



NVCA 60th Annual General Meeting Highlights January 24, 2020

Next Meeting: February 28, 2020, Tiffin Centre for Conservation, Utopia

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NVCA Board of Directors Election

NVCA Board of Directors has elected and/or appointed the following officers for 2020:

- Chair: Keith White, Councillor for the Town of Essa
- Vice-Chair: Mariane McLeod, Councillor for the Town of Collingwood
- Past-Chair: George Watson, Councillor for the Town of Wasaga Beach

Keynote Speaker

Jack Imhof, retired National Biologist and Director of Conservation Ecology for Trout Unlimited Canada delivered a keynote speech titled 'Protect the Best and Restore the Rest: The Value of Rebuilding Watershed Resilience'.

Jack emphasized and reiterated the importance of integrated watershed management and the unique position of conservation authorities to increase the functions of the watershed in order to build resiliency towards future extreme weather conditions, drought and flooding brought by a changing climate.

2019 Accomplishments

- NVCA's Manager of Forestry, Rick Grillmayer has planted close to 2.5 million trees since starting with the NVCA 25 years ago.
- In 2019, NVCA's stewardship team rehabilitated and protected almost 12 kilometres of streams and shorelines through 134 projects. This was thanks to the \$280,000 that was generously donated

by our community partners, and the many hours that were contributed by our volunteers.

- Watershed science continues to monitor the health of our ground and surface water
- Conservation lands worked with community partners to construct a green energy outdoor accessible washroom at the Tiffin Conservation Area, and started to build a hiking trail at the Utopia Conservation Area
- NVCA's planning and engineering departments are proactively protecting people and their property from natural hazards like flooding and erosion. With another record year with over 2,600 applications and inquiries, the NVCA is again one of the fastest growing conservation authorities in Ontario.
- Flood management continued to monitor weather forecasts and watershed conditions while maintaining and improving the system. Our flood team issued 8 flood messages in 2019.
- Over 12,000 students attended our education programs. Our very own Camp Tiffin saw over 500 children attend, the largest Camp Tiffin to date.

Video: Managing our watershed at the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

NVCA staff created a video showcasing how each department at the conservation authority

are linked together to practice integrated watershed management.

[Click here to view the video.](#)

2018 Watershed Health Checks

In 2019, NVCA staff completed nine subwatershed health checks and one watershed-wide health check in 2018.

The health checks subwatershed health checks provide an overview of forest, wetlands, stream and groundwater health within the larger NVCA watershed. They also identify stewardship priorities, future challenges and opportunities to improve environmental health.

Our science monitoring staff collects samples from forests, wetlands, streams and groundwater for data analysis. Our stewardship staff uses this information to determine the success of past restoration projects and areas in need of improvement.

[Click here to view the 2018 Watershed Health Checks](#)

Upcoming events

Minesing Wetland Snowshoe Hike

Date: Saturday, February 8, 2020 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Announced a week before hike

Family Nature Day - Winter Trek

Date: Thursday, February 13, 2020 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation

Family Nature Day - Get back to the Sugar Shack

Date: Friday, March 6, 2020 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation

March Break Camp

Date: Monday, March 16, 2020 9:00 AM - Friday, March 20, 2020 4:00 PM

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation, 8195 8th Line, Utopia