



Minutes of the meeting of the

**Quinte Conservation Executive Board Meeting
AGENDA FOR 2019 BUSINESS**

Date: June 20, 2019, 3:30 pm
Location: Quinte Conservation - Joe Eberwein Board Room
2061 Old Highway 2
Belleville ON

Members Present: **Bob Bridger** (Tudor and Cashel Townships), **Carrie Smith** (Township of Madoc), **Chris Malette** (City of Belleville), **Dale Grant** (Stirling and Rawdon Township), **Don Kuntze** (City of Quinte West), **Ellen Johnson** (Town of Greater Napanee), **Heather Lang** (Tyendinaga Township), **Henry Hogg** (Addington Highlands Township), **James Flieler** (Municipality of Tweed), **Janice Maynard** (County of Prince Edward), **Jim Dunlop** (County of Prince Edward), **John Hirsch** (County of Prince Edward), **John Wise** (Stone Mills Township), **Kate McNaughton** (County of Prince Edward), **Les Stanfield** (County of Prince Edward), **Nicki Gowdy** (Township of Central Frontenac), **Norm Roberts** (Township of South Frontenac), **Paul Carr** (City of Belleville), **Ray Hobson** (County of Prince Edward), **Steven Everhardus** (Town of Deseronto), **Tom Livingston** (County of Prince Edward)

Members Absent: **Mike Kerby** (Centre Hastings Municipality), **Ron Derry** (Marmora and Lake Municipality), **Ronald Carroll** (Tudor and Cashel Townships), **Sean Kelly** (City of Belleville)

Also Present: **Brad McNevin** (CAO), **Amy Dickens** (Source Water Protection Coordinator) **Christine McClure** (Water Resources Manager), **Connor Dennehy** (Assistant GIS Technician), **Darcy Clow** (Napanee Region Field Operations), **Kelly Maher** (Water Resources Technologist), **Keith Taylor** (Risk Management Official/Watershed Planning Consultant), **Kirsten Geisler** (Communications Specialist), **Lynette Lambert** (Watershed Monitoring Coordinator), **Maya Navrot** (Education and Stewardship Coordinator), **Samantha Carney** (Technical Administrative Assistant), **Tammy Smith** (Corporate Services Manager)

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:50 pm.

Samantha Carney (Technical Administrative Assistant) arrived at 3:55 pm and left at 4:25 pm

Lynette Lambert (Watershed Monitoring Coordinator) left at 5:05 pm

a. **Notice Regarding Cell Phones and Pagers**

Cell phones and pagers are not permitted to be turned on during the meeting, except in an event of an emergency. If the device is to be left on, it must be announced at the beginning of the meeting.

b. **Collection of Personal Information for Board Minutes**

This is addressed to anyone that is not a board member and/or staff person of Quinte Conservation: Your name will be used in the board meeting minutes and the minutes will become public information after review and approval of the board. If you are present for a delegation or hearing, the context of your presentation will be recorded in the minutes of the board meeting.

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

There was an amendment made to the agenda. Items 9 and 13 were switched to accommodate the schedule of the presenter for item 13.

MOTION QC-19-54

Moved By: Heather Lang (Tyendinaga Township)

Seconded By: Les Stanfield (County of Prince Edward)

THAT, the Agenda for the June 20, 2019 Executive Board Meeting be approved

CARRIED

3. **Approval of the Minutes of the Quinte Conservation Executive Board meeting of May 16, 2019**

There was no discussion.

MOTION QC-19-55

Moved By: Ray Hobson (County of Prince Edward)

Seconded By: Henry Hogg (Addington Highlands Township)

THAT, the Minutes from the May 16, 2019 Quinte Conservation Executive Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business

5. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests**

There were no Pecuniary Interests

6. Delegations

There were no delegations

7. Watershed Plan Survey by Keith Taylor, Risk Management Official and Watershed Planning Consultant

Presenter provided The Board with a PowerPoint presentation.

The presentation included background on previous watershed plans and some history on how conservation authorities were established within the region.

The presenter commented that they would provide The Board with a few questions and that their opinions are important to the development of a new plan. They also mentioned not to limit their responses.

MOTION QC-19-56

Moved By: Ray Hobson (County of Prince Edward)

Seconded By: Tom Livingston (County of Prince Edward)

THAT, the Watershed Plan Survey be received.

CARRIED

8. Review and Approval of the Section 28 Regulations and Permits

There was no discussion.

MOTION QC-19-57

Moved By: John Hirsch (County of Prince Edward)

Seconded By: Steven Everhardus (Town of Deseronto)

THAT, the Section 28 Regulations and Permits be approved.

CARRIED

9. Plan Review Summary

A Board Member inquired about one of the properties listed in the Plan Review Summary. They asked what the guidelines were for wetlands.

Staff commented that there are set backs within the planning and regulations policies. They added that you can't sever a lot if you can't build on it and that lot additions are not normally a concern.

A Board Member commented that the permit was approved at council and that Quinte Conservation provided a report.

