



## NVCA March 2023 Board Meeting Highlights

**Next Meeting: April 28, 2023, held in person at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation**

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

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### 2022 Annual Report

NVCA's 2022 Annual Report is now available.

The report highlights the work that NVCA staff accomplished to protect and enhance the Nottawasaga Watershed

[Download the 2022 Annual Report here](#)

### NVCA 2023 Budget Approved

The Board of Directors unanimously approved NVCA's 2023 budget at \$5,687,989 compared to the 2022 approved budget of \$5,095,130. This includes a \$137,048.95 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 51% of NVCA's revenues.

### April 1st Quarterly Administrative Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) for Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

The recent *Conservation Authorities Act* regulatory changes require NVCA to prepare transition plans outlining steps and timelines for the preparation of an Inventory of Programs and Services and for the development and execution of MOUs with participating municipalities.

Between October 1 and December 31, 2022, NVCA presented draft inventories to several municipalities, and have re-affirmed that that municipalities are still trying to understand implications of Bill 23 and other regulatory changes before beginning more fulsome conversations and negotiations of MOUs and Service Level Agreements.

### Pretty River Dike Maintenance Update

The Pretty River Dike is a flood conveyance structure through the Town of Collingwood. The floodway provides flood risk reduction to surrounding areas and is primarily owned by the NVCA.

Though the floodway is currently in general visual condition, trees and shrubs that have grown on the floodway must be removed to reduce potential spills and improve capacity.

NVCA successfully applied for \$230,000 from the Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECI) program for funding to support this project

As the preferred contractor retired in January 2023, the NVCA Board of Directors approved to contract Janalco to complete Section 4 of the project.

### Upcoming Events

#### Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Barrie, the Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival is a tradition spanning more than three decades.

Visitors will take a trip back in time to explore how Indigenous people and Pioneers made maple syrup. After that, they will return to current times and see how maple syrup is made today! End the tour with pancake and sausage breakfast with fresh maple syrup and join in many other activities.

**Date:** April 1 and 2, 2023.

**Location:** Tiffin Centre for Conservation  
8195 8th Line, Utopia, ON L0M 1T0

### **Tiffin Nature Program**

Geared towards pre-K and children in kindergarten, the Tiffin nature program will help children gain knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the natural world and our amazing planet.

**Date:** 6-week sessions from September 20, 2022 to June 13, 2023.

**Location:** Tiffin Centre for Conservation  
8195 8th Line, Utopia, ON L0M 1T0

### **PA/PD Day Camp**

Offered on PA/PD Days only, kids will enjoy lots of physical activity, and be mentally stimulated as they explore ever changing scenery and landscapes. They will be able to move away from excess screen time, and learn how to integrate nature into their everyday lives.

**Dates:** October 24, 2022, November 18, 2022, January 27, 2023, April 28, 2023, June 2, 2023

**Location:** Tiffin Centre for Conservation  
8195 8th Line, Utopia, ON L0M 1T0

### **Homeschool Programs**

Tiffin's Homeschool Program is designed for homeschool families who want to spend structured time outside to develop a sense of wonder, appreciation and respect for the natural world.

**Date:** One Friday a month from October 15, 2022 to June 23, 2023

**Location:** Various locations throughout the Nottawasaga Watershed