



NVCA September 2022 Board Meeting Highlights

Next Meeting: August 26, 2022, held virtually

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Lease renewals for New Lowell and Petun Conservation Areas

The NVCA Board of Directors has approved the five-year lease renewals for New Lowell and Petun Conservation Areas.

Revenues from New Lowell Conservation Area lease are held in a reserve account to offset the costs of capital repairs on the property as required.

Revenues from the Petun Conservation Area lease will assist in covering property taxes of the property.

Employer handbook update

NVCA Updated the Employee handbook to include an Electronic Monitoring Policy.

The policy includes how, why, and in what circumstances to ensure employee safety and security. Appropriate data is also collected to make informed business decisions.

2023 Draft Budget

Sheryl Flannagan, NVCA's Director, Corporate Services gave a presentation on [NVCA's Draft 2023 Budget](#) in this board meeting.

The budget is accompanied by a [program overview](#), which highlights the work that each program area does for the watershed.

The NVCA Board of Directors has approved the draft budget and program overview for circulation to municipalities for a 90-day review period. The final budget vote will be on March 24, 2023.

In the August 2022 board meeting, staff was directed to develop a draft budget with a \$150,000 increase to municipal levy. Through looking at three-year trends, finding savings in expenditures, and increasing potential revenues (including applying for as many grants as possible), staff are pleased to present a budget with an increase of \$137,048.95 to the general levy, below the approved guideline.

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.

Date: October 1, 2022 from 10 am to 4:00

Location: Historic Fort Willow Conservation Area 2714 Grenfel Rd, Utopia, ON L0M 1T2

Tiffin Nature Program

Geared towards pre-K and children in kindergarten, the Tiffin nature program will help children gain knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the natural world and our amazing planet.

Date: 6-week sessions from September 20, 2022 to June 13, 2023.

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

PA/PD Day Camp

Offered on PA/PD Days only, kids will enjoy lots of physical activity, and be mentally stimulated as they explore ever change scenery and landscapes. They will be able to move away from excess screen time, and learn how to integrate nature into their everyday lives.

Dates: October 24, 2022, November 18, 2022, January 27, 2023, April 28, 2023, June 2, 2023

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

Homeschool Programs

Tiffin's Homeschool Program is designed for homeschool families who want to spend structured time outside to develop a sense of wonder, appreciation and respect for the natural world.

Date: One Friday a month from October 15, 2022 to June 23, 2023

Location: Various locations throughout the Nottawasaga Watershed