



**THE CORPORATION OF TAY VALLEY TOWNSHIP  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2012  
7:00 p.m.**

**MUNICIPAL OFFICE – COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 217 HARPER ROAD**

**Members Present:** Chair, Councillor Bill Avery; Reeve Keith Kerr; Deputy Reeve Susan Freeman; Councillors Brian Campbell, RoxAnne Darling, Greg Hallam, Wayne Jordan and Mark Burnham.

**Staff Present:** Malcolm Morris, Chief Administrative Officer; Amanda Mabo, Clerk; Noelle Reeve, Planner; John Simcock, Public Works Superintendent.

**Regrets:** None.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
A quorum was present.

**2. AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

i) Addition under Priority Items: Species at Risk Update.

The Agenda was accepted as amended.

**3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

There was no disclosure of pecuniary interest at this time.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETINGS**

i) **Public Meeting: Zoning By-Law Amendment Minutes – November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011.**

The minutes of the Zoning By-Law Amendment Public Meeting held on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012 were approved as presented.

## 5. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- i) **Rideau Valley Conservation Authority – 2012 Budget Overview.**  
John Miller, Council Representative to the Board.

J. Miller distributed and overviewed the Municipal Information Sheet for Tay Valley – *attached, page 8.*

## 6. PRIORITY ISSUES

- i) **Tri-Valley Conservation Awards of Excellence 2011.**  
Noelle Reeve, Planner.

The Planner will nominate the following:

- The 6 founding members of Friends of the Tay; Friends of the Tay are turning 10 years old
- Tay Valley Township for the septic re-inspection program which has been in place since 2000

- ii) **DRAFT Septic Re-Inspection Program.**  
Noelle Reeve, Planner.

The Planner overviewed the draft Septic Re-Inspection Program.

Silver Lake Creek will be added to the list of water bodies.

The Planner will contact the 7 Lake Associations under the mandatory component to ensure that they have notified every property owner on the lake and not just their members regarding the proposed program. If they have not, then the Planner will send letters to the affected property owners.

The following comments/suggestions were made by the President of the Christie Lake Association:

- there is no mention of financial assistance in the program
- no mention of accepting third party inspections as part of the program
- there is no mention of the cost of the program
- it is important that the owners be present during an inspection
- the definition of “vacant” should be clarified; unoccupied versus no buildings
- there is no mention of enforcement

The Committee discussed the comments/suggestions:

- with third party inspections, the education component of the program may be missed, plus there is a high cost to the property owner for a third party to conduct the inspection
- the Township Treasurer looked into providing financial assistance; he is not recommending this route; it will be administratively cumbersome, increasing the workload of Staff; the Township does not normally lend public money; the property owner would undergo a personal financial investigation

- there is assistance under the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CHMC )
- the goal of the program is to have the owner present and all steps will be taken to ensure that inspections occur at a convenient time for the owner, however if required there are provisions in the Act that allow inspectors to enter the property
- there are also provisions under the Act for enforcement

Staff will review the comments and present any suggested changes at the March 6<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole meeting.

iii) **Species at Risk Update.**  
Susan Freeman, Deputy Reeve.

The Deputy Reeve provided the following update:

- she has been interviewed by the Perth Courier and the Frontenac News, and was on air for Lake 88
- have received a letter from the MNR
- currently have a relationship with the Minister and the Committee agreed that the Deputy Reeve should write to him to set up a meeting to discuss the proposed changes
- also receiving emails from other municipalities with regards to other species and the effect the legislation is having, for instance, closing down forest management, etc.
- MPP's Steve Clark and Randy Hillier have also responded

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

i) **12-01-27 Council Communication Package.**

Recommendation to Council:

“**THAT**, the 12-01-27 Council Communication Package be received for information.”

ii) **Petition - Bathurst 6<sup>th</sup> Concession (between Harper Road & County Road #511).**

The Public Works Superintendent informed the Committee that he was approached last summer regarding this road. At that time he informed the resident that the Bathurst 6<sup>th</sup> Concession was not on the current road plan as it did not meet the trigger mechanisms. He also informed the resident that if he wished to pursue the request then the resident could make a request to Council.

