



## NVCA Board Meeting Highlights April 26, 2019

Board Educational Session: May 24, 2019

Next Meeting: June 28, 2019, Tiffin Centre for Conservation, Utopia

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For the full meeting agenda including documents and reports, visit [nvca.on.ca/about/boardofdirectors](http://nvca.on.ca/about/boardofdirectors)

### NVCA receives clean audit for 2018

At the meeting, the board received the 2018 NVCA audited financial statements as presented by KPMG LLP Chartered Accountants. The financial statements are available online at [nvca.on.ca/about/PlansFinancials](http://nvca.on.ca/about/PlansFinancials).

### Healthy Waters Program actively seeking new funding sources

The board received an update on funding for NVCA's Healthy Waters Program. This program undertakes strategic water quality improvement, habitat restoration and stream health enhancement projects, working in partnership with landowners, community groups, corporate sponsors, municipal members and other levels of government.

Sixty-five percent of the Healthy Waters Program funding comes from external sources. With limited government grants available in 2019, staff have been actively pursuing other sources of revenue, including corporate partnerships, to continue this important conservation work. During the first quarter of 2019, staff submitted funding applications seeking over \$1.5 million in support.

### Source Water Protection Plan progress report released

The board also met as the Nottawasaga Valley Source Protection Authority (NVSPA). The NVSPA is one of three source protection authorities for the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region and is

authorized to act under Ontario's *Clean Water Act*.

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Source water is untreated water from streams, lakes, rivers or underground aquifers that municipalities use for drinking water supply.

Source water protection looks to stop contaminants from getting into sources of drinking water — lakes, rivers and underground aquifers — and preventing overuse of these water resources.

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As this was the first meeting of the NVSPA since the new NVCA board of directors was established in January 2019, the meeting began with an overview of the source protection program, presented by Bill Thompson, manager of integrated watershed management, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority.

The NVSPA received an update from Lynn Dollin, chair of the Source Protection Committee, and a presentation by Ryan Post, NVCA's senior hydrogeologist, on the 2018 annual progress report for the implementation of regional source protection plan.

### In brief

During their meeting, the board also:

- received an update on the first quarter financials
- approved procedural changes for having items pulled from the consent agenda
- discussed the authority's response to the recent Provincial funding cuts to NVCA's flood management program and Forests Ontario's 50 Million Tree Program (the major funding source for NVCA's forestry program)

## Future Meetings and Events

For more information on these events, please visit the [NVCA website](#).

### **Family Nature Days – Wilderness Survival**

Friday, May 3, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Tiffin Centre for Conservation, Utopia

### **NVCA Arbour Day Tree Sale**

Saturday, May 11, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Tiffin Centre for Conservation, Utopia

### **Friends of Minesing Wetlands**

#### **Spring Paddle**

Saturday, May 11, 8:30 am – 2:30 pm  
Minesing Wetlands Conservation Area

### **Dufferin Simcoe Land Stewardship Network Tree Identification Walk**

Saturday, May 24, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Little Tract, Dufferin County Forest, Mansfield

### **Family Nature Days – Predator and Prey**

Friday, May 31, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Tiffin Centre for Conservation, Utopia

## Community Volunteer Tree Plants

In addition to planting events with dedicated volunteer groups such as school classes, NVCA and our partner organizations South Simcoe Streams Network (SSSN) and Nature Conservancy of Canada are hosting the following community volunteer tree plants.

- Saturday, May 4, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Adjala-Tosorontio
- Saturday, May 4, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
New Tecumseth (Tottenham)
- Saturday, May 4, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Springwater (Edenvale Conservation Area)
- Sunday, May 5, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Innisfil (SSSN plant in Lake Simcoe Watershed)
- Saturday, May 11, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Bradford West Gwillimbury (SSSN plant in Lake Simcoe Watershed)
- Thursday, May 16, 9:30 am – 1:00 pm  
Dunsmore Park, Barrie
- Sunday, May 26, 9:00 – 12:00 pm  
Adjala-Tosorontio

Additional dates may be added throughout the season.