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Operations and Governance Review

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The objectives of the Operations and Governance Review focus on value and efficiencies, in how Otonabee Conservation actively fulfills its mandated obligations and the role of the Board in ensuring the work complies with legislation, regulations and policies.

Recognizing that Otonabee Conservation does not act in isolation in many of its operations, the review examines the Authority's relationship to various federal and provincial agencies as well as municipal partners and community stakeholders.

Stephen Fournier is conducting the review while performing the role of Interim Chief Administrative Officer for the Authority. An interim report, which will contain preliminary findings and recommendations for consideration by the Board of Directors, is expected later this fall. For more information please contact Stephen Fournier at (705) 745-5791, ext. 222.

ODWSP Funds Available for Special Projects and Land Acquisition

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The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) is now accepting applications for the 2010-11 Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program (ODWSP) Special Projects grant program.

Applications are due by the **end of the day, September 30, 2010.**

Requests for grant proposals and applications for the Special Projects – Early Response Type Activities over \$100,000 in Value and Municipal Land Securement, are posted on the Ministry's website at www.ontario.ca/cleanwater. For assistance or clarification, please contact Meredith Carter at (705) 745-5791, ext.223.

Johnston Addresses International Conference

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David Johnston, Engineering Technologist with the Otonabee Region Conservation Authority (Otonabee Conservation), is a featured speaker at the 4th International Natural Channels Stream Corridor Management Conference being held at the Delta Meadowvale Conference Centre and Resort in Mississauga, Ontario from September 27 – 28, 2010.

The theme of the conference is "Restoring our Natural Infrastructure". Johnston's presentation will highlight the transformation of a section of Riverview Creek from a 50-year old straight, concrete channel to a naturalized meandering stream teeming with aquatic life. The restoration of Riverview Creek emphasizes the value of natural infrastructure – the stream channel, riparian zone and floodplain, and valley land – as important interconnected components, vital to supporting a thriving, healthy watershed.



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Little Creek Restoration

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Otonabee Conservation completed a major initiative to restore a section of Little Creek, a cold water tributary of Baxter Creek, flowing through downtown Millbrook.

The restoration focused on a 100-meter section between Allen Lane and Needler's Lane, on property owned by the Township of Cavan Monaghan. The project involved:

- ~ Installation of a fish friendly culvert on Allen Lane, replacing failing retaining walls and slumping stream banks;
- ~ Re-alignment of the creek to establish a meander pattern as well as the installation of cedar crib walls, placement of river stone and coir logs and construction of a filter strip as measures to reduce soil erosion and capture runoff; and,
- ~ Planting of native species of trees, shrubs and wildflowers to stabilize the banks and establish a riparian buffer to maintain cold water stream temperatures and improve water quality.

Otonabee Conservation acknowledges the support of the project partners: Township of Cavan Monaghan, Nexicom, Environment Canada's EcoAction Community Funding Program, Community Stream Stewards Program, Helen McCrea Peacock Foundation, Toronto Community Foundation and the Otonabee Conservation Foundation, as well as volunteers from the Ontario Stewardship Rangers.

Otonabee Conservation will host a Little Creek Restoration Tour in the coming weeks. Environmental Services staff will be on hand to explain how the project came together and the various methods and techniques that were used to restore Little Creek.



Greg Conlin, Plant Manager and Paul Downs, President of Nexicom, with Meredith Carter, Manager, Environmental Services, ORCA, next to newly installed fish friendly culvert



Group effort in preparing footings for new culvert



Restoration complete

Tennent-Riddell Wins Environment Scholarship

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John Good, President of the Otonabee Conservation Foundation (OCF), is pleased to announce that Julian Tennent-Riddell has been awarded the 2010 Conservation Foundation McCulloch Scholarship.

This \$300.00 scholarship is awarded annually by the Otonabee Region Conservation Foundation to a graduating secondary student pursuing studies in conservation and environment related fields.

Julian is a graduate of Peterborough Collegiate and Vocational School and plans to attend Trent University in the fall to study Environment and Resource Studies.



Julian Tennent-Riddell pictured here with his mother along with John Good, President, OCF and Susan Cooper, Vice-President, OCF.

Upcoming ORCA Board Meetings

Thursday, September 23rd, 2010
Thursday, October 21st, 2010
7:00 p.m.

Otonabee Conservation Centre
250 Milroy Drive, Peterborough
Board meeting agendas are posted on the ORCA website at
www.otonabee.com



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