

# Friends of the Jock River

Annual Report  
2002

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## 1.0 AGENDA

### FRIENDS OF THE JOCK RIVER ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, February 27, 2003 7:00 PM  
Ottawa Public Library, Richmond Branch

#### Introduction

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- 12.1.09 Election of Director for Publicity and Public Relations**
- 12.1.10 Election of Directors at Large**

## 12.2 Appointments

12.2.01 Appointment of Editorial Board for FJR Newsletter

12.2.02 Appointment of Management Board for FJR Website

12.2.03 Appointment of Internal Auditor

13.0 Nomination and Election of Members of Nominating Committee for 2003

14.0 Other Business

15.0 Adjournment

## 2.0 Minutes of Annual General Meeting, February 26, 2002

### FRIENDS OF THE JOCK RIVER ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, February 26, 2002 7:30 PM

**Location:** Lower Room, Ottawa Public Library, Richmond Branch, Richmond, Ontario

**Chair:** Niel Barrington

**Recording secretary:** Eric Snyder

**In Attendance:** Niel Barrington, Brian Finch, Eric Snyder, Ken McRae, Ron Maybury, Tim van der Horn, Marla Williams, Sue Springthorpe, Gordon Sample, Margaret Bruce, Irwin McCaffrey, Harvey Snyder, Amy Kempster, Fred Schueler, Jennifer Pouliotte

### **Agenda Items**

#### **1.0 Agenda**

1.1 The agenda was revised to include '9.35 Other Water Protection Advocacy Projects' with 'Jock River Watershed Plan' being renumbered as 9.36

1.2 Revised agenda moved for acceptance: Gord Sample.  
Seconded: Brian Finch.  
Accepted unanimously.

#### **2.0 Minutes of February 14, 2001.**

2.01 Minutes moved for Acceptance: Eric Snyder.  
Seconded: Tim van der Horn.  
Accepted unanimously.

## **2.1 Business arising from minutes of February 14, 2001.**

### **2.11 Action Items:**

2.111 Action 10.2111: Niel contacted Mr Scott Smithers (OMNR) about placing five radio transmitters in Walleye caught in the lower reaches of the Jock River. Item complete.

2.112 Action 10.7221: Members met in February 2001 to try to find a way to continue the Shoreline Rehabilitation Education Project. Item complete.

2.113 Action 11.0111: Brian arranged a meeting with Minister John Baird in April 2001. Item complete.

## **3.0 Membership List**

3.1 The report was accepted as presented.

## **4.0 Leadership List**

4.1 The report was revised by substituting 'Ron Maybury' for 'vacant' after 'Membership Committee Chair'.

## **5.0 Statistical Report**

5.1 The report was accepted as presented.

## **6.0 President's Report**

6.1 The report was accepted as presented.

## **7.0 Financial Reports**

### **7.1 Treasurer's Report**

7.11 The report was accepted as presented.

### **7.2 Financial Statements**

7.21 Moved: Eric moved that the 2000 financial statements be accepted.

Seconded: Ron.

Carried unanimously.

## **8.0 Committee Reports**

### **8.1 Publicity Committee**

8.101 The report was revised by substituting 'Stittsville News' for 'Stittsville Signal' and deleting the reference to CJOH.

#### 8.11 Website

8.111 The report was accepted as presented.

#### 8.12 Carlingwood Wildlife Festival and Richmond Fair

8.121 The report was accepted as presented.

#### 8.13 Newsletter

8.131 The report was accepted as presented.

### **8.2 Membership Committee**

#### 8.21 Membership Drive

8.211 The report was accepted as presented.

8.2111 Ron presented job descriptions for Newsletter editor, Communications co-ordinator and Human Resources co-ordinator.

## **9.0 Project Reports**

### **9.1 Restoration, Enhancement and Monitoring Projects**

9.101 The report was accepted as presented.

#### 9.11 Spring Tree Plant

9.111 The report was accepted as presented.

9.1111 There was some discussion about planting during the spring of 2002. Niel stated that the FJR has applied for a \$2,000.00 grant under the City of Ottawa Community Environmental Grants program, and he is confident that the application will be accepted. Sue suggested that the

Community Foundation of Ottawa-Carleton might also have funds available for tree planting or related projects. Eric observed that, given the new FJR guidelines, the Tree planting Project Team must meet to finalize tree planting plans for presentation to the Board. Niel said that he has been working on plans with Mr Dan Cooper (RVCA), however, Eric stated that there is still a need to ensure that plans are in accordance with FJR guidelines since the FJR now has a higher standard of justification for tree planting projects than does the RVCA.

9.1111 Action: The Tree Planting Project Team will meet prior to the next Committee of the Whole meeting to complete planting plans for 2002. Deadline: March 5.

9.1112 Action: Sue will work with Niel to complete a funding application for the Community Foundation of Ottawa-Carleton. Deadline: March 1.

## 9.12 **Walleye Tracking**

9.121 The report was accepted as presented.

## 9.13 **Water Gauge Installation**

9.131 The report was accepted as presented.

9.1311 Action: Ken will organize volunteers to do manual temporary station monitoring. Deadline: April 2

## 9.14 **Water Sampling**

9.141 The report was accepted as presented.

## 9.15 **Garbage Clean-up**

9.151 The report was accepted as presented.

## 9.16 **Shoreline Restoration**

### 9.161 **Twin Elm**

9.1611 The report was accepted as presented.

### 9.162 **Other Locations**

9.621 Restoration at other locations was dealt with under 9.2.

**9.17 Cedar Logs**

9.171 The report was accepted as presented.

**9.18 Richmond Conservation Area Membership and Projects**

9.181 The report was accepted as presented.

**9.2 Education Projects**

**9.21 The Shoreline Rehabilitation Education Project**

9.211 The report was accepted as presented.

**9.22 Information Board Project**

9.221 The report was accepted as presented.

**9.3 Water Protection Advocacy Reports**

**9.31 Munster Sewage Treatment Solutions**

9.311 The report was accepted as presented.

**9.32 Water Taking Permits**

9.321 The report was accepted as presented.

**9.33 Goulbourn Township Quarries**

9.331 The report was accepted as presented.

**9.34 Testing for Contaminants at Abandoned Dump Sites**

9.341 The report was accepted as presented.

**9.35 Other Water Protection Advocacy Projects**

9.351 The report was accepted as presented.

**9.36 The Jock River Watershed Plan**

9.361 The report was accepted as presented.

9.3611 Action: FJR members will meet at 7 PM, March 12, in Richmond, to decide on the FJR's position regarding the November 2001 *Jock River Watershed Management Plan*. Ken will organize the meeting. Deadline: March 12.

## 10.0 Fundraising Report

### 10.1 Blues Festival

10.11 The report was accepted as presented.

## 11.0 Work Plan for 2002

11.01 The work plan was amended as follows:

11.011 Include one additional item under '1. Water Protection Advocacy', *i.e.*,

d. Wetland Protection

11.012 Revise item (b) under '5. Education' to read

b. We will continue to have displays and booths at community events such as the Carlingwood Wildlife Festival, the Richmond Fair and Sportsman's shows, and will try to develop our own display set-up.

11.013 Add the following items:

14. Incorporation

15. Bluesfest

16. Signs Project

Lobby the City of Ottawa to erect signs for all tributaries to the Jock River, Provincially Significant Wetlands and Jock River Watershed boundaries.

17. Comment on the City of Ottawa's Official Plan through the Charting a Course process

11.02 Moved: Eric moved that the revised work plan be adopted.

Seconded: Gord.

Carried unanimously.

## **11.1 Budget for 2002**

11.11 Moved: Eric moved that the 2002 budget be adopted, conditional on changes required for the added projects.

Seconded: Marla.

Carried unanimously.

## **12.0 Nomination Committee Report**

12.0001 The report was accepted as presented.

### **12.001 Election of President**

12.0011 Niel Barrington was elected.

### **12.002 Election of Vice-President**

12.0021 Ryan Rattey was elected.

### **12.003 Election of Treasurer**

12.0031 Brian Finch was elected.

### **12.004 Election of Secretary**

12.0041 Eric Snyder was elected.

### **12.005 Election of Director for Water Conservation and Usage**

12.0051 Ken McRae was elected.

### **12.006 Election of Director for Membership Roster and Management**

12.0061 Ron Maybury was elected.

### **12.007 Election of Director for Projects and Actions**

12.0071 Tim vander Horn was elected.

### **12.008 Election of Director for Fundraising**

12.0081 No nominations were made for the position.

#### 12.009 Election of Director for Publicity and Public Relations

12.0091 No nominations were made for the position.

#### 12.010 Election of Directors at Large

12.011 No nominations were made for these positions.

#### 13.0 Nomination and Election of Members of Nominating Committee for 2001

13.1 Niel Barrington, Brian Finch, Gordon Sample and Doug Watson were elected.

#### 14.0 Other Business

14.1 There was no additional business.

#### 15.0 Adjournment

### 3.0 Membership List

Members in good standing as of December 31, 2002 were:

#### **Volunteers**

Bette Hoppe  
Eric Snyder  
Frederich Schueler  
Gordon Sample  
H.H. Richardson  
Ken McRae  
Kim Salter  
Marla Williams  
Niel Barrington  
Ron Maybury  
Ryan Rattey  
Tim van der Horn  
Irwin McCaffrey

#### **Supporter**

Amy Kempster  
Bev Wigney  
Eric Moore  
Evelyn Nugent  
Evelyn Nunn  
Frances Little  
Frank Stokes  
George Morris  
Gerry Loucks  
James Bendall  
Jennifer Pouliotte  
Joan Howe  
Lee Saunders  
Margaret Bruce

## Family

Alfred & Nancy Mitchell  
Brenda Singbeil/John McCartin  
Brian Finch  
Dave & Laurie Weymouth  
Doug & Patti Vaughn  
Dr. Chris & Penny Ellis  
N. W. & E. Broten  
Frank & Doreen Slingerland  
Gaye Ansell  
Hon. William & Doreen Doody  
James Rennie  
Joe Dafoe  
Ken & Darlene Scales  
Lucia & Tibor Horbasz  
MacDonald Family  
Norm Siemens  
Richard Bendall  
Steven & Wendy Foster  
Susan Springthorpe  
Terry and Lois Matte  
William Schissel

Marlene Thomas  
Sheila Newton  
Tom Wright  
William Grant  
Doug Watson

## Corporate

Rideau Valley Conservation Authority

## 4.0 Leadership List

### Officers of the Executive

President	Niel Barrington	823-3643
Vice-President	Ryan Rattey	723-1205
Treasurer	Brian Finch	825-8029
Secretary	Eric Snyder	838-3572
Director For Water Conservation And Usage	Ken McRae	836-2011
Director For Projects and Actions	Tim van der Horn	838-4865
Director For Membership Roster and Management	Ron Maybury	836-5953
Director For Fund-Raising	<i>vacant</i>	
Director for Publicity and Public Relations	<i>vacant</i>	

### Committee Chairs

Membership Committee Chair	Ron Maybury
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Projects Committee Chair  
Nomination Committee Chair

Tim van der Horn  
Niel Barrington

### **Project Leadership**

Spring Tree Plant  
Water Sampling  
Water Meters & Permits  
Munster Sewage  
Cedar Logs Project

Niel Barrington  
Brian Finch  
Ken McRae  
Brian Finch  
*vacant*

### **Other**

Website  
Editor/publisher of bulletin  
Editor of 2002 Annual Report

Doug Watson  
Eric Snyder/Margaret Bruce  
Brian Finch

## **5.0 Statistical Report**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Number of Attendees</b>
January	6
February	10
March	11
April	7
May	9
June	8
July	7
August	7
September	7
October	10
November	12
December	6

## **6.0 President's Report**

Another exciting year for the Friends of the Jock River ends on a chorus of high notes! The highlight of the year for me was the decision by MOE to deny the huge water-taking permit application by the Riverbend Golf and Country Club. One could speculate that the application was so outrageous in scale that MOE would have denied the permit, even if we had said or done nothing. In regards to this

speculation, I would quote our Director for Water Conservation and Usage, Ken McRae, who said, "one can never be sure about these things".

