



NOTTAWASAGA VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY HIGHLIGHTS FROM BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12TH, 2010

2010 BUDGET APPROVED WITH 76 PER CENT MEMBER SUPPORT

Seventy-six per cent of members' weighted vote was in favour of the 2010 NVCA budget including: a non-matching levy (no provincial grant provided) of \$1,633,937.06; a matching levy (matching provincial grant provided) of \$183,960; and a total 2010 budget of \$3,866,772.05.

Staff will report budget activity to the board on a quarterly basis.

NVCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS REQUESTS SUPPORT FROM ORO-MEDONTE TO FINALIZE THE MOU FOR THE DELIVERY OF CONSERVATION SERVICES IN THE SEVERN SOUND PORTION OF THE TOWNSHIP AND CONFIRMS ITS SUPPORT FOR A MUTUAL DISMISSAL OF ORO-MEDONTE'S 2009 BUDGET LEVY APPEAL

The Board of Directors unanimously passed two motions with the intent of confirming the NVCA's commitment to work with Oro-Medonte and the Severn Sound Environmental Association regarding the delivery of environmental services in the Severn Sound sub-watershed and confirming the NVCA's support for a mutual dismissal of the 2009 levy appeal by Oro-Medonte to the Office of the Mining and Lands Commissioner.

NVCA members representing Oro-Medonte, Mayor Harry Hughes and Deputy Mayor Ralph Hough, declared a conflict of interest and left the boardroom during the vote.

NVCA WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE SOUTHERN GEORGIAN BAY COASTAL INITIATIVE TO DEVELOP AN INTEGRATED SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The NVCA will work in partnership with the towns of Wasaga Beach, Collingwood and The Blue Mountains, Environment Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources to jointly protect our waterfront.

As part of this initiative, the NVCA has received \$6,000 in funding from Environment Canada to support GIS mapping of shoreline habitat conditions. The board of directors has directed that staff report back to the board once the \$6,000 has been spent regarding new support for the initiative.

BOARD MEMBERS VOTE AGAINST A RATE INCREASE FOR THEIR PER DIEMS IN 2010

A tied vote led to the defeat of a 0.43% increase for the 2010 member per diem rate (representing the average inflation rate for the Ontario Consumer Price Index from December 2008 to November 2009).

THIRD PARTY REVIEW OF PLANNING SERVICES TO BE DEFERRED UNTIL BOARD CONSIDERS A REVIEW OF ALL NVCA SERVICES

Board members will attend a half day workshop to review NVCA mandates, current programs and issues, as well as provide direction for future third party review. Workshop details will be decided at the Feb. 26th Executive Committee meeting.

Staff were also directed to investigate whether it is possible and/or beneficial to coordinate the NVCA program review with Credit Valley Conservation Authority's upcoming customer service review. Staff will report back at the March 12th board meeting.

Future Meetings and Events

Executive meeting 04/10 – Feb. 26, 2010

Board meeting 03/10 – Mar. 12, 2010

March Break Day at the Tiffin Centre – Mar. 14, 2010

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