

RIDEAU VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY  
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APPROVED MINUTES

Board of Directors 4/14  
May 22, 2014

**Present:** Jim Anderton Lee Armstrong  
Pat Barr Gerry Boyce Brian Campbell  
Vince Carroll David Chernushenko  
Steve Curtis Rob Dunfield  
Ken Graham Ed Hand  
Rick Henderson Andy Jozefowicz  
Magda Kubasiewicz John H. Miller  
Scott Moffatt Sharon Mousseau  
Lyle Pederson Ray Scissons

**Staff:** Ferdous Ahmed Sommer Casgrain-  
Robertson Terry Davidson Derek Matheson  
Michelle Paton

**Regrets:** Jim Boldt Barclay Cormack  
Tom Dewey Bradley Wing

Ken Graham acknowledged the sudden passing of John Miller who represented Tay Valley Township on the RVCA Board for the last 25 years. Mr. Graham suggested that Mr. Miller's contributions be recognized formally by the Authority in the near future.

Mr. Graham welcomed Brian Campbell, the new representative from Tay Valley Township, and called for round table introductions.

1. Declaration of Interest None.

2. Consent Agenda

Motion 1-140522 Moved by: Jim Anderton  
Seconded by: Andy Jozefowicz

That Agenda items 3, 4, 5 and 6 be approved by mutual consent.

**Motion Carried**

3. Approval of Minutes, April 24, 2014

**Motion 2-140522**

That the RVCA Board of Directors approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting #3/14, April 24, 2014.

**Consent** **Motion Carried on**

4. Business Arising from Minutes None.

5. Britannia Village Flood Control Project

**Motion 3-140522**

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority receive this report for information purposes, and

That the Board of Directors approve the issuance of a purchase order and authorization to Parsons (formerly Delcan) Corp. to continue the delivery of “Part A – Design Services” within the revised scope of professional services as set out in April 7, 2014 correspondence, to a new revised upset limit of \$164,000.

**Consent** **Motion Carried on**

6. Clean Water Grant Programs

**Motion 4-140522**

That the Board of Directors of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority receive the Clean Water Grant Programs Update for information.

**Consent** **Motion Carried on**

7. RVCA Strategic Review

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson presented the attached Preliminary Overview of the RVCA Strategic Review.

Ms. Casgrain-Robertson indicated that the proposed four year cycle which alternates with municipal elections has been implemented by the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority and is being considered by the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority. This consistent cycle would be efficient for shared municipalities in multiple watersheds.

The strategic review process would involve:

- a program review conducted by staff to identify potential priorities for the Authority;
- a program review with municipal staff to identify municipal priorities for the Authority; and,
- a Board review of staff and municipal priorities.

The process should result in a short list of key priorities for the Authority for the subsequent four years (2016 to 2020). Ms. Casgrain-Robertson confirmed that the last strategic plan covered up to 2008.

Members suggested the following:

- that programs be evaluated against the Authority's objectives
- that scoping exercises of larger issues also be conducted, i.e. climate change
- that municipal input be obtained through the Clerk

In response to a comment from a member, Ms. Casgrain-Robertson confirmed that the nine Eastern General Managers have started meeting on a regular basis. Program staff are also being encouraged to meet with their eastern counterparts to share information and best practices. Steps are currently being taken to more closely integrate RVCA and MVCA engineering staff.

Ken Graham advised that Tay Valley Township has recently completed a strategic process. One of the outcomes was a communications piece or "one-pager" that identifies the priorities. Ms. Casgrain-Robertson reported that she has spoken with Tay Valley's Chief Administrative Officer, Malcolm Morris about the process.

#### **Motion 5-140522**

That the Board of Directors receive the presentation on the RVCA Strategic Review.

**Motion Carried**

## **8. Meetings**

- a) Eastern Ontario GMs and Chairs Meeting, May 6, 2014  
Sommer Casgrain-Robertson reported on this second meeting of the Eastern Ontario GMs and Chairs.

Upcoming

b) Ontario GMs Meeting, May 26, 2014

c) Conservation Ontario Council Meeting, Monday, June 23, 2014

d) RVCA Board of Directors Watershed Tour, Thursday, June 26, 2014

Staff were asked to resend the map to Baxter Conservation Area.

e) RVC Foundation Board of Directors Meeting, Monday, September 22, 2014

## 9. Member Inquiries

### 2014 Provincial Election

In response to a question from a member, Sommer Casgrain-Robertson confirmed that Conservation Ontario has issued a provincial election strategy. A copy will be forwarded to Members.

### Westport Sewage Release

Rob Dunfield spoke to the recent release of effluent from the Westport sewage lagoons into Upper Rideau Lake. Ms. Casgrain-Robertson confirmed that staff have contacted the Village of Westport regarding their provincially-regulated wastewater system. The release involved partially treated sewage. Ms. Casgrain-Robertson will circulate a letter recently received from the Ministry of the Environment to Members.

Rob Dunfield supported the idea that the RVCA conduct additional water quality monitoring and report the results.

## 10. New Business

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson reported that Dan Cooper has been appointed as the new Executive Director of the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation replacing Charles Billington who retired earlier this month. Mr. Cooper has worked closely with the Foundation over the years in his role as Forestry Program Manager for the RVCA.

## 11. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m. This was moved by Ray Scissons and seconded by Gerry Boyce.

**Ken Graham  
Chair**

**Michelle Paton  
Recording Secretary**