Recommendation to Council:

“**THAT**, the Petition regarding the Bathurst 6<sup>th</sup> Concession (between Harper Road & County Road #511) be referred to the Public Works Department Road Analysis Program.”

## 8. UPDATES

- i) **Recreation Working Group.**  
Deputy Reeve Susan Freeman.

No Report.

- ii) **Strategic Planning Working Group.**  
Malcolm Morris, Chief Administrative Officer.

The Chief Administrative Officer reported the following:

- the data has been found and is partially assembled
- once assembled a meeting will be called with the Working Group to continue the process
- hoping to call a meeting within the next two weeks

- iii) **Waste Management Working Group.**  
Councillor Bill Avery.

No Report.

- iv) **Fire Board.**  
Councillor RoxAnne Darling.

Councillor R. Darling reported the following:

- the new fire truck has been delivered

- v) **Library Board.**  
Councillor RoxAnne Darling.

No Report.

- vi) **Police Services Board.**  
Reeve Keith Kerr.

The Reeve reported the following:

- met last Thursday
- reviewed the performance of the Detachment Commander
- the Board is bringing forward a proposal to the local school to host a baseball game between the students and the OPP

- vii) **County of Lanark.**  
Reeve Keith Kerr and Deputy Reeve Susan Freeman.

The Reeve and Deputy Reeve reported the following:

- the bridge tenders and the sustainability plan are coming forward tomorrow night

- viii) **Association of Municipalities of Ontario.**  
Deputy Reeve Susan Freeman.

The Deputy Reeve distributed and overviewed the Board Report – *attached, page 13.*

- ix) **Tourism Coalition.**  
Councillor RoxAnne Darling.

Councillor R. Darling reported the following:

- had a meeting last week
- are now called the Tourism Committee of the Perth & District Chamber of Commerce
- the Committee is looking at narrowing its focus and will bring a plan forward with recommended changes

- x) **Rideau Heritage Route.**  
Deputy Reeve Susan Freeman.

No Report.

- xi) **Rideau Corridor Landscape Strategy.**  
Deputy Reeve Susan Freeman.

No Report.

- xii) **Municipal Drug Strategy.**  
Deputy Reeve Susan Freeman.

No Report.

- xiii) **Tay Valley 200<sup>th</sup> Committee Update.**  
Noelle Reeve, Planner.

The Planner reported the following:

- a draft brochure was circulated to Council for comments
- the Committee is hoping to circulate the brochure to businesses within Tay Valley as an invite to the kick-off
- a list of businesses were circulated to Council
- Council was asked to review the list for accuracy

- xiv) **CAO – Active Files**  
Malcolm Morris, Chief Administrative Officer.

The CAO reported the following:

- the Glen Tay Waste Site will be closed on Family Day
- Senior Staff met today regarding the draft budget and it is anticipated that it will be distributed to Council later this week

- the Public Works Superintendent will be on two weeks holidays starting tomorrow; Public Works items are to be directed to the CAO
- the Ministry of the Environment has declined the Township's request for a delegation at the OGRA/ROMA Conference

9. **CLOSED SESSION**

None.

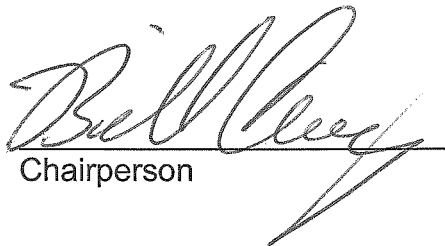
10. **DEFERRED ITEMS**

*\*The following items will be discussed at the next and/or future meeting:*

- **Report #PW-2011-XX Waste Site Closure on Stat Holidays.**
- **Report #C-2011-XX Township Website.**
- **Report #PW-2011-XX Recording Devices for Road Patrols.**
- **Report #PD-2012-XX Granny Flats** (requested November 2011).
- **Report #PD-2012-XX Dark Skies Policy** (requested November 2011).
- **Trailers – Additional Information** (requested November 2011).

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

  
Chairperson

  
Clerk

# **DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**



Municipal Information Sheet

# Tay Valley

**Who we are and what we do:**

The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) delivers services and programs that protect and manage water and other natural resources. These efforts are done in partnership with municipal, provincial and federal government, landowners and other like-minded organizations — all at a shared cost well below what they would pay on their own. The RVCA promotes an integrated watershed approach — one that balances human, environmental and economic needs.

**Our work is focused in five areas:**

1. IMPROVE water quality
2. PROTECT water supplies
3. REDUCE flood risk and erosion hazards
4. IMPROVE watershed habitats
5. INCREASE conservation lands

**And we do this work through four service-oriented areas:**

1. Watershed Science and Engineering Services
2. Planning Advisory and Regulatory Services
3. Stewardship Services
4. Conservation Lands Services



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## Watershed Science and Engineering Services

- Over the past six years valuable technical work showed us where our local drinking water comes from and where we should protect it. Throughout 2011, the Source Protection Committee worked closely with all municipalities, key industry sectors, impacted property owners and the general public to draft policies that will keep contaminants out of our local sources of drinking water. Strong policies will protect sources of municipal drinking water, while softer policies will help protect regional groundwater. This work is being done under the *Clean Water Act* and is funded by the province. 2011 value: \$750,000 (shared: Mississippi and Rideau watersheds)
- Ongoing tracking of precipitation, streamflow and lake level indicators of drought severity for Flood Forecasting and Warning Service and Low Water Response.
- *Tay River Subwatershed Report and Catchment Data Sheets* compiled and ready for release in March 2012.
- Surface water quality information available through a centralized database and available to the public at <http://his.rvca.ca/>
- Five sites were sampled in Tay Valley in the spring and fall for the Ontario Benthic Biomonitoring Network.
- Technical in-field support, data quality checking and water quantity and quality sampling services at groundwater monitoring wells (2 wells located in Tay Valley) within the Provincial Groundwater Monitoring Network (in partnership with MOE).
- Flood level determination of Otter Lake and Bobs Lake completed.
- Flood mapping update for Blueberry Creek completed.
- Flood mapping project for Tay River (Perth to Rideau Lakes) initiated — substantial progress in hydrology, field survey, and topographical data procurement — to be completed in 2012.
- Ground survey of stream crossings completed.
- Mike11 watershed model of Tay Basin extended to include Otty Lake outlet, Grants Creek spill — used in flood mapping and engineering input to planning department.

Effective flood forecasting services help to minimize damages and public safety risks during flood events. Low Water Response enables communication amongst water management agencies and water consumers and facilitates optimal management of scarce resources.

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Surface water quality, aquatic and terrestrial habitat monitoring is used:

- To characterize pollutant loading on a subwatershed basis
  - To establish targeted priorities for remediation efforts for maximum benefits
  - To determine changes in water quality over time and evaluate performance of pollution prevention efforts
  - To assess impacts of land use changes
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Science-based information provides critical building blocks for the adoption and implementation of policies and programs that ensure the health of watersheds and the achievement of long-term watershed management goals.

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Mapping and classification of municipal drains provides a valuable technical tool for municipal drainage staff — allowing for fast and consistent approvals.



