



NVCA Board Meeting Highlights August 23, 2019

Next Meeting: September 27, 2019, Tiffin Centre for Conservation, Utopia

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Presentation by Greenland International Consulting

Greenland International Consulting presented a new system to track water levels and flooding for watersheds in Ontario and is seeking NVCA assistance. The presenters talked about the differences and similarities between NVCA's current system and the new system and asked if NVCA would contribute data to develop this system. The presentation was received and staff will be bringing a staff report in September.

Smoke-Free Outdoor Spaces Policy

The board approved NVCA's Smoke-Free Outdoor Spaces policy. The policy prohibits smoking in all Conservation Areas, except in designated areas. This policy is designed to promote healthy outdoor experiences at NVCA properties by reducing health risks of second-hand smoke, de-normalizing tobacco use, and supporting a healthier environment.

Some "No Smoking and No Vaping" signage has been provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit and NVCA will provide the other signage from our current operational budget. Cigarette butt receptacles will also be phased in over the next two years.

NVCA enforcement staff will undertake an education-based approach for enforcement for the first two years of the program.

Financials

Board of Directors received NVCA staff report on second quarter financials and approved guidelines for the development of the 2020 NVCA draft budget. NVCA staff will prepare a draft 2020 budget for consideration by the Board of Directors.

Letter from Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

NVCA received a letter from the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks on August 16, 2019 regarding "winding down" any programs not related to our conservation authority's core mandate.

CAO Doug Hevenor replied to the Minister's letter stating the important work that NVCA does and that we will continue our work as directed by our member municipalities.

In brief

During the meeting, the board also:

- Received the update on the National Disaster Mitigation Program
- Approved staff to review process related to municipal Drainage Act works and approval processes.

Future Meetings and Events

Edible Wild Walk Date

September 7, 2019 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Location: Tottenham Tract, Simcoe Forest

TD Tree Days - Volunteer Tree Planting

Saturday, September 21, 2019 9:00 AM -
12:00 PM Location: Clearview EcoPark, 300
Mowat Street North, Stayner, Ontario

Mushroom Foray

Saturday, September 21, 2019 10:00 AM -
12:30 PM Location: Wallwin Tract, near Everett

Mushroom Foray

Sunday, September 22, 2019 10:00 AM - 12:30
PM Location: Copeland Forest, near Craighurst

NVCA Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, September 27, 2019 9:00 AM - 12:00
PM Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation,
8195 8th Line, Utopia

TD Tree Days – Volunteer Tree Planting

Saturday, September 28, 2019 9:00 AM -
12:00 PM Location: Edenvale Conservation Area
3920 Highway 26, Minesing, ON L0L 1Y0

Festival at Fort Willow

Saturday, September 28, 2019 10:00 AM -
4:00 PM Location: Historic Fort Willow, 2714
Grenfel Road