



NVCA Board Meeting Highlights June 28, 2019

Next Meeting: August 23, 2019, Tiffin Centre for Conservation, Utopia

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New Integrated Watershed Management Plan Approved

The board approved an updated Integrated Watershed Management Plan (IWMP) for the Nottawasaga Valley.

Developed over the past 18 months, the IWMP will guide efforts to maintain and enhance the watershed's natural heritage resources. NVCA and stakeholders from many sectors developed strategic actions to address the following key issues:

- water quality and quantity
- flood and erosion management
- resilient biodiversity and habitats
- sustainable economic and recreation opportunities
- improved quality of life and neighbourhood desirability
- ability of the watershed to adapt to stressors such as climate change and urban growth

The plan was made possible by a sizable grant from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and monetary and in-kind contributions from municipal members, watershed organizations and NVCA.

The IWMP will be posted on the [NVCA website](http://nvca.on.ca) in the coming weeks.

Draft Utopia Conservation Area Master Plan Approved

Located in Essa Township, Utopia Conservation Area is a 100-acre property featuring the Utopia Dam and the historic Bell's Grist Mill.

The site is managed in part by the Friends of Utopia Grist Mill and Park, a grassroots community group focussed on restoring the grist mill and providing passive recreational opportunities.

The ten-year master plan proposes new trails, picnic pavilions and signage, among other improvements (pending securing funding). A portion of the site will be managed as a natural area with no public use.

Implementation of the plan will be conducted in partnership between the Friends of Utopia Grist Mill and Park, the Township of Essa and NVCA.

In brief

During their meeting, the board also:

- Recognized outgoing board member, Councillor Fred Nix of the Town of Mono, for his 20-plus years of service to the authority.
- Received a deputation by AWARE Simcoe on changes to NVCA and LSRCA proposed by the Town of Wasaga Beach.
- Received a report on permits and approvals issued under the *Conservation Authorities Act* between December 2, 2018, and June 6, 2019. A total of 204 permits and clearances

were issued during this period, with 98% being issued within the timelines prescribed by the MNRF.

- Approved the hiring of a temporary, contract position to support digitizing historic files.
- Received a report outlining the external funding sought and received by NVCA's Healthy Waters Program. To date in 2019, more than \$500,000 has been confirmed for various stewardship projects. Additional funding submissions are pending.

Future Meetings and Events

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

National Historic Places Day

– Willow Depot

Saturday, July 6, 10 am to 3:00 pm

Fort Willow Conservation Area

Camp Tiffin Summer Day Camp

Multiple weeks throughout the summer

Tiffin Centre for Conservation, Utopia