



NVCA Board Meeting Highlights November 22, 2019

Next Meeting: December 13, 2019, Tiffin Centre for Conservation, Utopia

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Presentation from Conservation Ontario

Bonnie Fox, Manager of Policy and Planning from Conservation Ontario gave a presentation on the recent changes from the Ontario Government regarding conservation authorities (CA). The main topics from the presentation include the proposed mandatory programs and services listed in Bill 108 and updates to conservation authority Board and governance oversight.

Bill 108 proposes that programs and services prescribed by regulation will include:

- Natural Hazards
- Source Protection
- Conservation Lands
- Lake Simcoe Protection Plan
- Other legislation (TBD)

The Bill also proposes if that municipal levy is to be applied to any non-mandatory services, then conservation authorities are required to enter additional agreements with each participating municipality.

The Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) has given Conservation Ontario one year to list programs and services that were not identified in Bill 108.

Since then, Conservation Ontario has sent a list of programs and services to MECP and is currently waiting for a response. The list of services include data collection, flood

modelling, watershed planning, stewardship and education.

These programs and services will allow NVCA to properly deliver core mandated programs.

Bill 108 also mentions that:

- Every member of an authority shall act honestly and in good faith with a view to furthering the objectives of the authority.
- The Minister of MECP may appoint to conduct an investigation of an authority's operations, including the programs and services it provides and may require the CA to pay all or part of costs of an investigation. Conservation Ontario has asked the Ministry to provide parameters regarding when CAs are required to pay for the investigation.

More information from Conservation Ontario's presentation can be found [at this link](#).

Oak Ridges Moraine Groundwater Mapping and Data

Steve Holysh, Program Manager for the Oak Ridges Moraine Groundwater Program (ORMGP) presented on the groundwater and water resource data available through the ORMGP, and how municipalities and residents can use this data.

ORMPG provides maps and data about geology and groundwater in and around the Oak Ridges Moraine. This data includes the location of wells, groundwater quality results, groundwater

levels and the geology of the area in addition to surface water and climate data.

The maps and data are available to any municipal staff with water resource inquiries through the website oakridgeswater.ca.

For more information or to access data, please contact Steve Holysh at steve.Holysh@trca.ca or 416-661-6600 x5588

Meeting with Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

On October 28, NVCA's Senior Management Team (Doug Hevenor, Sheryl Flannagan, Chris Hibberd, Byron Wesson), Chair Watson and Vice-Chair Keith White met with staff at MECP as part of the pre-consultation meetings that the ministry is holding with all 36 conservation authorities.

NVCA representatives shared information about our how the Nottawasaga Valley watershed is managed, and our services and programs. It was a comfortable dialogue, and the information presented by NVCA was well received by MECP.

In Brief

Data Licensing Agreement for Greenland International ISWMS Project

NVCA Board of Directors received the staff report from Mark Hartley, Senior Engineer, regarding the data licensing agreement for Greenland International's Integrated Science and Watershed Management System project.

The approval of the licensing agreement is subject to Greenland International providing NVCA with free access to the program once it is completed.

Upcoming events

Discussion on enhancing Utopia Conservation Area

Date: Wed, December 11 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Location: Utopia Hall, 8396 6th Line, Utopia ON L0M 1T0