for municipal councillors

2012 Board of Directors

Andy Jozefowicz *Athens*
 Lee Armstrong *Augusta*
 Sharon Mousseau *Beckwith*
 Tom Dewey *Central Frontenac*
 No appointment *Clarence-Rockland*
 Ray Scissons *Drummond/North Elmsley*
 Lyle Pederson *Elizabethtown-Kitley*
 Jim Anderton *Merrickville-Wolford*
 Vince Carroll *Montague*
 Gerry Boyce *North Dundas*
 Barclay Cormack *North Grenville*
 David Crowley *Perth*
 Rob Dunfield *Rideau Lakes*
 Ken Graham, RVCA Chair
Smiths Falls
 Mark Tinlin *South Frontenac*
 John H. Miller *Tay Valley*
 Bradley Wing *Westport*

City of Ottawa

Alan Arbuckle, RVCA Past Chair
 David Chernushenko
 Steve Curtis
 Steve Desroches
 Ed Hand, RVCA Vice Chair
 Magda Kubasiewicz

RVCA Election

The RVCA held its Annual General Meeting on February 23. As required by the *Conservation Authorities Act*, the 2012 Board of Directors held their annual election for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair. Smiths Falls appointee Ken Graham has succeeded Alan Arbuckle as the Chair and Ottawa's Ed Hand was elected as Vice Chair. After five years as Chair, Ottawa's Alan Arbuckle was required to step aside according to rules established by the Board. He graciously thanked everyone for making his last five years rewarding and productive. He is delighted to continue on as a Board Member in support of the RVCA's new Chair, Ken Graham.

Mr. Graham, a Councillor and retired Senior Investigator for the Ministry of the Environment, was appointed by Smiths Falls in 2004. He was elected Vice-Chair of the former Middle Advisory Board in January 2005 and elected Vice-Chair of the Authority in January 2007. Ottawa resident Ed Hand joined the Board in June 2008.

For a complete list of the 2012 RVCA Board of Directors, please see the list to the left (dell.hallett@rvca.ca).

New Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is a sub-committee of the Board of Directors which hears applications for permits associated with RVCA's Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation. Any citizen has the right to ask for a hearing before the Executive Committee if permission is not granted or granted with conditions by RVCA qualified staff. There are traditionally about five hearings per year. The Executive Committee has five members automatically including the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board. The members for 2012 are Ken Graham, Ed Hand, Alan Arbuckle, John Miller and Lyle Pederson with David Crowley as an alternate (dell.hallett@rvca.ca).

Approved Budget

The RVCA Board of Directors unanimously approved the 2012 budget of \$9.5 million and municipal levy (4.5 million) at its annual general meeting. Levy request is going up by \$202,000 (4.6 percent) to \$4,589,000. The City of Ottawa pays 90.3 percent of levy leaving the 17 remaining municipalities to share the outstanding levy of 9.7 percent based on assessment apportionment.

The municipal levy makes up 48 percent of the RVCA budget with other funds coming from the province, special project levies and other sources such as permits, user fees and fundraising efforts.

More details on the RVCA budget on page two (dell.hallett@rvca.ca).

Levy Rates Over the Years (\$/100,000 assessment)

Year	Rate
2012.....	\$6.02
2011.....	\$5.86
2010.....	\$5.75
2009.....	\$6.75
2008.....	\$6.48
2007.....	\$6.27
2006.....	\$6.62

The levy is based on the Current Value Assessment figures for 2012 as provided by the Province of Ontario.

Cost of RVCA programs to municipalities: less than \$7 per person/year or \$15 per household/year

Board of Director's Meetings

Thursday, March 22, 2012
RVCC at 7:00 p.m.

Canada Water Week

March 19 - 25, 2012
canadawaterweek.com

World Water Day

Thursday, March 22, 2012
www.unwater.org/worldwaterday

Happy Anniversary RVCA!

Saturday, March 31, 2012
Celebrating 46 years in watershed and
municipal conservation efforts

RVCF Rain Barrel Pickup

Saturday, April 14, 2012
from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Tri-Valley Conservation
Awards Gala**

Wednesday, April 18, 2012
RVCC at 7:00 p.m.

