



NVCA Board Meeting Highlights August 28, 2020

Next Meeting: September 25, 2020, location to be determined

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The August 28, 2020 board meeting was held electronically through WebEx, and streamed on YouTube for public viewing due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Our next scheduled board meeting will be held on September 25, 2020.

Deputation from Paul Neal from Orion Environmental Solutions

Paul Neals from Orion Environmental Solutions addressed the board on behalf of Hamount Investments regarding the fee of \$13,000.00 that was charged for Block 24 in the Stone Bridge Development in the Town of Wasaga Beach.

Hamount Investments felt that the amount charged was too high and requested a deputation in front of the NVCA Board of Directors to seek relief from the full fee.

NVCA staff will provide more details regarding this deputation in a staff report for the September 2020 Board Meeting.

2020 Second Quarter Budget Report

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, NVCA suffered a \$73,000 deficit in the first six months of 2020. This is mainly due to several departments being negatively impacted by the pandemic, including Education and Lands (parking, weddings, Spring Tonic festival, other events).

NVCA was also not qualified to receive relief from any government grants, including the Federal government's 75% wage compensation grant, or the payout from the federal government.

NVCA is attempting to mitigate losses as much as possible to reduce deficit. Some actions include the emergency layoff of 15 out of 50 staff, delaying capital expenditures and shifting work originally planned to be completed by contractors to be completed by staff.

Staff anticipates a deficit of \$100,000 by the end of 2020 and will be taking funds out of reserves to cover the deficits.

Conservation Ontario is currently acting on half of all Conservation Authorities to determine if there would be relief coming from the Province of Ontario.

2020 NVCA Asset Management Plan

The Board approved NVCA's 2020 Asset Management Plan.

The development of an asset management plan was an essential part of NVCA's ongoing liability and fiscal responsibility framework, as it guides the purchase, use, maintenance, and disposal of every asset NVCA needs in order to conduct business and reduce the NVCA's liability.

Preliminary Budget Guidance

The NVCA Board of Directors approved the preliminary budget guidelines to increase municipal levy by 1.5%.

This number was developed after considering factors like the COVID-19 pandemic, provincial transfer payment from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, economic factors, and the board direction to replenish reserves to 25% - 30% of the operational budget.

Based on this approval, staff will prepare a draft budget for Board consideration for the September Board Meeting. The draft budget will be circulated to member municipalities after the September meeting for a 60-day review and consultation process. Staff will present to Municipal councils if requested during this time.

The final budget will be presented to the Board of Directors at the December meeting for approval.

2020 – 2030 Land Securement Strategy

The NVCA Board of Directors approved the 2020 – 2030 Land Securement Strategy.

This Land Securement Strategy furthers NVCA's mission and goals by securing interests in land, both through purchase and holding rights to property, thereby protecting ecological and flood hazard areas from potential future development and incompatible uses (e.g. intensive agriculture).

With the updated Land Securement Strategy NVCA can move towards an achievable goal of securing more ecologically significant lands in the watershed.

Where possible, the rehabilitation and restoration of degraded land will be implemented by NVCA and other partners. Further, working with farmers and the Ontario Farmland Trust can help bridge the preservation of both ecologically significant and prime agricultural lands.

For the full Land Securement Strategy, please visit the [NVCA website](https://www.nvca.on.ca).

Upcoming events

There are no upcoming events.