



NOTTAWASAGA VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY HIGHLIGHTS FROM BOARD MEETING ON AUGUST 27, 2010

NVCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – NO. 07/10, August 27, 2010

STAFF ARE RECOGNIZED FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

Chair Benotto and Wayne Wilson, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer recognized the following staff for their years of service with the NVCA: Rick Grillmayer, Forestry Program Coordinator, 15 years; Laurie Barron, Executive Assistant, Corporate Services and Brian Smith, Water Resources Technologist; 5 years

NVCA BOARD RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON BILL 168, AN AMENDMENT TO THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT RE: EMPLOYER TO PROVIDE WORKER PROTECTION FROM VIOLENCE AND HARASSMENT IN THE WORKPLACE.

Susan Richards, Manager of Administration and Human Resources reported to the Board of Directors on Bill 168, an amendment to the *Occupational Health & Safety Act*, which came into effect on June 15th, 2010. The amendment requires employers to provide worker protection from violence and harassment in the workplace. The Bill requires an employer, who employs more than five workers to prepare written policies (policy statements) and procedures with respect to workplace violence and harassment. A number of key tasks are essential in the process, including conducting a risk assessment with all staff and posting policy statements. The policy statements have been posted at all NVCA work sites and circulated to all staff. The complete policy and procedure is under development and staff are reviewing training options for all staff to be conducted in September 2010. As per the Act, the Policy & Procedure will be reviewed annually.

NVCA LAUNCHES ANOTHER COMPONENT OF THEIR 'GREEN ENERGY' PROGRAM AT THE TIFFIN CONSERVATION CENTRE.

The NVCA officially opened a 'Solar Shed' at the Tiffin Conservation Centre on August 27/10. The Solar Shed is a component of the NVCA's Environmental Education's new Green Energy program. The Solar Shed was built in partnership with the Rotary Club of Barrie and Wallwin Electric. The Solar Shed is equipped with state of the art solar energy collectors (photovoltaic cells) batteries and electrical hardware. A large viewing window gives students and visitors the interactive opportunity to see how the sun's energy can be used for our electrical needs, such as lighting and running appliances. Visitors to the Tiffin Centre will see the benefits of using solar energy and how it powers the lights of the adjacent Sugar Shack.

NVCA BOARD UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORT THE CHARTER OF WATER RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The NVCA has received a request to endorse a recommendation arising from the 2010 Freshwater Summit requesting the provincial government to adopt a Charter of Water Rights and Responsibilities. The NVCA's vision/mission of managing water in a sustainable manner on a watershed approach is consistent with the request. The Board of Directors supported this initiative unanimously.

NVCA BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF ENJOYED A SUMMER BBQ

NVCA Vice Chair Gord Montgomery and Executive Members Rick Archdekin, John McKean along with CAO/Secretary Treasurer Wayne Wilson donned aprons to flip burgers for the annual member/staff summer bbq. Ten summer staff were acknowledged for their excellent efforts and wished all the best for their upcoming school year.

Future Meetings and Events

Board of Directors meeting – September 17
Executive Committee meeting – September 24

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