

Notes from the Land & Water Stewardship Advisory Committee  
Meeting No. 2/08  
Held on February 8.2008

**Members Present:**

Joan Sutherland, Town of New Tecumseth. Reg Cowan, Springwater Twp., John Crawford, Township of Oro/Medonte, Sandy Agnew, Township of Oro/Medonte, Orville Brown, Township of Clearview, Walter Benotto, Town of Shelburne, Cal Patterson, Town of Wasaga Beach

**Regrets:** John McKean, Town of the Blue Mountains

**Staff:** Byron Wesson, Fred Dobbs, Greg Bray, Shannon Stephens

**Called to order at 10:45**

**Agenda was accepted**

**No pecuniary interests**

**Motion to call meeting to order– Moved - Walter Benotto//Seconded - Orville Brown**

- Carried

**1. 2008 Business Plan Review – Appendix C – Land & Water Stewardship Services**

A review of the Implementation Strategies, Actions and Related Targets was given by program staff. There was overall acceptance of the 2008 direction with the entire program. Some comments are as follows:

The positive messaging that has resulted from our “Conservation Corner” articles was noted. To ensure this message is being shared with all our watershed residents it was asked that Cal Pataterson, Orville Brown and Walter Benotto be sent the article when it goes out to the press. Efforts on their part will be made to see that their local press picks up and prints these articles.

When highlighting “Moraine” projects it has been asked that the full name, Oro or Oak be used. Staff will acknowledge this but it was noted that the Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation has put in place their catch phrase being “Caring for the Moraine”.

A request to contact the Dufferin Hunters and Anglers Club with regards to a proposed low impact trail system in the Osprey Wetlands was made. Staff will follow up.

The Nottawasaga Bluffs CA was targeted by illegal dumping and staff is working with Clearview Township and local volunteers to rectify. Staff ensured this was an ongoing effort and would update accordingly.

Shelburne High School has recently established an Environmental club. Staff were asked to contact school officials to determine possible interest in utilizing the Elba Wetlands as a place to further their education opportunities through monitoring and/or recreational pursuits.

The All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) issue remains and staff were questioned with using them on NVCA lands. The NVCA's position has not changed - no unauthorized wheeled vehicle travel is permitted on any NVCA lands.

**Resolved that Land and Water staff develop a final version of the Land and Water Stewardship Services component of the 2008- 2010 NVCA Business Plan based on recommendations of the Land and Water Stewardship Advisory committee for consideration of the Board of Directors at their April 11, 2008 meeting.**

***Moved by Joan Sutherland  
Seconded by Orville Brown  
Carried***

**Stewardship Services Update**

**Resolved that staff incorporate the "Maple Leaf Forever" program into the Healthy Waters Grant program to allow for enhanced opportunities to our watershed residents and that this information be forwarded to the Executive Committee.**

**Moved by: Walter Benotto  
Seconded by: John Crawford  
Carried**

**Tiffin Conservation Area Education /Outreach Proposal**

**Resolved that the Draft Terms of Reference for the Tiffin Education/Outreach Proposal be approved as presented.**

**Moved by: John Crawford  
Seconded by: Sandy Agnew  
Carried**

**Resolved that the Lands and Water Stewardship Advisory Committee adjourn at 12:00**

**Moved by : Walter Benotto  
Seconded by: John Crawford  
Carried**