



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 going 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 Baldwin 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).