



## NVCA December 2024 Board Meeting Highlights

**Next Meeting: 2025 Annual General Meeting scheduled on January 25, 2025 held in person at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation**

*For the full meeting agenda, including documents and reports, visit [NVCA's website](#).*

### Permits Approvals under the CA Act

NVCA Regulations staff provided a summary of the permits issued from July 24, 2024, to November 15, 2024.

Due to the enactment of Ontario Regulation 41/24 and sections of the CA Act on April 1, 2024, this report highlighted two different timelines.

Applications received before April 1, 2024, were reported under the previous Provincial timelines. Applications received after April 1, 2024, will be reported in accordance with the new timelines.

A total of 175 permits and clearances were approved by staff from July 24, 2024 to November 15, 2024.

For applications received before April 1, 2024, NVCA staff met prescribed timelines 97% of the time.

Since April 1, 2024, NVCA staff met timelines 99% of the time when issuing permits, and 98.5% when providing written notification status within prescribed timelines with only one applicant receiving a late notice.

### 2025 Fees for Planning and Permit Applications

Staff submitted a report to seek the Board's approval to increase the 2025 planning and permitting fees based on the cost of living allowance (3.1%), pending the expiration or

lifting of the fee freeze by the Minister of Natural Resources (MNR).

On December 12, 2024, NVCA received direction from the Minister of MNR that conservation authority planning and permitting fees will remain frozen from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. As a result, the staff report was withdrawn.

### Conservation Authorities Act Deliverables Completed

Under Ontario Regulation 686/21: Mandatory Programs and Services, Conservation Authorities are required to complete six legislated deliverables for mandatory programs and services by December 31, 2024.

These include:

1. Conservation Areas Strategy
2. Land Inventory
3. Ice Management Plan
4. Natural Hazard Infrastructure Asset Management Plan
5. Natural Hazard Infrastructure Operational Management Plan
6. Watershed-Based Resource Management Strategy

NVCA has completed all of the legislated deliverables.

### 2025 Budget Approved

The Board of Directors approved NVCA's 2025 budget at \$5,129,673 compared to the 2024 approved budget of \$4,638,115. This includes a \$400,000 increase to the municipal levy

(shared among all 18 member municipalities), with the remainder coming from grants, fees for services, and other sources. Funds from municipal levy represent approximately 50% of NVCA's revenues.

## Upcoming Events

### Winter Camp Tiffin

Our staff have been excited to plan some winter camp activities for Winter Camp Tiffin, which will be full of outdoor adventures.

Led by NVCA's environmental educators, Camp Tiffin is an outdoor camp designed to enhance your child's knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the natural world and our amazing planet.

**Dates:** December 30, 2024, January 2 & 3, 2025

**Location:** Tiffin Centre for Conservation

### Christmas Bird Count for Kids

Christmas Bird Count for Kids is a fun, family-friendly bird-watching event contributing to scientific bird count data.

Learn how to watch birds from our local nature enthusiasts, Nature Barrie. After their presentation inside, we will take to the trails on a guided hike to find and practice identifying the birds at Tiffin!

Hot chocolate is included. Please bring your own reusable mug.

**Date:** January 2, 2025

**Location:** Tiffin Centre for Conservation

### 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