



## NVCA Board Meeting Highlights August 24, 2018

Next Board Meeting: October 26, 2018  
at Tiffin Centre for Conservation, Utopia

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### New Lowell Dam Safety Review

The board approved the use of funds to support a safety review of the New Lowell Dam in Clearview.

The dam, built in 1967, requires a safety review every 10 years. The project will cost \$51,000, with half of the funds coming from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECI) program.

Work is expected to commence and be completed by the end of the year.

### Changes to Administrative Bylaws

The board approved new [administrative regulations](#), adopting changes required under the updated *Conservation Authorities Act* (2017). Topics covered by the administrative regulations include board government policies and meeting procedures.

Approved updates to the old regulations include:

- Changing the term of member appointments to four years
- Changes to the way per diems and travel costs for board members are calculated
- Changes to the annual honorarium for the positions of chair, vice chair, and past chair/2nd vice chair (now \$2,500, \$1,500, and \$500 respectively)
- Changes to what constitutes quorum (now 50%; formerly 50% plus one)

### Draft 2019 budget expected in October

The board approved guidelines for the development of the draft 2019 NVCA budget. With the municipal election this fall, the draft budget will be considered by the board at their October 26 meeting, with the finalized budget to go to the board for approval in February 2019.

### In brief

During the meeting the board also:

- Received the 2018 second quarter financial statements, which show expenditures to be on track against the approved budget.
- Approved updates to the NVCA employee handbook (drugs and alcohol policy; medical marijuana policy; and job abandonment policy).
- Recognized NVCA staff with service awards (following the meeting):
  - Robert Bettinelli, Information Management & Technology Specialist (5 years)
  - Clint Collis, Lands & Operations Technician (5 years)
  - Kyra Howes, Manager of Lands & Operations (5 years)
  - Grant Wilson, Environmental Education Assistant (5 years)
  - Christine Knapp, General Accountant (10 years)
  - Lyle Wood, GIS Analyst (10 years)

Summer staff, including camp counsellors, lands crew, and planning, stewardship and monitoring program support staff were also recognized.

## **Future Meetings and Events**

### **Beeton Creek Restoration Project – Community Information Workshop**

Tuesday, Sept. 11, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
Tottenham Community Centre, 139 Queen St.  
North, Tottenham

### **TD Tree Days - Clearview EcoPark Volunteer Plant**

Saturday, Sept. 15, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
EcoPark, 300 Mowat Street North, Stayner

### **Edible Wild Walk – Autumn**

Saturday, Sept. 15, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm  
Tottenham Tract, Simcoe Forest  
This event is hosted by the Dufferin Simcoe  
Land Stewardship Network (NVCA partner  
agency).

### **Mushroom Foray**

Saturday, Sept. 22, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm at  
the Wallwin Tract, near Everett  
and  
Sunday, Sept. 23, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm at the  
Copeland Forest, near Craighurst  
This event is hosted by the Dufferin Simcoe  
Land Stewardship Network (NVCA partner  
agency).

### **TD Tree Days – Shelburne Volunteer Plant**

Sunday, Sept. 23, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Parking: circle at the east dead-end of Andrew  
St., Shelburne, (left off Dufferin St, off Hwy 89)

### **TD Tree Days – Minesing Wetlands Volunteer Plant**

Saturday, Sept. 29, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
3332 Baldwick Lane, Utopia

### **Festival at Fort Willow**

Saturday, Sept. 29, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Fort Willow Conservation Area

For more information on these events, please  
visit the [NVCA website](http://www.nvca.on.ca).