



NVCA Board Meeting Highlights Sept 22, 2017

Next Board Meeting: October 27, 2017
at Suite Works, 92 Caplan Ave., Barrie

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NVCA's 2018 draft budget and capital levy to be circulated for municipal review

The board received NVCA's 2018 draft budget, which sets total revenues/expenses at \$4.74 million (compared to \$4.59 million in 2017). The budget contains a 4.1% increase to the overall municipal levy. This amounts to an increase of \$89,956 to be shared by all 18 member municipalities.

The 2018 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 2018, the total amount being contributed by all 18 member municipalities is \$96,393.

The draft budget and capital asset levy will now be circulated to member municipalities for a 30-day review period. It is also available on the NVCA [website](#).

Board member tour watershed project sites

Following their meeting, board members and guests toured the south-central part of the watershed to see firsthand NVCA projects and programs including:

- Forestry programs in Innisfil,
- Public-private partnerships to improve agricultural water use and reduce soil erosion by planting shelter belts in New Tecumseth, and
- Wetland creation and Mad River flow restoration project in Clearview.

This tour was part of the board's ongoing education initiative.

In brief

During the meeting the board also:

- approved an application to the National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP) seeking funding for a risk assessment for flood susceptible areas in the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio, Town of Mono and Town of New Tecumseth. These municipalities experienced considerable losses as a result of flooding from the June 23, 2017, 100-year storm event.
- approved the use of reserves as matching funds for the Wasaga Beach Floodplain Mapping Project, which is receiving funding under an earlier submission to the NDMP. In addition to direct dollars, NVCA is making an in-kind contribution, and the Town of Wasaga Beach also is contributing matching funds to support this project. The NDMP is contributing \$73,151, or 50 percent of the total project cost. When complete, the updated mapping will help with emergency preparedness and in defining appropriate land uses with regards to natural hazards.
- approved the use of reserve funds for repairs to the Tottenham Dam, which was damaged during the June 23, 2017, 100-year storm event.

Future Meetings and Events

Fort Willow Accessible Trail

– Grand Opening

Friday, Sept 29, 11:00 am - 11:30 am

Fort Willow Conservation Area, Grenfel

Festival at Fort Willow

Saturday, Sept 30, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Fort Willow Conservation Area, Grenfel

Hike the Bluffs - Small Halls Festival Event

Sunday, Oct 1, 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Nottawasaga Bluffs Conservation Area

Offered as part of Clearview's Small Halls Festival, Singhampton Hall

Volunteer Habitat Restoration Workdays

Volunteers needed for cutting and planting willow and dogwood live-stakes. Events run rain or shine, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm.

- Monday, Oct 16, Minesing Wetlands near Angus
- Tuesday, Oct 17, Willow Creek Canoe Corral, Minesing
- Wednesday, Oct 18, Willow Creek Canoe Corral, Minesing
- Thursday, Oct 19, Minesing Wetlands near Angus
- Friday, Oct 20, Creemore Nature Reserve

Nature Days for Homeschoolers

Friday, Oct 20, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Nottawasaga Bluffs Conservation Area

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