



NVCA Board Meeting Highlights October 26, 2018

Next Board Meeting: December 14, 2018
at Tiffin Centre for Conservation, Utopia

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NVCA's 2019 draft budget and capital levy to be circulated for municipal review

The board received NVCA's 2019 draft budget, which sets total revenues/expenses at \$4.92 million (compared to \$4.74 million in 2018). This amounts to an increase of \$176,586 to be shared by all 18 member municipalities.

The 2019 capital asset levy also was received. This levy is used to fund NVCA's Asset Management Plan, which details capital needs over a period of ten years. For 2019, the total amount being contributed by all 18 member municipalities is \$130,579.

The draft budget and capital asset levy will now be circulated to member municipalities for review until February 22, 2019. This is longer than the typical 30-day review period to allow for transition for the incoming councils.

The draft budget is posted on the NVCA [website](#) under "About Us – Plans, Annual Reports & Financials."

Tiffin Centre outbuildings, washrooms to receive upgrade

The board approved the use of up to \$43,500 from the land acquisition/management reserve to undertake significant renovations to two buildings at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation.

The Trails Office will be renovated to become additional classroom space for use by the growing education program, and the main outdoor washroom will be updated for use by the education program and the general public.

Both structures are currently in need of renovation for public safety, functionality and enjoyment.

New requirements for Source Protection Authorities

The board also met as the Nottawasaga Valley Source Protection Authority (NVSPA). The NVSPA is one of three source protection authorities for the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region, and is authorized to act under Ontario's *Clean Water Act*.

Source water is untreated water from streams, lakes, rivers or underground aquifers that municipalities use for drinking water supply.

Source water protection looks to stop contaminants from getting into sources of drinking water — lakes, rivers and underground aquifers — and preventing overuse of these water resources.

At this meeting of the NVSPA, the board received two reports for their information.

First, the board learned of new provincial regulations under the *Safe Drinking Water Act* that create new requirements for municipalities and Source Protection Authorities before new, expanded or assumed drinking water systems can provide water to the public.

These requirements include the completion of technical work such as the mapping of wellhead protection areas, vulnerability assessments, etc., and the approval of required amendments

to the Source Protection Plan, prior to drinking water being provided to the public. There is a concern that these requirements may slow the delivery of service to residents. This concern is being shared with local municipalities and Source Protection Authorities so they are aware of the issue.

Second, the board received information on the work plan proposed by our area's lead Source Protection Authority (Lake Simcoe) to respond to the request from Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks for plans for a formal review of the region's Source Protection Plan.

In brief

During the meeting the board also:

- Received the 2018 third-quarter financial statements, which show expenditures to be on track against the approved budget.
- Approved the 2019 NVCA board meeting schedule. As there will be new board members starting in 2019, the schedule incorporates an educational component. The schedule is posted on the NVCA [website](#) under "About Us – Board of Directors"
- Approved housekeeping changes to the Procedures for the Implementation of Ontario Regulation 172/06. This document provides guidance to internal and external parties on the implementation of provincial regulation 172/06, Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation, under the *Conservation Authorities Act*. It is available on the NVCA [website](#).
- Approved the use of up to \$25,000 from the land acquisition/management reserve to finance a Tiffin Centre Hazard Tree Management Plan and associated tree pruning and/or removal.
- Approved updates to the NVCA employee handbook (progressive discipline policy).

Future Meetings and Events

Stream Restoration Work Party

- Beeton Creek

Saturday, Nov. 3, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
Tottenham

This event is hosted by NVCA's partner, the South Simcoe Streams Network

Christmas Bird Count for Kids

Saturday, Jan. 5, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Tiffin Centre for Conservation, Utopia

For more information on these events, please visit the [NVCA website](#).