Coming Soon

Flood Forecasting and Warning Long
Range Outlook (March)

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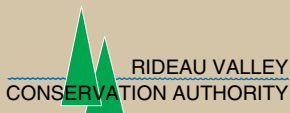
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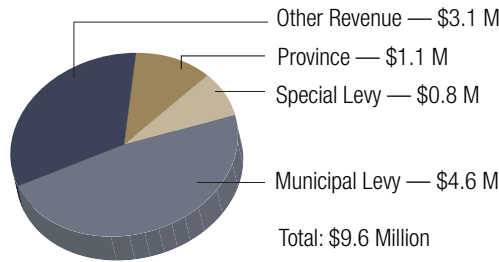
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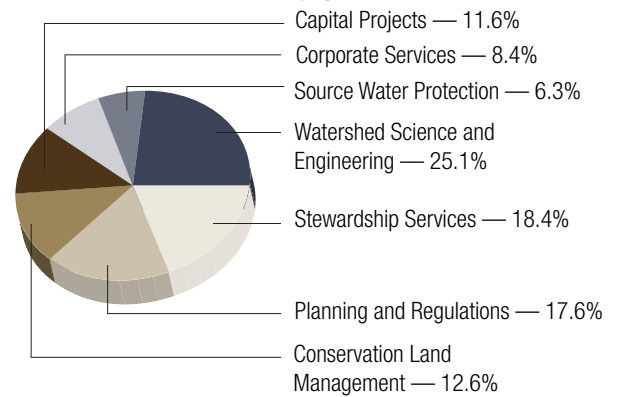


Financing Conservation

Where does the money come from?



Where does the money go?



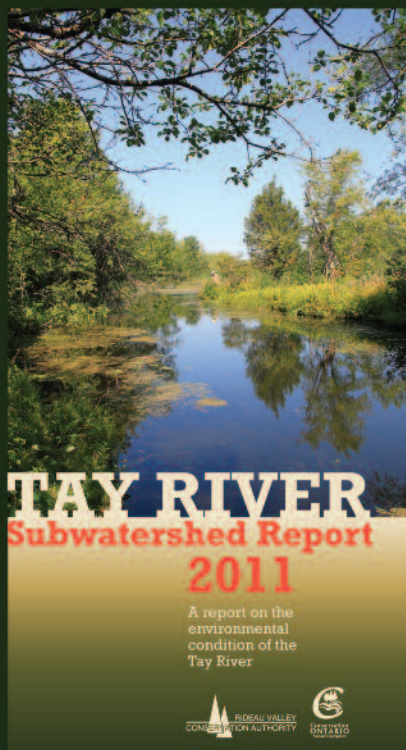
2011 Annual Report

The RVCA's 2011 Annual Report is now available. You can download a copy at www.rvca.ca under "What's New" or have a copy mailed to you. Contact Diane at diane.downey@rvca.ca.

Volunteers Wanted — Helping HOPE

The Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation (RVCF) is pleased to be one of the seven lucky charities to receive funding from Helping Other People Everywhere (a.k.a. HOPE). Each year, HOPE hosts the HOPE Volleyball Summerfest. This volunteer-driven, not-for-profit event raises funds for community-based charities and could raise an estimated \$25,000 for RVCF projects right here in the Rideau Valley!

The RVCF is looking for volunteers to help at the event on Saturday, July 14, 2012. If you are interested and available to spend a day lending a helping hand, we'd sure appreciate it. For more details, contact Charles at charles.billington@rvca.ca.



Tay River Subwatershed Report

The RVCA's information-loaded *Tay River Subwatershed Report*, summarizing the health of the subwatershed, is now available. The report looks at four indicators — water quality, forest cover, wetlands and riparian coverage. Residents, municipalities and the RVCA now have a reliable set of information to track future trends and target local stewardship activities. Download your copy at www.rvca.ca under "What's New" or contact Diane for a copy at diane.downey@rvca.ca.

To learn more about the subwatershed reports and how landowners can get involved in stewardship projects (grants and technical advice available), join us at our upcoming open house.

Tay River Open House and Barbecue

Learn about our Subwatershed Report results and incentive programs that can help improve subwatershed health.

When: April 3, 2012 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Where: Perth Legion (26 Beckwith Street East)
What: Presentation at 6 p.m.; BBQ — while supplies last

For more information, contact Andrea at andrea.klymko@rvca.ca.