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Many new Board members on ORCA for 2011

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Terry Low, Chair of the Otonabee Region Conservation Authority, welcomes several new municipal representatives to the Authority Board of Directors this year.

Following the 2010 municipal elections, six individuals take their seat at the table in 2011:

Andy Mitchell (Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield), Scott McFadden (Cavan Monaghan), Karl Moher (Douro-Dummer), Heather Stauble (City of Kawartha Lakes), Bob Crate (Trent Hills) and Daryl Bennett (City of Peterborough).

Among the first items of business for the Board are the 2011 Authority budget and the Governance and Operational Review.

The Board of Directors meets every third Thursday of the month (unless otherwise notified). The agenda for each Board meeting is posted on the ORCA website one week in advance of the meeting.

Governance and Operational Review

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The Operations and Governance Review, conducted by Interim Chief Administrative Officer, Stephen Fournier, is being examined by the Conservation Authority Board of Directors.

While discussions are continuing, the Board has engaged the services of Odgers Berndtson to conduct the search for a new Chief Administrative Officer for the

Authority. Mr. Fournier will continue to serve the Authority in his present capacity for the next several weeks.

2011 Authority Budget

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The Board of Directors has approved the 2011 Operations and Capital Budget with a modest levy increase of 1.8% (\$17,393) over the previous year.

The total general levy of \$1,006,605 is based on the municipalities' percentage of current value (modified) assessment as it applies to the geographical jurisdiction of the Authority. Of the total levy, \$912,105 is allocated to operations and \$94,500 to capital projects.

In addition to the general levy, the annual budget is supported by provincial grant, special levy and other income (i.e. self-generated funding). The total budget for 2011 equals \$2,038,496.

The Authority Chair and Vice-Chair presented the proposed 2011 budget to several municipal councils and it was very well received. Approval of the annual budget requires a weighted vote in accordance with the Conservation Authorities Act, followed by a 30-day review period during which time a member municipality may appeal the Board's decision.

Protecting Fish and Fish Habitat

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The Otonabee Region Conservation Authority has renewed a Fisheries Act Agreement with Fisheries and Oceans Canada for a five year period.

Under the agreement, Conservation Authority staff has the mandate to review development applications for impacts upon fish and fish habitat. Working directly with the development proponent (e.g. private landowner, municipality, developer), mitigation measures to prevent negative impacts on fish and fish habitat may be undertaken where necessary.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada offers a series of Operational Statements about various measures to protect fish and fish habitat. The statements can be found at <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/habitat/what-quoi/os-eo/index-eng.htm> and at the Conservation Authority office.

Discussions on future of Millbrook Dam and Needler's Mill

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On Thursday evening, April 7th, 2011, an initial working meeting was convened of representatives from the Otonabee Region Conservation Authority, the Municipality of Cavan Monaghan and the Community Working Group to discuss the future of the Millbrook Dam and Needler's Mill.

In its present state, the Millbrook Dam fails to meet provincial dam safety guidelines and is ranked as a "high hazard potential". The reason is twofold: 1) the dam's close proximity to downtown businesses and residences that are situated in the floodplain of Baxter Creek, and 2) the materials of which the earthen dam is

composed. Needler's Mill is located adjacent to the earthen dam; with a penstock that is presently non-functioning.

The group, chaired by Lynda Todd (Councillor, Cavan Monaghan) will serve as an advisory committee to Municipal Council and the Board of the Conservation Authority. The members will examine and recommend approaches to address the recommendations on the Millbrook Dam and Needler's Mill as presented in the Ogilvie, Ogilvie & Company Final Report.

The members of the committee are Terry Low, Sherry Senis, Jack Doris and Bob Hall (ORCA); John Fallis, Scott McFadden, Lynda Todd, Tim Belch and Jim Chaplin (Cavan Monaghan); and, Steve Elliott, Jackie Franco and Robert Jackson (Community Working Group).

ORCA/Camp Kawartha Launch New Education Program

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The Otonabee Region Conservation Authority and Camp Kawartha are pleased to present a brand new education program in 2011 ~ **Be a Water Steward.**

The program, designed by ORCA and Camp Kawartha staff, is a curriculum linked program suited to elementary and high school students. It covers such topics as water conservation, watersheds, wetland rehabilitation and the water cycle.

It is a unique two-phase program, involving a visit to the Camp Kawartha Environment Centre and a field visit to a local watershed site (conservation area, trail, wetland) with ORCA staff. There has been an overwhelming response and delivery of the program has reached capacity for the spring season with 39 classes booked with ORCA.

Scholarship Applications Invited

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The Otonabee Conservation Foundation is inviting applications from local high school students for the annual Conservation Foundation McCulloch Scholarship.

If you know a graduating student planning to pursue post-secondary education in an environmental field, encourage them to apply for this \$300 cash award.

All of the information is available on the Foundation website at <http://www.otonabee.com/orcf/awards/mcculloch.htm>

The deadline for applications is Friday, June 3, 2011.



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