Thanks are in order to the technical staff at the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority. Their flow data gave us valuable ammunition in the "war of words" between the Friends and Riverbend in the Ottawa Citizen. I want to thank Bruce Reid from the RVCA who backed me up, word for word, in The Citizen in my claim that the permit "could suck the river dry".

I would not be surprised to see the golf course re-submit another application, but our position will not change: we believe there is more than enough water in the spring freshet for any golf course, and that any large-scale taking of water must be restricted to this spring runoff period. It is the user's responsibility to store the water until needed.

The release of the RV Anderson Report on preferred options for treatment of sewage generated by Munster Hamlet came out in favour of Snowfluent, closely followed by the CMS bio-mechanical, (also an on-site treatment, and the option The Friends of the Jock want to see selected). The pipeline option came in last. This means we are closer to seeing the long awaited end to this issue finally arrive. I believe the CMS option is by far the best for the River and for Munster. The River really needs all the (cleaned) wastewater as we all know the terribly low water levels of summer and fall is the worst problem the river has.

On the negative side, the City of Ottawa's refusal to accept Friends' nominee, Eric Snyder, as our representative to the Richmond Conservation Area Management Team was a real slap in our collective faces. Nobody in the world has worked harder for and is more knowledgeable or cares more about the RCA than Eric. Yet the city refused his nomination. It's a shame that has used the nomination process to inhibit our attempts to restore our watershed.

A negative and most worrying development in the Jock River Watershed is the enormous amount of forest cover and individual trees lost in the watershed in the last few years. No one at any government agency seems to be aware about this dangerous and damaging change to our local environment. If you think I am exaggerating, consider:

1. I saw much clearing of valuable windbreaks and wood lots in the last two years in the Twin Elm area;
2. Last spring, a terrible storm uprooted hundreds of mature trees in the Fallowfield area;
3. The rapid development in Barrhaven over the last five years has cleared many acres of bush lots; and
4. The approval of the widening of Highway 7 means thousands more trees will shortly be gone forever.

When all these factors are considered, it becomes clear that our tree planting efforts are becoming more important than ever. To that end, I have submitted a grant request for funds to begin our most

ambitious tree plant ever, a five year plan to plant 25,000 trees in the 2 km long strip of land owned by the City that borders the south side of the Jock River, between Cedarview and Greenbank Roads.

What is the connection between trees in the watershed and our River? The simple answer is trees retain moisture. Trees are natural humidifiers, giving out moisture through the process of transpiration. In the spring, trees provide shade over the snow pack, preventing too rapid melting in the spring and allowing the water to slowly seep into the ground where it is cleaned before seeping back to the river. And in the summer, trees shade the river, retaining water levels by slowing evaporation from high temperatures and bright sunshine, and allowing rainwater to sink into the ground. This is why we must plant more trees wherever we can in the watershed. Because we know trees are the backbone, the most basic structural element in this ecosystem we are trying to restore.

I don't understand why some landowners are continuing to clear every inch of their property. It's like they're digging their own graves. To combat global warming and new heat records set every year, landowners should protect their land and crops against drought by planting and/or saving trees as windbreaks and preserving wood lots as moisture retainers.

In looking back over the last six years, I want to recognize all the hard work by our Director for Water Conservation and Usage, Mr. Ken McRae. Ken has decided not to stand for nomination in the upcoming year, so someone else will have to "step up to the plate" to continue to look out for the river. Ken has shown tremendous dedication in his work for Friends of the Jock River, and many of our successes are directly attributable to him. Ken was almost single-handedly able to get charges laid against the Riverbend Golf & Country Club on excessive water taking and improper records. Ken was able to raise funds to get an urgently needed water gauge installed on the river. Ken was the man who spotted the application from Riverbend for a Permit to Take Water on the EBR Registry, an issue which immediately exploded to give us more publicity in one week than we had ever gotten in six years! Let the subsequent public outcry and total crushing of this attempted water grab be an example to every business in our watershed to think twice before they try and take water from our river!

Ken has brought many other important environmental issues to the attention of the MOE, as well as other regulatory agencies. These were mainly quarries, abandoned waste dumps, loss of wetlands, etc. Ken, on behalf of all of the Friends of the Jock River, I thank you for all you have done for us and for the river.

Niel Barrington  
President

## **7.0 Financial Reports**

### **7.1 Treasurer's Report**

Project number 30, Tree plant/maintenance 2001, was funded by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources under its CFWIP program. While this project was a major project for the Friends on 2001

(\$2,000 total), none of the financial details of this grant appear in the financial statements for year 2001. Under CFWIP, the project expenses are reimbursed after the fact by MNR and our accounting was submitted late in fiscal 2001. The grant was paid in 2002. Expenses incurred out of pocket by a FJR member and the bill from the Ferguson Forest Centre were paid in 2002.

Our major project this year, project number 32 - Tree Plant 2002, was funded by the City of Ottawa. Trees were supplied and \$525 was supplied to cover other materials and costs.

Project number 35, was a joint project involving the FJR, Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC) Summer Student Program, the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, and, later in the summer, the Richmond Conservation Area Management Team (RCAMT) and the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation. The FJR applied for and received a grant of \$3,056 to hire a summer student. The RVCA supplied the financial logistics (paying out wages, etc.) and some training. I would like to point out that the RVCA incurred all of the financial liability, as they were not paid until well after the student had returned to university. (Thank you, RVCA.) The Friends of the Environment through a grant to the RCAMT allowed the RVCA to top up the student's wages to a more reasonable level and provide for some supplies.

The money generated by the Blues Festival beer can collection project (\$2,364 before expenses) continues to be our major non-grant-related revenue source. These funds are not required to follow the needs of granting organizations and the funds also allow us more flexibility. The funds allowed us to mail a notice to most of the residents living along the Jock, within a very tight timeframe, about the application for a permit to take water submitted to MOE by the Riverbend Golf and County Club. The project would have not been possible if we had to file an application for a grant in advance and await the outcome. Further, there are few granting organizations that fund this kind of endeavor.

The process to incorporate was started in 2001 and was expected to be completed by March 2002. The process took longer than expected. The application was submitted December 30, 2002.

Early in September we learned of the death of Jim Nolen, a friend of FJR, on August 29, 2002. Jim was a dedicated fly fisherman who loved the Jock River and who helped on some of our riverbank garbage clean-ups. Jim died of cancer and had asked that donations be made to the Canadian Cancer Society and the Friends. Twenty-four of Jim's friends donated a total of \$1040, directed to riverbank rehabilitation.

The funds brought in by memberships were greater this year, due primarily to the interest generated by the Riverbend permit to take water issue.

Respectfully submitted  
Brian Finch - Treasurer

## 7.2 Financial Statements

### Balance Sheet

		2002	2001*	Variance
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Chequing in TD-Canada Trust Account	\$	5,900.39	3,477.30	2,423.09
Petty Cash	\$	34.37	219.37	-185.00
Accounts Receivable	\$	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other assets				
Advances/Loans	\$	0.00	0.00	0.00
Prepaid Expenses	\$	0.00	0.00	0.00
		-----	-----	-----
Total assets	\$	5,934.76	3,696.67	2,238.09
		=====	=====	=====
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
Accounts Payable	\$	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Liabilities	\$	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Liabilities	\$	0.00	0.00	0.00
Equity - Beginning	\$	3,696.67	8,591.29	-4,894.62
Receipts Plus Dispersements for Year	\$	2,238.09	-4,934.62	7,172.71
Total Equities	\$	5,934.76	3,696.67	2,238.09
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<u>EQUITY plus LIABILITIES</u>	\$	5,934.76	3,696.67	2,238.09
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\* Note: Checking Account in 2001 did not account for a check that was past its stale date and was never cashed. Further, the check was not listed under Accounts Payable or Other Liabilities. The oversight has been corrected in the 2001 accounts. Consequently, the total for the Checking Account is \$40.00 larger than reported in the Financial Report for 2001. Consequential increases have been made in several items, most notably, Total Assets, Total Equities and Equity minus Liabilities.

### Cash Flow Report

#### INFLOWS

Donations- Undirected	\$	165.00
Donations-Nowlen	\$	1,040.00
Memberships-Corporate	\$	50.00
Memberships-Family	\$	525.00

Memberships-Supporter	\$	270.00
Memberships-Volunteer	\$	120.00
Proj30-Income	\$	2,000.00
Proj32-Income	\$	525.00
Proj33-Income	\$	2,364.00
Proj35-Income	\$	3,056.00
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,115.00</b>

**OUTFLOWS**

Administration	\$	784.45
Membership External Org'n.	\$	10.00
Proj30-Expense	\$	2,000.00
Proj32-Expense	\$	644.91
Proj33-Expense	\$	404.38
Proj34-Expense	\$	954.20
Proj35-Expense	\$	3,056.00
Proj36-Expense	\$	22.97
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,876.91</b>

**OVERALL** \$ 2,238.09  
**TOTAL**

Category Explanations:

Proj30	Project - Tree Plan 2001 (MNR)
Proj32	Project - Tree Plant 2002 (City of Ottawa)
Proj33	Project - Blues Festival Beer Can Collection (2002)
Proj34	Project - Riverbend Permit To Take Water (2002)
Proj35	Project - Human Resources Development Canada Summer Student
Proj36	Project - Water Protection

**7.3 Auditors Report**

I have audited the balance sheet of the Friends of the Jock River and the statement of receipts and disbursements as of December 31, 2002.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. My examination was limited to expenditures and not to income items which are not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification.

