

Full Authority
18 May 2023
Agenda Item: 9

CVCA Watershed Advisory Hearing Dates

Background

With the exception of one meeting in 2022, the CVCA has adopted the practice of holding one hearing per Board meeting since the implementation of Ontario Regulation 159/06 in 2007. At the meeting when the Board reviewed three hearings in the afternoon of a scheduled Board meeting, the members declared the time commitment was too much and ultimately it was not an ideal situation for any of the hearing applicants.

The CVCA has experienced a higher number of hearings since the beginning of Covid. This is a direct correlation to the number of permits the CVCA has received in this time period. More permits, more hearings.

Current Status

With an increase in the number of hearings, there will be additional pressure to complete them in a timely manner. As of today, there is a hearing scheduled on the 18th of May (which was postponed at the request of the applicant) two scheduled for June, one additional hearing request for the next available time slot in September and potentially two other hearings.

To reduce the possibility of creating a backlog, staff propose the following options:

1. Declare one or more hearing dates as necessary, taking into account the permitting “season” and current number of hearing requests.
2. Schedule hearing dates at the beginning of the year.
3. Commit to two time slots on the day of a Board meeting (perhaps one in the morning and one in the afternoon or back to back in either the morning or afternoon).
4. Increase the number of Board meetings and maintain the practice of one meeting, one hearing.
5. Increase the number of Board meetings and commit to two time slots during the day.

Board Discussion

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