



NVCA December 2021 Board Meeting Highlights

Next Meeting: NVCA Annual General Meeting held virtually on January 28, 2022.

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NVCA 2022 Budget Approved

The Board of Directors unanimously approved NVCA's 2022 budget at \$5,095,130.30 compared to the 2021 approved budget of \$4,949,422. This includes a \$89,768.15 increase to the municipal levy (shared among all 18 member municipalities), with the remainder coming from grants, fees for services, and other sources. Funds from municipal levy represent 50% of NVCA's revenues.

Over 97% permits and clearances approved within prescribed timelines

Between June 9, 2021 to November 23, 2021, 382 permits and clearances were approved. In the majority of instances (97.8%) NVCA staff met the prescribed timelines as outlined in the MNRF guideline document.

NVCA's permit application service timelines are governed by the Conservation Authority Liaison Committee (CALC), which requires NVCA to complete a policy review within 21 days, and complete a technical review within 30 days for minor applications and 90 days for major applications.

Applicants are encouraged to pre-consult with NVCA staff prior to submission of an application to determine complete permit application requirements for projects.

Housekeeping Changes to Fees for Planning and Permit Applications

In 2016, the NVCA Board of Directors approved the current [Policy to Charge Fees for Services Related to Planning and Permit Applications](#) and associated review fees.

In October 2021, staff performed housekeeping updates to the 2016 fees by seeking input from key stakeholders, including watershed municipalities the development sector (BILD).

Going forward, NVCA staff will review the fees annually and may as minimum recommend cost of living adjustments at future Board of Director's meetings.

Increase to NVCA's event booking fees

As per NVCA board direction, staff deliver recreational opportunities and event bookings to watershed residents and visitors through a fee-for-service basis.

The revenues that are generated through these programs are used to reduce the overall levy funds required by member municipalities to support conservation lands and infrastructure and are applied to general ownership costs, such as maintenance, health/safety, and infrastructure development.

The NVCA Board of Directors approved a fee increase to event booking fees.

Afternoon booking

Current	New
\$550	\$1,000

Celebration of Life (standard)

Current	New
\$1,125	2,250

Celebration of Life (speciality)

Current	New
\$1,125	\$6,000

Evening party

Current	New
\$2,250	\$2,250

Wedding

Current	New
\$4,620	\$6,000