MOTION QC-19-58

Moved By: Heather Lang (Tyendinaga Township)

Seconded By: Carrie Smith (Township of Madoc)

THAT, the Plan Review Summary be approved.

CARRIED

10. Budget Control

Staff commented that they carried money over from the 2018 budget in order to cover the provincial transfer cuts faced in 2019.

MOTION QC-19-59

Moved By: Heather Lang (Tyendinaga Township)

Seconded By: John Hirsch (County of Prince Edward)

THAT, the Budget Control be approved.

CARRIED

11. Media Releases and Communications Report

There was no discussion.

MOTION QC-19-60

Moved By: Don Kuntze (City of Quinte West)

Seconded By: Chris Malette (City of Belleville)

THAT, the Communications and Media Releases be receive.

CARRIED

12. Flood Update by Christine Phillibert (McClure), Water Resources Manager

Staff summarized the flood update for The Board. They stated that prior to June 12th, the peak record high water level was 4 cm above the 2017 peak. Levels have remained fairly stable and there was a slight decrease in levels. It is anticipated that water levels will continue to slowly decline into the summer months. Staff commented that outflows are at record high levels. Outflows are equivalent to three Olympic sized swimming pools every second. Staff added that the forecasts are received Thursdays, as well as that the largest shoreline damage is coming from wind and wave action. Staff mentioned that dropping Lake Ontario by 1 cm, increases St. Lawrence levels by approximately 12 cm. There was some general discussion surrounding shipping and how the high water levels are impacting transportation ships in areas such as Brockville and Gananoque. There was also some discussion on no wake zones.

A Board Member asked who would patrol no-wake areas.

Staff commented that it would be the OPP or Transport Canada.

A Board Member commented that OPP enforcement is only in zones where there are speed limits and no-wake signs.

A Board Member commented that the OPP have been enforcing the Napanee River.

The conversation moved back to water levels.

A Board Member asked what would happen if we had a dry, hot summer.

Staff responded that approximately 2/3 of the rainfall would evaporate from areas north of the Bay of Quinte. They said they couldn't comment on Lake Ontario, but that the Lake Ontario St. Lawrence River Board would likely take that into account when running their model.

A Board Member suggested that staff find a way to fly a drone over some of the areas that are known to be impacted.

A Board Member shared photos they had taken of flooded properties in Prince Edward County.

MOTION QC-19-61

Moved By: Don Kuntze (City of Quinte West)

Seconded By: Ray Hobson (County of Prince Edward)

THAT, the 2019 Bay of Quinte and Lake Ontario Flood update be received.

CARRIED

13. Education and Stewardship Program by Maya Navrot, Stewardship and Education

Coordinator

Staff gave a presentation to The Board on some of their departments programs and services. Topics included the Natural Edge Program, municipal planting projects, demonstration sites, walking workshops, conservation area improvement plans, partnerships with local lake associations, the Frink improvement plan, changes at Bird House City, Adopt a Trail, in-school programs, and MacKay Pay.

A Board Member asked if the trails at Macaulay Mountain were being maintained as they noted the grass had grown quite tall.

Staff commented that less mowing is happening as the areas are moving towards a more naturalized approach. They commented that at Bird House City, mowed paths are being done so that the area can boast wildflowers and native plants to help pollinators and increase wildlife habitat.

A Board Member asked why the fish at Queen Victoria School in Belleville were removed from the fence.

Staff commented that Queen Victoria was the first school to participate in Stream of Dreams and that the fish were old and falling apart. They mentioned that the school didn't have anyone to help maintain the fish.

A Board Member asked where the walking workshops were taking place.

Staff commented that two of the three workshops are being held at Potter's Creek Conservation Area because that is where the demonstration sites are.

MOTION QC-19-62

Moved By: Les Stanfield (County of Prince Edward)

Seconded By: Paul Carr (City of Belleville)

THAT, the Education and Stewardship Presentation be received.

CARRIED

14. Preliminary Results from Shoreline Protection Survey by Paul McCoy, Planning and Regulations Manager

Staff discussed the survey that was sent to 200 hundred shoreline residents. They mentioned that responses to the survey were limited and from what they received, no one was dissatisfied with the service from Quinte staff. It was mentioned that a majority of the work where permits were issued in 2017 had not been completed. Common responses were that the work would have been too costly, and in other cases, appropriate contractors could not be booked.

A Board Member asked if staff would ever provide contractors information to those receiving permits.

Staff said that they don't normally suggest contractors, but on occasion, they will sometimes provide names.

A Board Member said that they are aware of some residents who had faulty work done by contractors and with this year's high water, everything has washed out. Some people had comments about building retaining walls higher.

Staff mentioned that some permits have been issued for higher walls.

There was some general discussion on gabions, which lead to a short discussion on bio-engineering contractors.

More discussion took place on the topic of methods for shoreline protection. A Board Member offered to give a tour that highlights some of the discussed methods. Another Board Member asked that the tour be recorded.

MOTION QC-19-63

Moved By: Ray Hobson (County of Prince Edward)

Seconded By: Steven Everhardus (Town of Deseronto)

THAT, the Shoreline Protection Permits Review be received.

