

**Full Authority**  
**24 September 2015**  
**Agenda Item: 11**

## **General Manager's Report**

The General Manager's report provides a brief update for the Board Members prior to the Board meeting bringing forward additional information and/or progress on initiatives or current issues for the Board members consideration.

### **1. Current Water Level and Flow Conditions**

- Conditions this summer have been favourable to the Crowe Valley watershed. Summer recreational water levels have been maintained at the recommended elevation with a slight buffer in the event an extended period of hot dry weather persisted
- Summer conditions did not require the installation of further temporary sealing measures at the Belmont Lake dam
- Levels and flows did not trigger the need to establish the Low Water Response Team during the summer

### **2. The Gut Conservation Area Restoration Project**

- Within a short period of two or three weeks, vandals destroyed the door on the newly constructed outhouse by the students from Norwood District High School
- Staff built another door to replace it and had it installed by the end of July
- Postings of the damage were put on Facebook and Twitter

### **3. CVCA Fall Newsletter**

- The newsletter has been well received – including a \$100 donation from a Director of Communications – Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario
- The Director stated “Great newsletter: good design and juicy opportunity to learn things I never knew. Have sent in a \$100 donation via Canada Helps. Many thanks.”

#### **4. Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECI) Funding**

- William Grandy, from Exp Services Inc. has been contracted to conduct the Belmont Dam Safety Assessment Review/Update and the Allan's Mills Dam Inspection
- Work is scheduled to begin shortly after upcoming site meetings

#### **5. Wollaston Dam – Betty Lane Road Maintenance**

- Recently, staff were contacted by Wollaston Township who notified the CVCA of a grant opportunity the Township had initiated
- CVCA staff contacted Mr. Keith Maxwell, one of the residents living on the road to investigate further the possibility of applying for the grant
- Mr. Maxwell's inquiries with other residents led to Wendy Mortimer volunteering to act as the "road marshal" and coordinate the collection of funds to undertake road maintenance in time to apply for the grant
- As an end user of the road to access Wollaston Lake dam, the CVCA has contributed \$200 to the Betty Lane maintenance fund

#### **6. McGeachie Winter Closing**

- Due primarily to increased heating, electrical and related expenses when renting the cottage in the winter, CVCA staff are considering removing the cottage for rent during the winter months.
- This proposed period would extend from the 1<sup>st</sup> of November to the 1<sup>st</sup> of May.
- Staff will be investigating the options of what degree the closure would entail. For example, just leaving enough heat in the building to prevent freezing pipes, etc. or whether the cottage should be entirely closed for the winter (water system drained and any other precautions necessary to prevent damage to the cottage).
- A recommendation will be forthcoming at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

#### **7. Miscellaneous**

- Staff have attended two Wollaston Lake cottage association day camps for students ages 6 to 12, providing a range of watershed related information and outdoor educational activities to raise awareness and educate the camp attendees
- Staff were well received and participated on two days in the summer
- CVCA General Manager attended annual general meeting of the Belmont Lake Cottage Association and the Crowe Lake Waterways Association during the summer. A presentation was made to both groups providing updates and information relevant for the associations. Both associations expressed their gratitude and support for the CVCA's efforts in water management and other CVCA programs and services.