## Planning Advisory and Regulatory Services

- The RVCA Upper Watershed Planner and Mississippi-Rideau Septic System Office continue to share space generously made available by the township. This facilitates a more effective working relationship for all upper watershed municipalities and their residents.
- Continued efforts to assist the municipality with understanding our shared responsibilities regarding MOE's lake capacity modelling protocol; working with an inter-agency group (municipality, MOE, MNR, RVCA, MVC), assist with the development of a criteria to identify when warm water lakes would be declared at capacity for new development (e.g. Adam and Farren Lakes).
- 37 *Planning Act* reviews were undertaken in 2011 (mostly severances); planning staff conducted on-site visits.
- 10 Section 28 *Conservation Authorities Act* applications were received and approved.
- Staff will administer Section 28 based on the extension of Tay River flood plain mapping from Glen Tay upstream to the Christie Lake outlet and the establishment of the 1:100 year flood levels for Otty Lake and Big Rideau Lake.
- Five Section 35 *Fisheries Act* reviews were completed.
- 23 general property inquiries or clearance letters were received and responded to regarding properties in Tay Valley.

By sharing Conservation Authority technical staff specialists (water resources engineers, biologists, geoscientists), planning advice costs are much lower than if municipalities were to retain these services alone. RVCA staff adhere to professional standards and provincially approved procedures.

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Sound, professional planning and regulatory services avoid expensive fixes and liability costs that result from bad decision-making.

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Planning Advisory and Regulatory Services is supported predominantly through user fees.



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## Stewardship Services

- LandOwner Resource Centre provides one-stop access to environmental information, programs and legislation.
- 10 Rural Clean Water projects were approved in Tay Valley in 2011 — \$10,600 was allocated to projects valued at \$69,000 from 1992-2011, Tay Valley has had 99 projects approved — \$143,000 was allocated to projects valued at \$500,000.
- 34,310 trees planted in Tay Valley through the RVCA Trees for Tomorrow Program over the past five years, — \$51,733 in project value, \$33,021 in fundraised money.
- 2,950 trees were planted in Tay Valley in 2011 — \$6,280 in project value, \$2,741 in fundraised money.
- 18,250 trees will be planted in Tay Valley in 2012.
- 335 butternuts (endangered species) planted in 2011; 80 on private land; 18 private landowners participated in planting projects.
- 14 Shoreline Naturalization Program projects have been completed since 2009 — planted 1,380 seedlings on along .5 kilometres of shoreline; total project value: \$9,350.
- In 2012 RVCA will use the Tay Valley Watershed Report to target areas with outreach, education and project planning for 2013 implementation.
- Outreach efforts to Tay residents will begin in 2012 to increase participation in our shoreline naturalization and planting program.
- RVCA tracks nuisance beaver calls and distributes a Beaver Management Information package to landowners and municipalities and assists with advice on managing beavers and dams.
- 6 beaver and 2 dams were removed after three Tay Valley landowners and Town of Perth staff contacted RVCA with their concerns; Perth's water supply was being affected.
- 2011 Lake Plans completed: Pike Lake/Christie Lake completed their Lake Stewardship Handbook, and Lake Stewardship Guideline, respectively; Farren Lake continues its lake planning work; Otty, Bobs and Crow Lakes are in the implementation stages of their plans.
- The 10th Annual Lake Links Workshop had over 115 participants attend this year in Perth.

Stewardship staff work with landowners to restore and improve our watershed. Grant programs help landowners improve water quality, wildlife habitat and overall ecosystem health.

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Over \$75,280 invested in stewardship projects on private property in Tay Valley in 2011.

## Conservation Land Services

- Over 2,300 hectares of sensitive natural areas are protected and maintained by the RVCA and our partners at the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation, including nine developed conservation areas watershed-wide.
- RVCA/RVCF-owned and protected properties located in Tay Valley include Mica Mines (442.27 ha), Bula (24 ha), McAlpine (Island), Wiseman (6.88 ha).
- Nearby developed conservation areas include Mill Pond, Rideau Ferry, Perth Wildlife Reserve and Foley Mountain; species at risk monitoring and habitat enhancements at five conservation areas — Baxter, Foley, Perth Wildlife Reserve, Mill Pond and Meisel.
- The historic Silversides barn was restored with a grant from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities and a generous donation from Jack Herbert to move and reconstruct it for education programming at Foley Mountain Conservation Area.