CARRIED

15. Alexander Island Update

There was some general discussion. Staff provided some updates and highlighted some points from the report. Staff pointed out that an application for this topic was never received.

A Board Member asked if a permit from Quinte Conservation was even needed.

Staff explained that a permit from Quinte is required as the area of concern contains a dynamic beach.

A Board Member asked what would happen if an application for a permit was submitted.

Staff commented that the project would need to meet the five regulations tests. Staff would be able to deny the permit. Those seeking the permit could appeal. Staff explained, If that happens the issue will be taken to the hearing committee, where if denied again, could be appealed and will go to the Mining and Lands Tribunal.

MOTION QC-19-64

Moved By: Kate McNaughton (County of Prince Edward)

Seconded By: Les Stanfield (County of Prince Edward)

THAT, staff send a letter to LOPD Inc. identifying that Quinte Conservation does not support the construction of the road through the dynamic barrier beach to access Alexander Island.

CARRIED

16. Review of Per Diem and Mileage by Don Kuntze, City of Quinte West

A Board Member suggested that with recent cuts, fellow Board Members could donate their mileage and per diem back to The Authority as a way to help out financially.

There was some general discussion. It was mentioned that some members already make the donation. Others commented that they require the mileage as they have to travel from a further distance. A suggestion was made for staff to create a form that Board Members could fill out if they wanted to donate their per diem and mileage.

A Board Member commented that there are other ways Board Members can support the Authority without having to donate their mileage and per diem.

It was agreed on that the decision to donate per diem and mileage would be left up to each member. Those that wish to donate can do so voluntarily.

A new motion was established and that was to receive the report.

MOTION QC-19-65

Moved By: Paul Carr (City of Belleville)

Seconded By: Ray Hobson (County of Prince Edward)

THAT, the Review of Per Diem and Mileage be received.

CARRIED

17. MPP Meeting Update

The Chair updated The Board on the Advisory Board's meeting with local MPPs. The Chair went on to say that the MPPs found the list of questions provided by Quinte to be offensive. The Chair explained that there was miscommunication during the original request to invite the

MPPs and that he apologized for the mistake. There was some general discussion on how the meeting went. Board Members expressed shock that the elected members spoke in disrespectful tones.

There was general discussion about sending the MPPs a financial summary of The Authority's programs and services to prove that they align with the core mandates of conservation authorities.

Staff commented that it is not common practice to send budgets to MPPs.

A Board Member commented that their government would already have received the budget as it needs to be submitted to the ministry with funded projects.

Another Board Member commented that the budget is a public document and that the MPPs could have accessed it. What they were looking for was a line by line interpretation of how the budget is spent.

The Chair commented that they did not come prepared to answer questions. They added that staff should resend the information that is already sent to the ministry.

Staff commented that a transfer payment summary is submitted every year and that past summaries can be circulated to the MPPs.

A Board Member suggested that moving forward, The Authority should attempt to meet with ministers for discussion.

MOTION QC-19-66

Moved By: Chris Malette (City of Belleville)

Seconded By: Ray Hobson (County of Prince Edward)

THAT, the update on the MPP meeting be received.

CARRIED

18. 2019 Budget Update

At the last board meeting, staff were directed to review the budget and find a way to recover the cuts from the provincial government. Staff commented that there is a regulations position they will not be filling, surplus vehicles that are being removed, as well, MacKay Pay has replaced a gate attendant, which will help to reduce costs for the organization.

A Board Member wanted to clarify that this is one time and suggested the motion be changed to reflect that.

There was some general discussion and it was decided to amend the motion.

MOTION QC-19-67

Moved By: Paul Carr (City of Belleville)

Seconded By: Don Kuntze (City of Quinte West)

THAT, the one time savings from 2019 budget be used to cover the cut from the provincial government in the amount of \$155, 662 be approved;

And,

FURTHER THAT, the house-keeping item of having the General Levy include the Forestry and Watershed Monitoring Special Levies which will not change the dollar amount of Municipal Levy, be approved.

CARRIED

19. Other Business

Staff told The Board that there will be a public open house on July 15 for the regulations and water management departments. This open house is to give the public an opportunity to interact with staff and ask questions about the permitting process and water levels on the Bay of Quinte and Lake Ontario.

Staff mentioned that they got to address members at Parliament Hill. They took the opportunity to speak about the role Ontario's Conservation Authorities have and their responsibilities to the public, the environment, and the municipalities within each watershed.

Staff asked if there were any Board Members that could speak about flood insurance. Board Member, Don Kuntze, volunteered for speak on the topic of flood insurance.

20. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The date and time of next meeting is September 19, 2019 or earlier at the call of the chair.

21. Adjournment

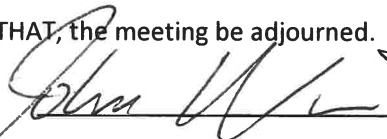
The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.

MOTION QC-19-68

Moved By: Norm Roberts (Township of South Frontenac)

Seconded By: Ray Hobson (County of Prince Edward)

THAT, the meeting be adjourned.



John Wise, Chair

