



NVCA August 2023 Board Meeting Highlights

Next Meeting: September 22, 2023, held in person

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Manager, Stewardship Services, Fred Dobbs recognized for receiving the Natural Channel Systems Award of Recognition.

This national award recognizes outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions to natural channel systems.

Fred and the stewardship team have demonstrated a commitment to advancing the field of natural channel systems through research, knowledge transfer, collaboration, implementation and/or innovation. Recipients of this award have shown exemplary leadership, dedication, and personal commitment to natural channel systems.

The Board of Directors recognized this outstanding achievement.

Edenvale Conservation Area Partnership Agreement

The Edenvale Conservation Area has previously been leased to the Township of Springwater and that current lease expires in October 2023.

NVCA and Springwater staff worked collaboratively on the development of a new partnership agreement to ensure that the property can be utilized as a potential revenue generating avenue.

Second Quarter Financials

In the first six months of operations of NVCA, expenditures to date are tracking on schedule, with 58.23% of the budgeted expenses (50% of budget year completed), however that is including the CEWS repayment amount of \$740,879, so expenditures are trending below 50%.

Revenues are tracking well, with 51.49% of the budgeted revenues recognized. This includes the first 6 months of the general municipal levy of \$1,390,821.

Currently, the NVCA is sitting in a deficit position, due to the CEWS prepayment, however if that is removed, there is a slight surplus.

2024 Asset Management Plan

The Board approved NVCA's updated Asset Management Plan.

This Plan identifies NVCA assets, what condition they are in, and what the anticipated needs are to maintain our infrastructure as we move forward.

Preliminary Budget Guidance

The NVCA Board of Directors approved the preliminary budget guidelines to increase municipal levy by \$400,000.

Staff had brought forward a report asking for \$200,000, however, given the pressures in the planning and regulations departments, the Board approved the addition of two new staff in 2024, increasing the municipal levy guideline to \$400,000.

Staff are also expecting continued pressures due to cost of living increases in all aspects of the business and materials and supplies.

Municipal general levy, not including Asset Levy, currently stands at \$2,791,642 for 2023.

Based on this approval, staff will prepare a draft budget for Board consideration for the September Board Meeting.

Once approved, the draft budget will be circulated to member municipalities after the

September meeting for a 60-day review and consultation process.

The final budget will be presented to the Board of Directors at the December 2023 meeting for approval.

Upcoming Events

Festival at Fort Willow

The Festival at Fort Willow is an annual event where visitors will experience what life was like at Fort Willow pre-European contact, during the Fur Trade and the War of 1812.

School Field Trip Day:
Friday, September 29, 2023
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

[School can inquire using this form](#)

Public Day:
Saturday, September 30, 2023
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

[Tickets available at this link](#)

Location:
Historic Fort Willow Conservation Area
2714 Grenfel R.,
Springwater Township, ON
L0M 1T2

Tiffin Nature Program

Geared towards pre-K and children in kindergarten, our nature program will help your children gain knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the natural world and our amazing planet. Children learn about risky play, and develop a better understanding of their relationship with the land.

Date:
September 5 – November 30, 2023

Location:
Tiffin Centre for Conservation
8195 8th Line
Utopia, ON
L0M 1T0