

# RIDEAU VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY WATERSHED BRIEFS

May 2015

A newsletter for municipal councillors

## 2015 Board of Directors

Andy Jozefowicz *Athens*

Dale McLenaghan *Augusta*

Sharon Mousseau *Beckwith*

Victor Heese *Central Frontenac*

No appointment *Clarence-Rockland*

Ray Scissons *Drummond/North Elmsley*

Lyle Pederson *Elizabethtown-Kitley*

Anne Barr *Merrickville-Wolford*

Vince Carroll *Montague*

Gerry Boyce *North Dundas*

Barclay Cormack *North Grenville*

Erin Greco *Ottawa*

Ed Hand *Ottawa*

Pieter Leenhouts *Ottawa*

Scott Moffatt *Ottawa*

Ralph Pentland *Ottawa*

Tom Scott *Ottawa*

Judy Brown *Perth*

Jeff Banks *Rideau Lakes*

Joe Gallipeau *Smiths Falls*

Pat Barr *South Frontenac*

Brian Campbell *Tay Valley*

Gerald Schwinghamer *Westport*

## Septic Services and Your Conservation Authority Professional, Competent, Qualified, Responsive, Consistent Service

Since January 1998, municipalities have been responsible for the delivery of private septic system inspection, approval and re-inspection services. Conservation Authorities in Eastern Ontario have provided these services since 1995. RVCA offers professional, experienced delivery options by administering all or part of *Ontario Building Code* Part 8 services on behalf of your municipality.

### Fast, Cost-Effective, Professional, Experienced One-Window Service

Talk to any contractor or homeowner and they are looking for fast, cost-effective, professional service — we offer just that. RVCA septic system services provide:

- fast turnaround and processing of approvals (five day approval window)
- cost-effective delivery on a cost-recovery, not-for-profit basis
- one point-of-contact for program management and delivery
- long-standing, experienced staff with local knowledge
- consolidated and consistent delivery that minimizes municipal exposure to risk and liability
- professional staff — senior staff and inspectors are professional engineers or technicians and all are certified Part 8 OBC Onsite Sewage System Inspectors
- central offices accessible to rural contractors servicing township-wide clients; drop-in service from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- online information and other educational tools for municipal residents
- also teach courses at Ontario Rural Wastewater Centre (ORWC) including advanced design, evaluation of treatment systems and “septic 101” for real estate agents



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#### Upcoming Board of Director's Meeting —

Thursday, May 28, 2015  
7:00 p.m. at the RVCA  
in Manotick

#### Your Conservation Authority:

- environmental expertise
- watershed experience
  - municipal integrity
  - advice and service municipalities can count on



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#### Value-Added Features

Our service provides valuable access to conservation professionals and programs, including:

- inspectors who are also trained as Provincial Offences Officers under Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*
- a Chief Building Official under the *Ontario Building Code*
- qualified environmental staff including ground water scientists, engineers, biologists, ecologists, etc.
- founding member of the Ontario Onsite Wastewater Association
- connection to local stewardship services and grant programs available to support property owners/landowner activities
- principal contact with the ORWC — including Ottawa's Demonstration Facility to promote alternative technologies
- staff who deliver Part 8 Training Courses for those preparing for provincial examinations
- link to Part 8 Sub-Committee of the Golden Triangle Building Official Association

#### Extra Benefits

Our experience and staff bring many extra benefits to your municipality, including:

- exceptional turn-around times to meet the needs of homeowners and contractors
- full or partial services tailored to suit the needs of participating municipalities
- access to a re-inspection protocol developed and tested by the Conservation Authority
- a solid working relationship with municipal staff, including building officials
- established relationships with septic professionals (designers, installers and haulers)
- a solid working relationship with provincial (particularly MMAH) and federal staff
- an emphasis on public information and education (information sessions, webpage, printed materials, training for real estate professionals and other interest groups)



#### Our Current Service

We are currently doing this work for your neighbouring communities:

##### Full Service Septic Approvals

- City of Ottawa (since 1995)
- Tay Valley Township (since 2004)

##### Re-inspection Services

- Tay Valley Township
- North Frontenac
- Drummond/North Elmsley
- Central Frontenac
- Rideau Lakes Township

#### Let Us Serve You

The Part 8 Septic Program results in no cost to municipalities. It is offered on a not-for-profit, cost-recovery basis. Services and their costs have been refined over the years to represent their true value and cost to the end-user. Efficiencies come with more watershed-wide service delivery. To learn more about how we can serve you, contact Terry Davidson (terry.davidson@rvca.ca ext. 1107).

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