



# NVCA February 2026 Board Meeting Highlights

**Next Meeting: March 27, 2026, held virtually**

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## Presentation on the Nottawasaga Bluffs Conservation Area

NVCA's Director of Conservation Services, Kyra Howes, gave a presentation on Nottawasaga Bluffs Conservation Area.

Director Howes shared information on the cultural and ecological significance of the conservation area, as well as on the partnership with the Bruce Trail Conservancy for maintaining the conservation area.

## Deputation regarding fee request reduction

NVCA's Board of Directors received deputations from MHBC and a staff report regarding a request to reduce fees for a proposed development

The Board of Directors resolved to refer the item back to staff to bring it forward for discussion during the March 2026 board meeting.

## Conservation Services Fees

As directed by the Board of Directors in the November 2026 board meeting, staff reviewed Conservation Services fees to determine whether fees could be differentiated between watershed and non-watershed residents, similar to the structure currently used for NVCA hunting permits.

As several Conservation Services programs are actively being developed or expanded, introducing watershed-based fee distinctions could unintentionally discourage participation or complicate outreach efforts, particularly for

programs intended to grow and attract a broader user base.

Staff recommended continuing to apply a differentiated fee structure based on watershed and non-watershed residency to hunting permits only.

## Preferred Vendors

The NVCA Board of Directors approved the following contractors to be confirmed as preferred contractors based on price quotes and credentials submitted as part of NVCA RFQ 1/2026, including:

- Heavy Machinery and Trucking Services – Rumball Excavation and Haulage
- Stream Habitat Restoration Crew – Rumball Excavation and Haulage
- Water Resource Engineer – GSS Engineering Consulting Ltd. River Morphologist – GEO Morphix Ltd.
- Supplier of soil anchors – Nottawasaga Community Economic Development Corporation

The recommendations for preferred contractor status were based on the best overall value to NVCA, which takes into consideration cost, and expertise.

## Upcoming Events

### Tiffin Nature School

At Tiffin Nature School, children aged 2.5 to 10 are invited to explore and connect with the natural world. We nurture their innate curiosity, offering immersive outdoor experiences that inspire discovery and growth.

**Dates:** Tuesdays & Thursdays

**Location:** Tiffin Centre for Conservation

[Register here](#)

### **March Break Camp Tiffin**

Led by NVCA's environmental educators, Camp Tiffin is an outdoor camp designed to enhance your child's knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the natural world and our amazing planet.

Our staff have been excited to plan winter camp activities this March Break which will be full of outdoor adventures.

**Dates:** March 16 – 20, 2026

**Location:** Tiffin Centre for Conservation

### **Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival**

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

Visitors will journey back in time to discover how maple syrup was made in the past, then return to the present to see how it's crafted today.

Complete your tour with a delicious pancake and sausage breakfast topped with fresh maple syrup, followed by fun family-friendly activities!

**Date:** April 11 and 12, 2026

**Location:** Tiffin Centre for Conservation