Strategic conservation management of conservation areas protects vulnerable habitats and valuable natural resources.

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RVCA provides high quality curriculum-based environmental education programs to children — building our future watershed guardians

### Tay Valley Levy 2011: \$39,860.46

For every levy dollar a municipality invests they get more than two dollars of service. The RVCA is able to maximize services through alternative funding sources — allowing the Conservation Authority to do more good work watershed-wide.

Cover photo — Friends of the Tay Watershed

# UPDATES

## REPORT: AMO Board Meeting – January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012

/S. Freeman, County Caucus

### Board Meeting

- Memberships, 46% of budget in & 2 new members.
- AMO Conference: 2013 – Ottawa; 2014 – London; 2015 – Niagara Falls; 2016 – Windsor.
- Counties & Regions Conference to be replaced by a Fall Symposium, 1½ days in late October/November. An opportunity to talk with provincial government and bring staff and politicians together.
- Board training on Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act. Board members must pass their test by February 17<sup>th</sup>.
- New MPAC Board appointments from Eastern Ontario: Mayor of Maitland, Mayor of Cornwall, Reeve of Lakefield.
- AMO's new sustainability training seminars will be available this year, a 7 minute promotional video for this training will be online shortly. Board had preview of video.
- Report and review of task force on improving the collection of unpaid fines under the Provincial Offences Act. One third of fines go unpaid = an estimated \$1 million each week! Board reviewed and made recommendation to report on top ways to improve the collection of fines.
- Active lobby file: Infrastructure funding discussions with government to test the direction on making infrastructure funding permanent, government seems to be supportive but may well want to see municipal asset management planning first. AMO also continuing to seek commitment for government to finalize the Roads & Bridges review so that we can work collectively on a provincial Municipal Infrastructure Investment Strategy.
- AMO tracks resolutions sent to it for circulation and keeps track so as to assess them in terms of AMO's strategies and strategic objectives, which by the most they are. In the last 3 months of 2011, 194 resolutions were received from members and the top five topics were: Energy (Green Energy Act); Insurance (Joint & Several liability); Trade (CETA); Public Health (Senior care, Lyme disease); Wildlife (Bear management, shark fins, endangered species act).
- Board received an update on current government & members bills of municipal interest, look on an AMO update, they include: Bill 10 to give municipalities planning decisions under the Green Energy Act – LOST; Bill 30 to give family caregivers leave – Carried on 1<sup>st</sup> reading; Bill 9 requiring MTO to pave shoulders on certain highways – Carried 1<sup>st</sup> reading; Bill 24 to ensure all organizers, and those involved in any way, of amateur sports programs for those under 18 years must have a criminal record check - Carried on 1<sup>st</sup> reading.
- Changes to tax regulations for renewable energy: No change for rooftop structures; All professional generation taxed at industrial rate; Ground generation that is secondary to property's main activity - up to 10kW no new assessment; over 10kW and up to 500kW taxed at same rate as surrounding, over 500kW proportional, with proportion over 500kW taxed as industrial.
- Presentation from the Mowat Centre on their recommendations on the Employment Insurance Task Force. In essence their recommendations state that the inter-regional

redistribution of funding support should end and that it no longer meets the needs of Canada today (it is a program designed in the 50's). That the system is obsolete for today's Canada.

- Downloading is continuing eg. Small drinking water no longer 100% funded anymore, now cost shared with Health Units. What other creeping downloading/cost sharing will we see with changes to EI training and ODSP admin.???
- AMO has negotiated the new Phase 1 waste management contract, not great, but improvement. Prior contracts are retroactive. MOE has capped Steward's fees and some municipalities are seeing a 2% increase in haulage rates.

Caucus reports:

- Across the province concerns over endangered species/species at risk regulations: rat snakes, barn swallows, caribou, eagles etc.
- Non urgent ambulance issues.
- MOE & hazardous waste e.g. Rain falling off green houses now considered hazardous!

General frustrations, incredulity as to new regulations .....