It is my opinion, except for income items, I have been able to satisfy myself that these figures present fairly the financial position of the organization as of December 31, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,  
Norman Siemens

#### **7.4 Report on Incorporation and Liability Insurance**

The documents for federal incorporation were prepared in 2002 and were filed in 2003 (actually mailed Jan. 3, 2003).

I attempted to obtain liability insurance through the Ontario Environmental Network (OEN) and then through insurers associated with OEN. After some wait without response from one and then the other, I discovered in the fall that the website for the OEN had disappeared. Apparently, the OEN no longer exists. On completion of our incorporation, I expect that local insurers will be more willing to provide us more reasonable directors' and project insurance.

Respectfully submitted  
Brian Finch, Treasurer

#### **8.0 Committee Reports**

##### **8.1 Publicity Committee Report**

###### **8.11 Website**

Doug Watson and the rest of the website committee reworked the web site of the Friends of the Jock River. It's located at [www.geocities.com/jockriver](http://www.geocities.com/jockriver). Have a look - you will be pleased.

The site presents information and activities related to our organization. The web site lists our executives, minutes for past meetings, agenda and dates for upcoming meetings, links to other web sites, a map of the Jock River watershed, photographs of scenes along the Jock River as well as descriptions and photos of our work projects. Members of the Friends can now post photos of environmental damage, such as those currently displayed of the damage done by snowmobiles to our Spring Tree plant seedlings in the Richmond Conservation Area.

People visiting the web site are invited to submit comments about their own observations and concerns relating to the health of the Jock River watershed.

Many thanks to the website committee -Doug, Eric Snyder and Chantelle Dooley for a great web site.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Finch

### 8.1.3 Newsletter

Two newsletters were published in 2002. The 5-page January newsletter was edited/published by Eric Snyder with articles from Eric and Fred Schueler. Margaret Bruce edited/published the 6-page spring newsletter. Articles were from Brian Finch, Margaret, Eric, Bev Wigney and Ken McRae.

As Eric and Margaret know and appreciate, there is a fair amount of work that goes into a newsletter. Thanks to the two of you and to the contributors for the great work.

Respectfully submitted  
Brian Finch

## 8.2 Membership Committee

### 8.2.1 Membership Drive

A number of initiatives outlined in the last annual report have been followed up:

**Brochure:** A revised brochure has been produced and printed with an incorporated membership form. Copies were distributed to schools, libraries and other points in the area.

**Membership cards:** A membership card has been designed and is now sent to all new and renewing members

**Involvement of new members:** A section on the membership form invites the applicant to indicate their interests and willingness to become involved in the work of the organization. This has not been an effective source of new active members for working on the executive or projects. A more positive approach in the form of a Human Resources Organizer is needed to make some progress in this area.

**Membership list:** A computerized list of members has been established using Microsoft Works Data Base. This includes all names and addresses etc as well as level of membership and date of expiry.

**Membership renewal:** Memberships now expire at the end of the year, to coincide with the AGM. They are valid from February 1st to January 31st and new memberships taken out after October 1st are valid until the end of the next membership year. The membership renewal form will be included with the first newsletter of the year, outlining projects and indicating where members can volunteer to help.

**Recruitment:** Letters and brochures were sent to former members who had not renewed and other potential members, but the response was poor. FJR was represented in a booth at the Richmond Fair

in September, where information and a number of brochures were distributed. A membership campaign for landowners along the Jock River corridor was planned, but after continued delays this was considered unnecessary following the campaign opposing the Riverbend Golf Club watertaking permit. This resulted in the doubling of the membership to over 55 and shows that the tying of a recruitment campaign to a specific publicized issue can be very effective.

**Events:** The organization of public walks with special interests such as birding, plant life, aquatic life, trees to attract new members and publicize the Friends has not gone ahead. There is a need for an Event Organizer of such a program, who would cooperate with other environmental groups for leaders.

**Publicity:** Membership would benefit from regular press reports. There is the need for a Communications Officer and an established Newsletter Editor.

**Volunteer Centre of Ottawa:** This was approached by the FJR for membership but it was found that they would only consider incorporated organizations with liability insurance coverage. We are now close to obtaining the first, and the insurance will be next.

**Conclusion:** The membership has increased significantly in numbers, but there is a need to find members who are willing to take an active part in the programs and projects of the Friends

Respectfully Submitted  
Ron Maybury  
Director for Membership Roster and Management

## 9.0 Project Reports

### 9.1 Restoration, Enhancement and Monitoring Projects

#### 9.1.1 Spring Tree Plant

In spring of 2002, the Friends of the Jock River carried out a big tree plant on the shores of the Jock River, just south (upstream) of the Twin Elm Bridge. This is a long low area that has been taken over by purple loosestrife and heavy grasses. There are very few trees in this area. The lowest ground is nice wetland occupied entirely by the marsh cattails. We received permission to plant in this area, though it turned out the land was actually owned by someone else! Luckily the new owner approved of our tree-planting efforts so we carried out the remainder of the work.

The trees came from the Ferguson Forestry Station in Kemptville, through an arrangement with the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority. Helpful advice on the plant was provided by RVCA foresters Rudy Dyke and Dan Cooper. The funds that bought the seedlings came courtesy of a grant provided

by the City of Ottawa Community Tree Plant Program. We ordered a mixture of different seedlings. They were white cedar, white pine, white spruce, tamarack, green ash, dogwood, butternut and maple

The plant itself went quite well, a good turnout of various folks, including some scout troops, some high school students logging community service hours, some members of the general public as well as many Friends of the Jock River. We built a makeshift little bridge to get out to the hump, through the low area that was full of water due to heavy rains. Most of the seedlings went in Saturday, with more put in on Sunday. We had a few hundred left over that we put in over the next week, leaving perhaps seventy five seedlings heeled in temporarily at the RCA. It is very difficult to accurately gauge the amount of seedlings we can put in (in one weekend), as public turnout for the plant can vary widely, depending on the weather. We were pretty close this time.

After getting all the seedlings in, (a small core group of tree planters, mainly Brian, Niel, Irwin, Eric, Ryan, Ron and Doug finished the job working evenings after work), we took a little break of a few weeks as we prepared for step 2; that is, tending. We had earnest intentions to do a good job of tending this year, but the weather really threw us a curve. We had started the tending process with the trees planted on the long narrow rise that runs the length of the property close to the road. Irwin and Niel procured cardboard, which was cut into large squares, with a slice to the middle hole. These squares are carefully put over the seedling and pushed down on the grass. Then the cardboard is secured to the ground by ramming a few large landscaping staples into the corners.

Toward the end of May, the rain started and did not quit. I believe a record was set in June for rainfall. I remember trying to schedule tending days in June. I knew we needed a good turnout to finish the job as it is quite labour intensive, so I kept waiting for a nice clear day to schedule. It never came! With perfect hindsight, I should have booked tending days regardless; in any case, when we finally got back out to the site in late June, we were horrified that the remaining untended seedlings were buried under an ocean of tall grass. It was immediately apparent that tons of rain and cool weather makes for perfect conditions for the growth of grasses. We noticed that the trees that had been tended to were doing very well, especially the tamarack. The others we had to search for. There were hundreds of seedlings eaten by various creatures, appeared to be mice, rabbits and deer. Some are bitten clean off an inch above the ground, while others were broken in half about 8 inches up, their leaves chewed up in a ragged fashion. So every remaining seedling was quickly staked (to mark its location) and we tried to clear the grass around them. It will be interesting to see how many trees survive to next summer. We must try to get to every seedling remaining early next spring and do some more tending. Many of the surviving seedlings should be big enough to wrap which will protect them against the smaller rodents, at least. It's a wonderful site, an amazing wild little strip of nature between Richmond and Ottawa (Irwin saw a fox trying (unsuccessfully) to get a fresh young goose for dinner. The large flock did not give an inch to the red tailed rascalion.) This area will hopefully always remain wild, and though it is a tough place to get any trees to survive, if we look at those beautiful huge oaks just upstream, it is certainly worth a try.

Respectfully submitted,

Niel Barrington

### 9.1.2 Installation of Permanent Water Gauge

At long last a permanent water gauge station has been installed at the Franktown Road crossing of the Jock River. In 1999 I put together a proposal for the establishment of two additional permanent water gauge stations in the Jock River Watershed. There was only the Moodie Drive gauge station previously. I could not have put together that proposal without the technical input from Patrick Larson, of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA). Thank you to Patrick for his assistance in the development of that proposal. I then organized a partnership with three then existing municipalities within the Jock River Watershed, the RVCA and the Friends of the Jock River (FJR) to jointly undertake this project. The three municipalities provided one time funding in the way of grants to the Friends of the Jock River. The former Township of Goulbourn granted us \$2,000. The former City of Nepean, and the former Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton granted us \$5,260 each. We then gave this \$12,520 to the RVCA, who had agreed to put in \$3,000 plus the monitoring equipment. The RVCA had also agreed to arrange for and oversee the installation of the gauges, take care of their maintenance, and manage the data from the gauges. Thank you again to all of those partners. The estimated cost (monitoring equipment, construction, etc) for the installation and operation for the first year for each gauge was \$17,000.

This new gauge was installed in late September of 2002. Some initial bugs had to be worked out by the RVCA. As winter progresses and the spring freshet takes place we'll find out if any problems arise due to the river perhaps freezing to the bottom where the gauge's intake pipe is, and whether or not ice movement during the spring thaw will cause any problems with that intake pipe.

The information from this gauge station will be important in determining how much water, if any, is available to be taken from the Jock River by the Riverbend Golf & Country Club. See more on that issue in my Water Taking Permits report.

Additional water flow gauges are needed in the Jock River Watershed to monitor water flows so as to have the data necessary to put together a water budget for the watershed. The government approval agencies and the public need to know how much water there is in the various parts of the watershed throughout the different times of the year so as to be able to better determine what water taking to permit from the river and it's tributaries.

No decisions have been made at this point in time regarding the possible installation of a second permanent gauge station. When the RVCA advised us that the Franktown Road gauge would cost more than initially thought we told them that in our opinion the need for a gauge in that location was important enough to justify spending all of the funds raised if need be to ensure it's installation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ken McRae, Director for Water Conservation & Usage

### **9.1.3 Twin Elm Shoreline Restoration**

The spring runoff in 2002 was very low and there was no damage to the fence.

Three droughts in the last 4 years and the beavers have posed very difficult conditions for the young trees and have contributed to an overall low success rate. The shoreline area should be re-assessed and re-planted as needed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian Finch

### **9.1.4 Garbage Clean-up**

There was no project leader for the project and, consequently, no clean-up. Unfortunately, this was the second year in a row that the Friends has not had a river clean-up project. A volunteer is needed to lead the project in 2003.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian Finch

### **9.1.5 Water Sampling**

There was no water sampling by the Friends in year 2002. As in 2000 and 2001, the RVCA felt that there were sufficient data gathered over the past years to establish a fairly detailed picture of the water quality of the Jock River. The RVCA continued to conduct a scaled back sampling program with its own staff so data collection continued at key sites.

It is safe to assume that the upper end of the river remains in better shape than the bottom part and that some tributaries, notably, Flowing Creek and Monaghan Drain, are in poor shape. Leamy Creek (flows north under Cambrian Road just east of the railroad tracks) is probably worse. A landowner on the south side of Cambrian road removed all of the trees on one creek bank, scraped/contoured the watercourse with a highhoe, and the trees on the other side were extensively thinned out. In addition, tile drainage was installed in the adjacent fields.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian Finch

### **9.1.6 Cedar Logs**

The cedar logs donated by Goulbourn Township in 1999 have been piled in the Twin Elm field owned by Mary and Alastair Munro. Late in spring 2001, work parties peeled, cut and stacked about half the

pile. To prevent further deterioration, the rest of the pile will have to be dealt with and the finished posts stored properly. One option is to sell the logs.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian Finch

### 9.1.7 Richmond Conservation Area Membership and Projects

#### **Introduction**

The Friends of the Jock River's (FJR's) involvement with the Richmond Conservation Area (RCA) during 2002 can be described under three headings. (1) The first is "Ecological Enhancement and Monitoring Projects at the RCA." (2) The second is "Regulatory and Policy Matters concerning the RCA." (3) The third is "Membership on the RCA Management Team."

Over the last year, the FJR has taken a lead role in work done under the first heading, and its efforts have not been without some success. However, it has been much less successful with respect to the objectives described under the other two headings.

With respect to (2), in over a year, the Ministry of Environment has been unable, or unwilling, to provide adequate answers to FJR questions regarding a certificate of approval (a kind of regulatory "instrument") allowing the City of Ottawa to use RCA lands to store sewage. The City of Ottawa has been no more forthcoming in providing an operations protocol to explain to what extent it will mitigate impacts on the RCA resulting from the sewage storage. The evidence available at this time supports the conclusion that mitigation efforts agreed to by its predecessors, Goulbourn Township and the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton, will not be undertaken after all.

With respect to (3), the Council of the City of Ottawa has so far declined the opportunity to appoint me as the FJR's nominee to the RCA Management Team. To date, no *convincing* reason for rejecting the FJR's nomination has been given. The FJR's last inquiry to the City on this matter remains unanswered and unacknowledged.

Rather than offer a detailed account of the above, I refer the reader to the FJR website: [www.geocities.com/jockriver](http://www.geocities.com/jockriver). On the projects page, a description of the Richmond Conservation Area project is given, together with links to correspondence on both regulatory and ecological management issues, and the membership issue. The correspondence explains in detail what has taken place to date. I urge all FJR members, and all Richmond residents who come to read this, to review the correspondence on our website.

For the purpose of the FJR's 2002 annual report, I will first of all offer acknowledgements to all those who have worked with me on RCA projects over the last year. Secondly, I will try to give a statement of what the FJR would like to have happen with respect to the RCA and RCA Management

Team in 2003. The latter is put forward as a challenge to the City of Ottawa Council representative on the RCA Management Team, who is in a position to make it happen.

### *1. Acknowledgements for Work done for the RCA in 2002*

In regards to ecological monitoring at the RCA, in 2002 I researched and designed a set of detailed ecological monitoring protocols for the Richmond Lagoons, the largest ecological management area within the RCA. The protocols include monitoring of physical and chemical variables together with invertebrate, avifaunal, herpetofaunal and invasive species monitoring. During the research phase of this undertaking, I was advised and assisted by Peter Blancher (RCA Management Team), Susan Springthorpe (University of Ottawa Centre for Research in Environmental Microbiology), Tola Cooper (Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada), Jennifer Lamoureux (Rideau Valley Conservation Authority) and Fred Schueler (Eastern Ontario Biodiversity Museum). To implement the protocols, the FJR hired a local student, Laura Thompson, on the HRDC summer employment program. FJR member, Brian Finch, deserves acknowledgement for this initiative. I trained and supervised Laura for the duration of the summer, and found her work commendable. The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority dealt with the administrative aspects of her position, facilitated by Cliff Craig. Thanks must be conveyed to Heather Hamilton, director of the Eastern Ontario Biodiversity Museum, which kindly provided its facilities for Laura to sort and analyze samples collected in the field. Wayne Grimm, invertebrate curator at the museum, assisted with initial efforts to identify aquatic invertebrates.

In addition to the monitoring protocols, during 2002 I also researched and wrote an ecological enhancement plan for a management area of the RCA recently disturbed by the City of Ottawa's extension of its sewage forcemain within the RCA. As is the case with the monitoring protocols, it is unlikely that the implementation of this plan will ever come to completion given the City's position regarding RCA Management Team appointments. Nonetheless, those who assisted with the plan deserve to be recognized. Thanks to Laurie Consaul (until recently at the Canadian Museum of Nature, now pursuing doctoral research in botany at McGill University) for confirming my identifications of grass species collected within the management area in question. Thanks also to Philip Fry (Old Field Gardens) for his generous offer to contribute his experience and advice, and to supply seed for the project. Susan Murphy (Environmental Planning, City of Ottawa) ensured that funding from the City of Ottawa's Richmond forcemain extension budget could be made available for ecological restoration. A number of organizations also deserve recognition, including Tall Grass Ontario, Farmers and Friends of Conservation, and the Peterborough Stewardship Council. Local farmers, Alastair Munro and Gordon Sample, offered advice on this project, and the Richmond Nursery offered its assistance.

My thanks to all of the above, who made contributions in good faith to the City of Ottawa. And my apologies, given that our efforts have come to nothing.

### *2. Goals for the Advancement of the RCA in 2003*

I come now to the second objective of this submission, *i.e.*, to explain what the FJR would like to have happen with respect to the RCA and RCA Management Team in 2003. The FJR directs its explanation specifically to Ottawa Councillor, Mrs. Janet Stavinga, within whose ward the RCA is located. The explanation is presented as a list of statements, given in the form of imperatives. The FJR asks that Mrs. Stavinga inform us as to whether or not she will do what is stated.

- a) undertake to ensure that the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club, the Richmond Village Association and the FJR nominees are appointed to the RCA Management Team. If this requires a return to the practice permitted by the City of Ottawa's former appointments policy, which allowed the submission of the name of a single nominee from organizations such as ours, then request that City Council do what is necessary to make that possible.
- b) undertake to ensure that RCA Management Team meetings are returned to Richmond, and that any individual interested in participating in those meetings is allowed to sit at the table with management team members, and engage in discussion of the issues.
- c) undertake to ensure that all those interested in participating in the process to revise the 1997 RCA Management Plan are included fully within the process.
- d) undertake to ensure that the respective contributions of the authors of the 1997 RCA Management Plan are acknowledged in all copies of the plan, and revised editions of the plan, that the City of Ottawa produces.
- e) undertake to ensure that the joint-use agreement, which Eric Snyder produced for Goulbourn Township, and which you accepted in 2000, is reformulated as an operations protocol that will allow the use of the RCA for emergency sewage storage without preventing the habitat management in all three Richmond Lagoon cells prescribed in the 1997 RCA Management Plan.
- f) undertake to ensure that the current certificate of approval for the Richmond Lagoons is amended to exclude Cells A and B from the conditions of the certificate, and undertake to ensure that a certificate of approval for an industrial sewage works is procured as required for conservation management within these two cells.
- g) undertake to have the outlet structures for Cells A and B upgraded.
- h) undertake to have City of Ottawa staff provide answers to all FJR questions, posed in correspondence over the last year, for which answers are outstanding.
- i) undertake to have the FJR's plan (discussed above) for the enhancement of the area, disturbed by City of Ottawa construction in 2001, implemented.

- j) undertake to provide the FJR with all available information on the two ruptures that have occurred during 2001 in the recently twinned forcemain under the Jock River, adjacent to the RCA.

I, and the FJR, look forward to Mrs. Stavinga's response.

## Conclusion

In closing, I will add some reflections from a somewhat more personal perspective. I have been involved with efforts to establish the RCA for over a decade, initially as a member of the Goulbourn Environmental Advisory Committee and subsequently through the FJR. Whether all my efforts will come to anything is now very much in question. There will continue to be a conservation area in Richmond, but it appears that what the City of Ottawa intends for this area does not come close to what was planned, in 1997, when the RCA Management Plan was completed. This realization is of course very discouraging. However, its negative effect has been increased more than I can say by the way in which matters were brought to this conclusion - and particularly by the treatment that I have received over the last two years from a few individuals representing the City of Ottawa, occupying positions that give them significant influence over the future of the RCA. Perhaps, as Niel Barrington suggests in his statements at the beginning of this report, I, more than any other individual, can claim responsibility for the existence of the RCA. Nonetheless, the RCA land is now owned by the City of Ottawa, and it therefore seems that I will be given no further opportunity to contribute constructively to the area. Those given the task of revising the RCA Management Plan for the City refuse even to recognize that I am its main author.

That being the case, I think this an appropriate opportunity to acknowledge all those who have given moral support for my efforts over the last few years. I offer my thanks to the FJR board, and to the many FJR members with whom I am in regular correspondence. I also thank my parents, who reside in Richmond, and who support my efforts for the Richmond community. Thanks to those, who have become my friends largely as a result of our work together on the RCA, including Susan Springthorpe, Tony Beck and others in environmental organizations from various parts of Ontario. Those who do not desire to be named, for fear that your efforts will also be obstructed, I thank as well.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eric Snyder

## **9.2 Education Projects**

### **9.2.1 Information Board Project**

There was no project leader for the project for most of the year. Later in the year, Tim van der Horn worked out some initial cost estimates from the plans for the information board. (The RVCA graciously provided the plans in 2001.)

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian Finch

### **9.2.2 Richmond Fair**

From September 20 to 22, the Friends of the Jock River maintained a display at the Richmond Fair along with the Richmond Village Association, the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club, the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, the Rideau Trail Association and the Richmond Conservation Area Management Team. Friends of the Jock River members Norm Siemens, Eric Snyder and Niel Barrington attended the booth. Susan Springthorpe contributed to the display presentation and Erwin McCaffrey stocked the aquarium display with Brown Bullheads.

Thanks to Harvey Snyder of the Richmond Village Association for organizing this event. Thanks also to the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority for providing us with its display backing, and to its staff person, Sommer Casgrain-Robertson, for giving invaluable instructions on how to set up the display. We also thank the Eastern Ontario Biodiversity Museum for providing us with an aquarium

Respectfully submitted,  
Eric Snyder

### **9.2.3 Signs for Significant Wetlands, Jock River Tributaries and FJR Project Sites**

There was no work performed on this project, as there was no project leader.

## **9.3 Water Protection Advocacy Projects**

### **9.3.1 Munster Sewage Treatment Solutions**

#### **Background:**

The issue relates to a decision in 1999 by the former Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton (now the City of Ottawa) to proceed with the installation of an 11 km pressure sewage pipeline from Munster Hamlet to Richmond. Munster's sewage would then be pumped into the City sewage collector system for eventual secondary treatment at the City sewage treatment facility at Green's Creek (ROPEC) some 50 km away. In 1999, the FJR and others appealed to the Ontario Minister of the

Environment to conduct a "bump-up" environmental review of the project's environmental assessment. The Minister rejected the requests. Also in 1999, the Friends appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board to reject the RMOC's amendment to the City's Official Plan for a pipeline from Munster to Richmond. The OMB appeal was made on the behalf of the FJR and argued by Brian Finch. Three other parties also appealed the RMOC's decision: Gordon Sample, Richard Bendall and the Citizen Review Committee for Waste Management of Ottawa-Carleton.

The option favoured by the FJR was tertiary on-site treatment of the sewage with discharge of a high quality effluent to the Jock River. This option would retain the water within the watershed and would augment the flow of the upper Jock River with water of better quality than the water currently in the Jock. The added flow would be particularly important during the summer months in dry years. We were also concerned about the acceptance of non-compliant tenders in the request for proposals process, and the evaluation of the proposals and pipeline route by the RMOC's consultant, Connestoga Rovers and Associates (CRA).

The Ontario Municipal Board's decision of June 8, 2001, allowed the appeal, in part. The OMB was critical of the evaluation and planning processes used by the City in the project. It also said,

"the best evidence is not before the Board. Instead of turning down the Official Plan Amendment as proposed, the Board would like the City to request the City to perfect its case."

The OMB also instructed,

"the pipeline, the CMS (on-site tertiary treatment with discharge to Jock) and the Snofluent (snow-making treatment) ought to be subjected to a thorough reevaluation using the best available evidence, secured from the proponents of the systems where applicable."

City started the process to follow the Board's instructions but it also sought leave to appeal the OMB decision to the Ontario Superior Court. The motions was rejected.

#### **Year 2002:**

A web site [www.ottawasewergatefiasco.com](http://www.ottawasewergatefiasco.com) was launched by some of the original appellants in 2002 to provide information on the Munster sewage issue. This large web site contains a huge volume of facts and commentary on the Munster sewage problem, plus links to related information. It is worth the time to search through the well-documented volumes of material via the subject links - the facts will surprise you. Also, the site is updated regularly as events unfold.

Another interested party, Peter Jordan, of Brackenshiel Enterprises Inc., joined the opposition to the City's pipeline proposal. Through 2001 and part of 2002, he completed a significant financial and engineering re-evaluation (3000 hours of work) of the City's attempts to deal with Munster's sewage woes. The 107-page report can be viewed at the web site [www.ottawasewergatefiasco.com](http://www.ottawasewergatefiasco.com) under the

title Independent Citizen's Review (November, 2002). While lengthy, it is an excellent review and technical evaluation.

Early in 2002, the City selected RV Anderson Associates Ltd. to conduct the re-evaluation. The original appellants had some misgivings about the City's choice as RV Anderson was known to favour pipe solutions (in fact, the engineer heading up the project claimed publicly to be a 'pipe man'). Also, RV Anderson and Connestoga Rovers and Associates had recently been involved in a similar engineering peer re-evaluation in King City (Southern Ontario), only their roles were reversed. The appellants were also concerned by the City's work plan, which differed in some potentially troubling aspects from the OMB's suggested work plan.

RV Anderson put together a team of outside consultants to conduct the re-evaluation of the three options, namely, pipeline to Richmond and two on-site treatment facilities: 1. Snowfluent® (winter)/filtration-spray (summer); and 2. CMS-rotating biological contactor/activated sand filtration/UV treatment. The four appellants plus Peter Jordan met with the team in an all-day meeting July 18, 2002.

RV Anderson presented its report in a public meeting December 16, 2002. The report concluded that the two on-site treatment options were equivalent (Snowfluent ahead with some evaluation methodologies), and that "the pipeline is considered to be the most costly alternative with significantly large cost margin and risk as to screen it out of the process." RV Anderson recommended that the City tender the two on-site treatment options and that the City consider:

- the conditions MOE would require for the Certificate of Approvals (C of A) for the two systems;
- the need for and availability of land for the two options;
- the best means of securing performance guarantees; and
- decide who will operate the selected system.

The City's Director of Infrastructure Services, Richard Hewitt, concluded the December meeting by stating that the City will still be looking at all three alternatives since the pipe option came out so close to the other two options.

Several aspects of the report and of Mr. Hewitt's comments are troubling for several reasons:

- RV Anderson had been tasked specifically to review the environmental assessment process used by the City but the report did not deal with the fact that the City never conducted an environmental assessment and route selection for the Richmond part of the pipeline, contrary to the Class Environmental Assessment requirements;
- the report contained detailed evaluations of the on-site treatment facilities and only a listing of cost adjustments for pipe;

- some aspects of the Snowfluent® option remain uncertain, such as the noise generated by the snow-making guns, the extent and possible health problems associated with drifting of the sewage-derived snow, the cost of the additional land required, the possible (some say likely) inadequate retention capabilities of the soil in the spray fields, and the cost of refurbishing 2 required lagoons (some say even 4 refurbished lagoons will be inadequate);
- RV Anderson failed to use lifecycle costs considered to be standard in the industry;
- RV Anderson expressed a disproportionate concern for the CMS® plant's capability of achieving the discharge criteria of 0.03 mg/L phosphorus, despite the fact that a similar plant in Manotick received a C of A from MOE in 1998;
- RV Anderson failed to include in the cost of pipe the proportionate costs of the required upgrades of the Richmond pumping station (believed completed), the twinning of the pipe under the Jock River (completed but removed from service because of breaks), and the Richmond-Glencairn booster pumping station (originally planned in 2008 to deal with growth in Richmond now moved up and partial funded in 2003 budget); and
- RV Anderson rated the pipeline high on dependability, but the Richmond-Glencairn forcemain sewage pipeline has failed 5 times in its lifetime of 18 years. It also failed to sufficiently address the risks posed by the pipeline to the Richmond Fen and the 140 shallow wells along the proposed forcemain route during installation and (failure during) operation.

Much of the documentation on the Munster issue is now on the website:

[www.ottawasewergatefiasco.com](http://www.ottawasewergatefiasco.com). Be patient as there is a lot of material on the site.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian Finch, Treasurer

### **10.3.2 Water Taking Permits**

The past year was a very busy one in regard to Permit To Take Water (PTTW) applications and related issues. All of the PTTW issues regarding quarries in the former Township of Goulbourn are addressed separately in their own section report (10.3.3). The status of other PsTTW is reviewed below.

1. Courtyard Developments : a "Proposal" was posted on the Ontario Ministry of the Environment's (MOE) Environmental Bill of Rights Registry (EBRR), on the internet, for a PTTW for a proposed development in Richmond, on Oct. 22, 2001. I submitted comments to MOE on behalf of the Friends of the Jock River (FJR). MOE has not made a "Decision" yet regarding that application.

2. Monarch Construction (Stonebridge Golf & Country Club) : A "Proposal" was posted on the EBRR, on Jan. 8, 2000, for a PTTW to permit the golf club to irrigate the first 9 holes of the course developed. I submitted comments to MOE on behalf of the FJR. The "Decision" posted on the EBRR wrongly indicated that no comments had been received. I complained to MOE, no correction was made. That "Decision" also indicated that the PTTW had been issued on May 31, 2000.

On Jan. 11, 2001 a "Proposal" was posted on the EBRR indicating that Monarch had applied for an amendment to its present PTTW to allow them to irrigate an additional 9 holes of golf course, 18 holes in total. I again submitted comments on behalf of the FJR. In the "Decision" posted it indicated that one comments response had been received and some of our suggestions adopted. The posting also indicated that the amendment to Monarch's PTTW had been granted on February 4, 2002.

There was a severe drought in this area during the summer of 2001. I phoned the golf club and asked one of their staff if they had been irrigating the new 9 holes that year. The response was yes. This meant that the golf club had been illegally irrigating their new 9 holes, without a PTTW to do so. I raised this matter with MOE several times and it was just last June 2002 when it was finally given to MOE's Investigation & Enforcement Branch for investigation. The last I heard was that it was in a stack of other matters to investigate on an investigator's desk. I was told that there is a 2 year deadline for decisions to be made by MOE on such matters. Therefore, if they don't investigate and decide what action, if any, to take in this matter before the end of the summer then it appears that Monarch will get away with its illegal water taking in 2001 without any penalty.

There is a strong need for the government to give MOE sufficient funding so that it has enough staff to properly investigate all complaints in a timely manner.

3. Richmond Centennial Golf Club: A "Proposal" was posted on the EBRR on Oct. 7, 2002 for a PTTW for the golf club. It applied for a PTTW to take water from a well and a dugout pond. They did not apply to take water from the Jock River, although their 9 holes of expansion is in part next to the river. I didn't have time to study and comment their application and so no comments were submitted to MOE from the FJR regarding their application. No "Decision" has been posted on the EBRR yet. As such it is still possible for anyone who may want to influence whether or not the golf club gets this PTTW or what the conditions are in it to do so.

4. Glen Mar Golf & Country Club : A "Proposal" was posted on June 12, 2002. I submitted comments on behalf of the FJR regarding some concerns about their application. No "Decision" has been posted yet.

5. Dwyer Hill RV Resort & Campground (1120951 Ontario Inc.) : There was a first "Proposal" posted on April 3, 2000. I submitted comments on behalf of the FJR. There were problems with the application and judging by the fact that they were requesting to be permitted to take less than 50,000 litres in any one day they didn't require a PTTW. A "Decision" was posted on June 22, 2000 indicating that a PTTW wasn't required and therefore would not be issued. Apparently MOE had screwed up in posting a "Proposal" for this in the first place.

A "Proposal" was posted on December 9, 2002. I did not submit comments regarding this application for a PTTW on the behalf of the FJR. I did however submit comments on my own behalf, in conjunction with Selena Walker. We strongly opposed the application. There are a number of serious

flaws and problems with their application. The main problem is that they have illegally expanded into the Provincially Significant Manion Corners Long Swamp Wetland, without any re-zoning and site plan approvals, no building permits, no PTTW, and they're under investigation by MOE in regard to their sewage. It's a big mess.

This issue is going to be an on-going one for probably at least another year. I'm leaving the FJR after our February 27, 2003 AGM so I submitted comments on my own behalf, with Selena.

6. Riverbend Golf & Country Club: A "Proposal" was posted on September 15, 1998 for a renewal of an existing PTTW. I submitted comments on behalf of the FJR opposing the application. The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) and 3 individual members of the Goulbourn Environmental Advisory Committee submitted also submitted comments expressing concerns. The "Decision" was posted on Jan. 12, 1999 stating the file was "closed due to lack of information" and the permit was not renewed. Interestingly the "Decision" indicated that no comments had been received. I complained to MOE, but no correction was ever made.

I found out afterwards that the golf club already had another existing PTTW, through an apparent foul-up on MOE's part. So they were still legally permitted to take water from the Jock River, albeit less than before. That PTTW expires on April 30, 2004.

A "Proposal" was posted on Sept. 19, 2002 by the golf club asking to significantly increase both their period of taking (April 15 to Oct. 1) each year and the amount they be permitted to take (1,136,500 litres per day) from the Jock River. Given the small amount of flow in the Jock River at their location during the droughts in 3 of the last 4 years it was completely outrageous for the golf club to make such a request. There were also numerous serious flaws in their consultant's report to support their application. To top it off, RVCA staff, when alerted by us of the application, took some manual flow readings that indicated the flow in the river at the time was less than the maximum daily amount the golf club was requesting to be permitted to take from the river. In other words the golf club was asking to be legally permitted to suck the river dry.

The FJR mounted an effective public campaign against the application and as a result the "Decision" posted on Nov. 21, 2002 showed that MOE had received **421** comments, and had decided that "The comments received addressed similar areas of concern as those expressed by the Ministry's technical review staff. More specifically, the Ministry has significant concerns with respect to seasonal water level variations in the Jock River. To date the applicant has not provided adequate technical information to address this concern. Therefore the Ministry can not support the increased water taking proposed by the renewal application and has denied the request."

Congratulations to all those who contributed to the effort to stop the approval of Riverbend's application. We must however remain vigilant, as the golf club will no doubt be coming back with another application later this year, or early next year.

7. City of Ottawa for the Richmond Conservation Area (RCA) : No "Proposal" has yet been posted for this PTTW application. In speaking with a Kingston MOE staff person in early February they said that they had received the application in early December 2002. They agreed to make a copy of the application and it's supporting documentation available in the Ottawa office for viewing. They also indicated that they thought the "Proposal" would be posted on the EBRR either that day or the next. It is now 3 weeks later and the "Proposal" is still not posted. The MOE staff did not know the reason for the delay, but said that they would look into it. I've yet to hear back. In contacting the City to inquire if they knew any reason for a delay in the posting they knew of no reason.

The City wants to take water from the Jock River, only during the month of April, to bring the water level in 2 of the 3 old sewage lagoon cells up to a certain depth so as to be managed for conservation management.

On September 25, 2002 the Council of the City of Ottawa approved Motion 40/7, regarding MOE's management of PsTTW. The motion points out a number of problems with MOE's management of the PsTTW program and offers the following solutions:

**"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council request the Ministry of the Environment adopt a more holistic ecosystem approach to watershed resource management - that is science based assessments, water budget modeling and watershed approach in order to ensure;**

- (a) THAT the cumulative impacts of water takings in a watershed are considered before individual applications for PTTW are considered;**
- (b) THAT the impacts of any water taking on the features and functions associated with the ecosystem of an area are considered before individual applications for PTTW are considered; and**
- (c) THAT local municipalities and their Conservation Authorities are notified at the time of application for a PTTW to facilitate local community forums at which time the matter can be addressed in an open forum and that such meetings and notification processes be similar to those in the *Planning Act*."**

The FJR agrees with and strongly support the motion. However, there appears to be some waffling on the City's part when it comes to the City and MOE complying with Motion 40/7 when considering PTTW applications from the City. For instance, the City submitted it's application for a PTTW for the RCA in early December, but has yet, at the end of February to announce a date for any "local community forums" (public consultation meetings). The City is also not providing any detailed comment as to how it's suggested other solutions should be interpreted. This raises the concern that the City may regard and treat the motion as nothing more than a public relations exercise, and or something to be applied only to others and not the City of Ottawa. The FJR will pursue this matter further with

the City. In the meantime we have seen nothing to indicate that the MOE is acting on the City's advice.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ken McRae, Director for Water Conservation & Usage

### 10.3.3 Goulbourn Township Quarries

In order for a quarry to be established and operate it requires a number of permits and approvals. These include zoning and site plan approval from the municipality; a quarry license from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR); a Permit To Take Water (PTTW) and a Certificate of Approval for Industrial Sewage Works (AISW) from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE); and others.

There are presently 4 existing quarries in the former Township of Goulbourn owned by companies wanting to operate them as active quarries. These quarries are the R.W. Tomlinson Ltd. "Stittsville Quarry" (on the Jinkinson Road, at Highway 7), the Dibblee Paving & Materials Ltd. "Bell Quarry" (on the Jinkinson Road, beside the Stittsville Quarry), the Thomas Cavanagh Construction Ltd. "Beagle Club Quarry" (on the Jinkinson Road, at Fernbank Road), and the Cavanagh "Goulbourn Quarry" (bounded by Fallowfield, Munster, and Flewellyn roads).

Cavanagh has also applied for the approvals listed above for a huge proposed 5<sup>th</sup> quarry (to be called the "Henderson Quarry") on the west side of Jinkinson Road, opposite the Stittsville and Bell quarries. The Friends of the Jock River (FJR) is opposed to this quarry being established. I submitted comments on behalf of the FJR to the appropriate government agencies that deal with the various approvals. Other individuals and groups have also submitted comments opposing this quarry. The MNR has requested that the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hold a hearing to resolve the matter regarding Cavanagh's application for a quarry license under the Aggregate Resources Act. Since the City has said it will not make a decision on Cavanagh's re-zoning application to it until MNR decides on the license application Cavanagh has asked the OMB for a hearing on that matter as well, and asked that the two hearings be consolidated. The FJR will have to decide what status if any it wants to have at the hearing.

No "Decisions" have been posted yet on Cavanagh's applications for a PTTW and a AISW for the proposed Henderson Quarry. In fact the comment period for their PTTW "Proposal" posted on the EBRR doesn't expire until March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2003. So comments can still be submitted on it. If those "Decisions" are not agreeable to all concerned it is possible that requests for leave to appeal them may be submitted to the Environmental Review Tribunal.

The Stittsville, Bell and Goulbourn quarries have all of the specified approvals, permits and license mentioned above. The FJR was and still is opposed to those quarries being issued or granted those approvals in recent years. A "Decision" has not been posted yet on MOE's Environmental Bill of Rights

Registry (EBRR) for the Beagle Club Quarry's application for an AISW. This matter is going on beyond my term in office with the FJR so I did not submit any comments to MOE on behalf of the FJR. However, since I intend to follow through on this matter to the end I submitted comments jointly with Selena Walker, on our own behalf only.

There are several serious concerns regarding these quarries:

1. Clearing of land that results in the loss of plant and wildlife habitat. Tomlinson clear-cut a huge area for it's new Stittsville Quarry. Cavanagh would do the same on it's proposed Henderson Quarry site if given the go ahead. Further outward expansion of the Bell and Beagle Club Quarries would also result in the loss of habitat.
2. Quarry operators taking water from the groundwater aquifer, surface runoff, and precipitation and then discharging it away on the surface. There are concerns that having all of these quarries concentrated in one area will lead to a lowering of the local water table that will adversely impact the wells of neighboring residents.
3. Concerns that the millions of litres of water these quarries want to pump away from their quarries will have negative flooding, erosion, sedimentation and water quality impacts. Cavanagh was recently fined \$60,000. A fine of \$40,000 under the Aggregate Resources Act for excavating a new drainage channel without approval, in violation of their aggregates license site plan. A fine of \$15,000 under the federal Fisheries Act because the dredging and diversion of the stream released large amounts of silt. A fine of \$5,000 under the Conservation Authorities Act for changing a natural stream, including the lowering of the streambed by as much as two metres in some places. Cavanagh carried out these illegal activities to facilitate the up to 17,729,280 litres per day the company wants to be able to discharge from their Beagle Club Quarry.
4. Concerns that MOE is not taking into proper consideration the individual and cumulative impacts of these quarries water takings and discharges.
5. Concerns that quarry operators will drain some wetlands, and flood some other wetlands. In both cases resulting in the loss of species diversity and other wetland features.

The Dibblee Bell Quarry still requires, according to the City, City approval for Dibblee to excavate a drainage ditch across the unopened road allowance and to discharge quarry water along the City owned Trans Canada Trail right-of-way. Dibblee may also require an amendment to their quarry license site plan for their new proposed drainage route.

The FJR will have to decide in the days ahead as to what further actions it wants to take regarding these quarries.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken McRae, Director for Water Conservation & Usage

#### **10.3.4 Testing for Contaminants at Abandoned Dumpsites**

I asked MOE to conduct some testing in a former dumpsite situated in part of the Goulbourn Wetland complex (lot 18; concession 10 in Goulbourn Ward). Surface water samples were taken. A letter from MOE indicated nothing of concern was found and that samples will be taken at semi-annual intervals in the future. The Ministry will keep us informed of the results. No groundwater samples have been taken.

The City is or was cataloguing old dumpsites within the City's boundaries. The FJR should confirm whether the City has tested or will test for ground water or surface water contamination at these sites.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ken McRae, Director for Water Conservation & Usage

#### **10.3.5 Wetland Protection**

Wetland protection matters were mainly addressed in relation to quarry operations (please see **10.3.3 Goulbourn Township Quarries**) and in regard to the Dwyer Hill RV Resort and Campground (please see **10.3.2 Water Taking Permits**).

1. The Dwyer Hill RV Resort and Campground has really become a year round residential subdivision even though it has no zoning to allow such a use. The City of Ottawa has, in my opinion, acted almost completely inappropriately in regard to all of the matters within it's jurisdiction related to this property. The City issued a Stop Work Order when it was brought to the City's attention by concerned members of the public that the property owners were expanding their house trailer occupied area into the Provincially Significant Manion Corners Long Swamp Wetland. However, when the property owners ignored the Stop Work Order and continued to expand the City took no legal action to force compliance. In my view the City's chief building official, Arlene Gregoire, is responsible for much of the City's misguided position and actions or lack thereof concerning this property. If it was within my power I'd have fired her several months ago.

At some point in the future there may be a City Planning & Development meeting to address a re-zoning and site plan application from the property owners, with the co-operation of City staff, to attempt to make legal what the property owners have done illegally. The FJR will have to decide if it wants to take actions to prevent that or wait until it happens and then perhaps respond.

2. Over the course of the last 3 years there have been a number of landowners within the former Township of Goulbourn, within the Jock River Watershed, who have excavated drainage ditches on

their property to drain wetlands. A number of these have been reported to authorities, but if a quarry license or known fish habitat isn't involved then government agencies seem powerless to do much about it. The Ontario government approved an amendment to Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act over a year ago that would address some of these protection enforcement problems, but the Ontario cabinet has yet to approve regulations to permit actions to be taken under the amendment. Why are they taking so long? I don't know, but I'm becoming doubtful that this government's cabinet will approve those regulations.

3. It has become painfully apparent that there are many wetlands in the City of Ottawa that the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has never evaluated, mapped and classified. There are also many for which they have mapped the boundaries incorrectly, and others that they have classified incorrectly. MNR needs more money, trained staff, and the right to go onto private property for the purpose of mapping wetlands to properly address these problems.

4. One good piece of news is that MNR has finally made it publicly official that it has complexed the Fernbank, Upper Poole Creek, North Goulbourn, Rothbourne, and West Queensway wetlands together to form the Provincially Significant Goulbourn Wetlands Complex. There are a number of errors in the boundaries, it should be significantly larger, but at least a large number of wetland areas have been complexed together and designated Provincially Significant.

5. In regard to the Provincially Significant Huntley Wetland Complex there are two issues in the consideration process that may have a significant impact upon the wetland if approved. One is Thomas Cavanagh Construction Ltd.'s proposed Henderson Quarry. Having reviewed all of the proponent's consultant's reports it appears evident to me that the present quarry proposal, if approved, will result in the draining destruction of at least part of the wetland between Highway 7 and the Trans Canada Trail to the south. Also, this quarry operation would result in the clearing of about 160 acres and the loss of plant and animal species habitat on that acreage, at a time when there are already three other quarries on the other side of Jinkinson Road more than able to fill any aggregate demand. Further, I'm not satisfied with the consultant's assurances that the proposed quarry's de-watering discharge would not negatively affect the Jinkinson Municipal Drain watercourse via flooding, erosion and sedimentation. On the FJR's behalf I have opposed this quarry proposal. As indicated in my [10.3.3 Goulbourn Township Quarries](#) report there is a consolidated OMB hearing coming up soon on this matter and it will be up to the FJR to decide whether or not it will attend that hearing and in what capacity (Party or Participant).

The other issue pertains to the **Country Club Village and Highway 7 Service Road Access (Dwyer Hill Road to Jinkinson Road) Environmental Assessment Study**. The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has plans to expand Highway 7, from the 417 (Queensway) to Carleton Place, from 2 to 4 lanes. The MTO plans call for no continued direct access from Country Club Village (CCV) and the Canadian Golf & Country Club (CGCC) to Highway 7 when it's expanded to 4 lanes. Instead the MTO plans call for the construction of a service road from the Canadian Golf & Country Club westerly

to the Dwyer Hill Road. Part of this service road would go through a part of the Provincially Significant Manion Corners Long Swamp Wetland.

The Country Club Village Association (CCVA) and CGCC, along with the Northwest Goulbourn Community Association (NWGCA), are opposed to the golf club and CCV having their access to Highway 7 reduced to a westward service road to the Dwyer Hill Road, where there will be a cloverleaf access to and from Highway 7. They want either a direct access for the CCV, with a much shorter service road from the golf club to that access, or they want a eastward service road, through the Provincially Significant Huntley Wetlands Complex to Jinkinson Road, from which there is planned presently to be a service road to Hazeldean Road, where there will be a cloverleaf access to and from Highway 7.

The golf club, CCVA and NWGCA have lobbied hard the last several years to have their concerns addressed by politicians. As a result the City of Ottawa has hired an engineering consulting firm to carry out an Environmental Assessment Study (EAS) looking at the various options and making recommendations. As part of the EAS the City and its consultant have set up a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), made up of representatives from several government agencies (the City of Ottawa, Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA), Daniel Brunton Consulting Services, Warne Engineering & Biological Services and MTO) and the City's consultant (National Capital Engineering). A Public Advisory Committee (PAC) has also been set up consisting of representatives from the CGCC, CCVA, NWGCA, the Friends of the Jock River (FJR), Thomas Cavanagh Construction Ltd. (owns land zoned aggregate reserve and aggregate extraction between the CGCC and Jinkinson Road), R.W. Tomlinson Ltd. (owns quarry land between Jinkinson Road and Hazeldean Road), Goulbourn Wetlands Group (GWG), Ottawa Cycling Advisory, and the Ottawa-Carleton Trailway. Several members of the Technical Advisory Committee have sat in on each of the Public Advisory Committee meetings. I have represented the FJR on the PAC. As I am leaving the FJR as of the end of February 27, 2003 the FJR will have to determine if it wants to continue to have representation on the PAC, and if so who will be that representative. The next meeting of the PAC is scheduled for April 1, 2003.

On behalf of FJR I have argued for as little negative impact upon the two Provincially Significant wetlands as possible. I put forward a proposal for a direct access link from the CCV to Highway 7, but it was dismissed by the City and or their consultant, or MTO, as being too expensive, without giving an explanation of what the costs would be and their breakdown. In my view a breakdown should be demanded and compared with costs for other options. A dollar figure cost should be assigned for the loss of wetlands for all service road through wetland options. There is also an option whereby the CCV and golf club staff and patrons could access the Dwyer Hill Road via Canadian Drive and Ondrovic Gate rather than a new service road through the Provincially Significant Manion Corners Long Swamp Wetland. Canadian Drive and Ondrovic Gate would require upgrading and paving. While this last option would be strongly opposed by the golf club, CCV and NWGCA I believe it would be supported by the GWG and perhaps others.

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) did not have a representative present at the PAC's first meeting in April 2002, even though it had been invited. I emailed the MNR Area Manager Kerry Coleman, on April 12, 2002 "I, and some others, were surprised and disappointed to not see a representative from MNR on the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Given that the main environmental issues to be considered in the EA are whether a service road should be allowed to cross through, over or perhaps under the Provincially Significant Huntley Wetland Complex and some fish habitat present we think that MNR, as the main government agency responsible for wetlands, should be represented on the TAC." Coleman responded on April 15, 2002 "As was suggested, the Ontario Public Service strike has affected MNR's involvement in a number of initiatives. During the strike there are no staff available to attend these meetings. When the labour dispute is resolved MNR would be pleased to participate on the Technical Advisory Committee." The public service strike has been over for many months, but to my knowledge MNR has never attended nor given any input into this EAS. Why not? This should be looked into.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ken McRae, Director for Water Conservation & Usage

#### **10.3.6 The Jock River Watershed Plan**

Work was started on an evaluation of the Jock River Watershed Plan but was never completed because of the large number of other issues.

Respectfully submitted  
Eric Snyder, Secretary

#### **10.3.6 City of Ottawa Official Plan**

No work was done on this project.

### **10.0 Fundraising Report**

#### **10.1 Blues Festival Beer Can Collection**

The Friends of the Jock River worked at the Ottawa Blues Festival, recycling beer cans, and got to hear a lot of great blues music! The event, held July 5th to 12th, is the largest festival in Ottawa. This is the third year we received permission to collect beer cans. This year the festival was held downtown, in the park in front of City Hall.

This made recovery of the cans easier than in previous years, when the festival was held at the larger area of Lebreton Flats. Niel Barrington took the lead on this project, booking the waste bins, securing hired help, wrangling for various passes, etc. Brian Finch was able to help out, as were Ken McRae, Norman Siemens and Doug Watson. The cans collected are stored in huge boxes provided by the Beer

Store. I would like to thank Blues Fest volunteers Mark McAllister and Richard Green for their amazing fortitude in working both weekends as well as every evening during the week.

A check in the amount of \$2364 was handed over to Treasurer Finch at our Sept. meeting. Expenses included rental of bins, labour, tape, gloves, etc.

We could do better in 2003. With more volunteers we could gross \$5,000. At time of writing, the Blues Fest had received notice from the NCC that it will not be allowed to have Confederation Park after Canada Day. Until this issue is resolved, and we know when and where Blues Fest is going to be held, it is impossible to make plans to re-cycle cans. I will keep in touch with Blues Fest organizers and as soon as a concrete time and date is in place, we at the Friends will discuss the possibility of working at Blues Fest in 2003.

Every year I swear I`ll take next years festival off, and just enjoy the Fest as a blues fan. Every year I see those cans start piling up and the thought of all that going to waste makes it impossible for me to enjoy the Fest! Maybe we should consider handing the job off to another worthy group.

Respectfully submitted,  
Niel Barrington, President

## 11.0 Plans for 2003

### 11.1 Work Plan for 2003

(not listed in order of priority)

#### **1.0 Presidential Projects**

- 1.1 Updated Constitution and By-laws: In view of various amendments over the last two years, the president will update the FJR constitution and by-laws.

#### **2.0 Secretarial Projects**

- 2.1 Policy on Copying Non-board Members on Inquiries from or within the Board: In addition to regular duties, the secretary will draft a policy on who FJR board members can copy when composing draft correspondence or strategizing with other board members. This will complement the recently adopted FJR policy on the review and distribution of correspondence. Other policy matters concerning correspondence may arise during the year.

#### **3.0 Membership Projects**

- 3.1 Human Resources Database: The director of membership will enter all human resource information, currently in possession of the FJR, into a database.
- 3.2 Membership Database: As part of the above project, the membership director will upgrade the existing membership database.
- 3.3 Ottawa Volunteer Network: Once the FJR has obtained liability insurance, the membership director will pursue FJR membership in the Ottawa Volunteer Network.
- 3.4 Membership Cards: The director of membership will undertake to have membership cards produced and distributed to all members in good standing.

#### **4.0 Treasury Projects**

- 4.1 Incorporation: In addition to regular duties, the treasurer will complete the process of having the FJR incorporated.
- 4.2 Liability Insurance: The treasurer will undertake to obtain liability insurance for the FJR.

#### **5.0 Committee Projects**

##### **5.1 Publicity Committee**

- 5.1.1 Website: The FJR website has been recently upgraded. The Website Management Board will maintain the website with updated project descriptions, minutes, agendas and reports. The links page will be enhanced so it can continue to function as a community resource for those needing ecological and regulatory information relating to the environment.
- 5.1.2 Newsletter: The Newsletter Editorial Board will be responsible for publishing three or four issues in 2003.
- 5.1.3 Carlingwood Wildlife Week Festival: The FJR has been invited to partner with Wildlife Week Festival organizers to maintain a display booth at Carlingwood Mall during the festival. The Publicity Committee will pursue this initiative.
- 5.1.4 Richmond Fair: The FJR Publicity Committee will approach the Richmond Village Association, the Rideau Trail Association, the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) and the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club to again partner on a display at the Richmond Fair.

##### **5.2 Fundraising Committee**

- 5.2.1 Blues Festival: The Fundraising Committee will undertake to do a can collection drive at the Blues Festival in 2003.
- 5.2.2 Newsletter Funding: The Fundraising Committee will approach the Ottawa Stewardship Council for funding the production of the FJR newsletter.
- 5.2.3 Ecological Restoration and Enhancement Funding: The Fundraising Committee will pursue various funding sources to cover the costs of restoration and enhancement projects in 2003 and 2004.
- 5.2.4 T-Shirt Sales: The Fundraising Committee will undertake to design, purchase and sell T-shirts.

## **6.0 Projects**

### **6.1 Ecological Restoration, Enhancement and Monitoring**

- 6.1.1 Project Plans for Future Restoration and Enhancement Projects: The Restoration and Enhancement Team will try to produce project plan outlines for planting projects intended to satisfy various objectives: erosion control, buffering run-off, enhanced biodiversity, historical restoration and so on. A planting plan, or planting plans, for 2004 will be completed, with budgets and necessary approvals.
- 6.1.2 Riparian Planting at Cedarview Road - Greenbank Road Site: If permission is obtained from the City of Ottawa, the Restoration and Enhancement Team will begin preliminary planting at this site. This will be done in partnership with Scout groups and community organizations.
- 6.1.3 Shoreline Restoration at Twin Elm Site: Additional planting and maintenance will be done at this site. Fence repair will be conducted, as needed.
- 6.1.4 Tree Planting Maintenance at Richmond Road Site: Additional planting and maintenance will be done at this site.
- 6.1.5 Marlborough Forest Clean-ups within the Jock River Watershed: The FJR is pursuing an initiative to work with the Ottawa Forests Advisory Committee on clean-up projects in the Marlborough Forest.
- 6.1.6 RVCA Jock River Summer Baseflow Surveys: The FJR will approach the RVCA to assess how it can contribute to baseflow surveys of the Jock River. The FJR may take the role of organizing and supervising volunteers on this project.
- 6.1.7 RVCA Water Quality Monitoring with Chemical and Macro-Invertebrate Indicators: The FJR will approach the RVCA to assess how it can contribute to this project.
- 6.1.8 RVCA Jock River Floodplain Mapping: The FJR will approach the RVCA to assess how it can contribute to this project.
- 6.1.9 RVCA Groundwater Monitoring: The FJR will approach the RVCA to assess how it can contribute to this project.
- 6.1.10 Plant Hepworth memorial tree.
- 6.1.11 RVCA Stream Corridor Riparian Vegetation Survey: The FJR will approach the RVCA to assess how it can contribute to this project.

### **6.2 Education**

- 6.2.1 Information Board Project: The FJR will try to complete the planning, and initiate the implementation of this project. The Information Board Project Team will approach the Living By Water Project for partnership on this project.
  - 6.2.2 Signs for Significant Wetlands, Jock River Tributaries and FJR Project Sites: The FJR will try to form a project team involving the City of Ottawa to make progress on this project.
- 6.3 Cedar Logs Project: Complete peeling and cutting the logs.

## **7.0 Advocacy**

- 7.1 *Richmond Conservation Area Membership, Management and Sewage Storage Issues:* The FJR will continue to pursue various issues relating to the RCA. See the submission in this report.
- 7.2 *Munster Sewage Treatment Solutions:* The FJR will continue to advocate for environmentally sound sewage treatment in Munster.
- 7.3 *Alternative Sewage Treatment Solutions for Outlying Communities:* This is a project relating to the above two projects, but it is more broadly based. The FJR intends to work with Ottawa Citizens Against Pollution by Sewage, and perhaps other organizations, to have the City of Ottawa consider alternative methods of sewage treatment in outlying communities.

## **7.4 Water Taking Permits**

- 7.4.1 *City of Ottawa Motion 40/7:* Since passing this motion, the City of Ottawa has failed to follow it in at least one instance, and seems unable to explain its implications on some fundamental points. The FJR will work to ensure that the motion is implemented without hedging and qualification.
- 7.4.2 *Applications posted on the EBR Registry:* The FJR will continue to monitor the EBR registry and comment on applications of concern.

## **7.5 Water Discharge from Quarries and other Sources**

- 7.5.1 *Henderson Quarry OMB Hearing:* The FJR may participate in a hearing on an application by the Henderson Quarry operators to discharge water into Jock River tributaries.
- 7.5.2 *Applications posted on the EBR Registry:* The FJR will continue to monitor the EBR registry and comment on applications of concern.
- 7.6 *Wetland Protection:* Wetlands are the main source of water retention in the watershed. The FJR will continue to become involved in any issues that involve threats to wetlands and wetland functions. The Conservation Committee of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club has been asked to partner with us on such issues, including those resulting from quarry operations and water taking.
- 7.7 *Flowing Creek Subwatershed Planning:* The FJR will work with the RVCA to encourage the City of Ottawa to undertake sub-watershed planning for Flowing Creek using an ecosystem approach.
- 7.8 *Ashton Dam:* The FJR will approach the RVCA, Ministry of Transportation and other interested organizations to assess issues relating to the Ashton Dam. An attempt will be made to develop an action plan for the dam.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Snyder    and    Niel Barrington  
Secretary         President

## 11.2 Budget for 2003

Projects and Work Items	Projected income	Projected cost
1      Presidential Projects		
1.1 Updated Constitution and By-laws:	\$       -	\$       -
2      Secretarial Projects	\$       -	\$       -
3      Membership Projects		
3.1 Human Resources Database	\$       -	\$       -
3.2 Membership Database:	\$       -	\$       -
3.3 Ottawa Volunteer Network:	\$       -	\$     40.00
3.4 Membership Cards.	\$       -	\$     40.00
4      Treasury Projects		
4.1 Incorporation	\$       -	\$       -
4.2 Liability Insurance	\$       -	\$    800.00
5      Committee Projects		
5.1 Publicity Committee		
5.1.1 Website	\$       -	\$       -
5.1.2 Newsletter Funding	\$       -	\$    250.00
5.1.3 Carlingwood Wildlife Week Festival	\$   100.00	\$     25.00
5.1.4 Richmond Fair	\$       -	\$     25.00
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5.2 Fundraising Committee		
5.2.1 Blues Festival	\$  3,000.00	\$    300.00
5.2.2 Newsletter Funding	\$    250.00	\$       -
5.2.3 Ecological Restoration and Enhancement Funding	\$  3,500.00	\$       -
5.2.4 T-Shirt Sales	\$  1,500.00	\$  1,000.00
6      Projects		
6.1 Ecological Restoration, Enhancement and Monitoring		
6.1.1 Project Plans for Future Restoration and Enhancement Projects.	\$       -	\$       -
6.1.2 Riparian Planting at Cedarview Road - Greenbank Road Site	\$       -	\$  2,500.00
6.1.3 Shoreline Restoration at Twin Elm Site	\$       -	\$     500.00
6.1.4 Tree Planting Maintenance at Richmond Road Site	\$       -	\$     500.00
6.1.5 Marlborough Forest Clean-ups within the Jock River Watershed	\$       -	\$     250.00

	6.1.6 RVCA Jock River Summer Baseflow Surveys	\$	-	\$	-
	6.1.7 RVCA Water Quality Monitoring w Chemical and Macro-Invertebrate Indicators	\$	-	\$	-
	6.1.8 RVCA Jock River Floodplain Mapping	\$	-	\$	-
	6.1.9 RVCA Groundwater Monitoring	\$	-	\$	-
	6.1.10 Plant Hepworth Memorial Tree.	\$	-	\$	300.00
	6.1.11 RVCA Stream Corridor Riparian Vegetation Survey	\$	-	\$	-
	6.2 Education				
	6.2.1 Information Board Project	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00
	6.2.2 Signs for Significant Wetlands, Jock River Tributaries and FJR Project Sites	\$	-	\$	-
	6.3 Cedar Logs Project: Advocacy	\$	-	\$	25.00
7	7.1 Richmond Conservation Area Membership, Management and Sewage Storage Issues	\$	-	\$	-
	7.2 Munster Sewage Treatment Solutions	\$	-	\$	-
	7.3 Alternative Sewage Treatment Solutions for Outlying Communities	\$	-	\$	-
	7.4 Water Taking Permits				
	7.4.1 City of Ottawa Motion 40/7	\$	-	\$	-
	7.4.2 Applications posted on the EBR Registry	\$	-	\$	25.00
	7.5 Water Discharge from Quarries and other Sources	\$	-	\$	25.00
	7.5.1 Henderson Quarry OMB Hearing	\$	-	\$	200.00
	7.5.2 Applications posted on the EBR Registry	\$	-	\$	25.00
	7.6 Wetland Protection	\$	-	\$	75.00
	7.7 Flowing Creek Subwatershed Planning	\$	-	\$	-
	7.8 Ashton Dam	\$	-	\$	-
	<b>General Income</b>				
	Anonymous Donations	\$	50.00		
	Receipted Donations	\$	300.00		
	GST Rebates	\$	100.00		
	Corporate Membership	\$	100.00		

Family Membership	\$	500.00
Supporter Membership	\$	270.00
Volunteer Membership	\$	120.00

**General Expenditures**

Advertising	\$	100.00
Bank Charges	\$	100.00
Books and Subscriptions	\$	50.00
Office Supplies	\$	200.00
Photocopy Costs	\$	100.00
Photographic Supplies	\$	50.00
Photographic Development	\$	50.00
Postage	\$	100.00
Taxes	\$	100.00
Memberships in other organizations	\$	10.00

<u>Total Income</u>	\$	11,290.00
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	\$	9,265.00
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<u>Income minus Expenditures</u>	\$	2,025.00

**13. Nomination Committee Report**

The Nomination Committee submits the following list of nominations for the Board of Directors for the year 2003:

President	Niel Barrington
Vice-President	Brian Finch
Treasurer	Norm Siemens
Director for Water Conservation and Usage	-
Secretary	Eric Snyder
Director For Membership Roster and Management	Frances Little
Director for Projects and Actions	Tim van der Horn
Director of Fund-Raising	-
Director for Publicity and Public Relations	-
Directors at Large	

I bring to the attention of all members that the Nomination Committee would be pleased to accept nominations for any of the positions prior to the meeting (please call). Please also note that

nominations for all positions may be made from the floor during the AGM. In all instances, those nominated must be members in good standing and must agree to the nomination.

Respectfully submitted,  
Niel Barrington 823-3643  
Nomination Committee Chair