



NVCA September 2024 Board Meeting Highlights

Next Meeting: October 25, 2024, held virtually

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NVCA 2025 Draft Budget

Sheryl Flannagan, NVCA's Director, Corporate Services gave a presentation on [NVCA's Draft 2025 Budget](#) in this board meeting.

The budget is accompanied by NVCA's 2025 [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 30-day review period. The final budget vote will be on December 13, 2024.

In the August 2024 board meeting, staff were directed to develop a draft budget with a \$400,000 increase to municipal operation 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 \$200,000 in general levy as well as an additional \$200,000 for two additional staff.

Resolution on Recycling resolutions

Vice Chair Scott shared a correspondence with the NVCA Board of Directors regarding calling on the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks to amend Ontario Regulation 391/21 to include small IC&I locations as eligible sources to ensure Producer Responsibility Organizations are required to service these locations as part of their residential collection contract.

The correspondence also asks the Minister to amend Regulation 103/94 to expand the application of the IC&I waste regulatory

framework to additional businesses and institutions.

The NVCA Board of Directors resolved to endorse these requests.

Hiring of Engineering Technologist

As part of the 2025 budget discussions with the Board, staff identified the need to add a contract engineering position to assist with file review.

After discussions with NVCA's Senior Management Team, Chair and Vice Chair, NVCA is expediting the hiring of the contract engineering technologist position recommended as an immediate priority, rather than in the 2025 budget cycle.

The new position will allow NVCA's Engineering team to be in a better position to review a backlog of files and address the current bottleneck that is limiting the overall efficiency development planning & permits review process.

This position will help improve review timelines and enhance customer service for internal staff and external partners, agencies and the public.

Review of Conservation Areas Strategy Vision & Objectives

As part of the changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act*, conservation authorities are required to prepare a Conservation Areas Strategy.

NVCA's strategy outlines current uses on NVCA conservation lands and develops a framework for long-term decision-making process to support the management of NVCA's conservation areas.

The Board of Directors and the public were invited to comment on the overarching vision and 4 objectives for NVCA's Conservation Areas Strategy.

The Board of Directors will have the opportunity to review and approve the entire draft document prior to the December 31, 2024, deadline.

Upcoming Events

TD Tree Days

Thanks to funding from the TD Tree Days program, the Stewardship Team will be hosting potted stock plantings.

Date: October 19, 2024

Location: Creemore - Ganaraska Trail, 2186 S Nottawasaga Concession 6, Creemore, ON, L0M 1G0

Tiffin Nature School

At Tiffin Nature School, children aged 2.5 to 10 are invited to explore and connect with the natural world. We nurture their innate curiosity, offering immersive outdoor experiences that inspire discovery and growth.

Dates: Tuesdays & Thursdays until May 29, 2025

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation

PA/PD Day Camp Tiffin

Camp Tiffin encourages outdoor exploration, guided excursions in the forest fueled by student interest. Every day will be guided by student inquiry, seasonal changes, and weather and program availability.

Date: Friday, October 25, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation