



**Minutes of the meeting of the  
Quinte Conservation Executive Board Meeting**

**Date:** December 16, 2021, 3:30pm

**Location:** ZOOM

**Members Present:** Chris Malette (City of Belleville), Dale Grant (Stirling and Rawdon Township), Don Kuntze (City of Quinte West), Heather Lang (Tyendinaga Township), Henry Hogg (Addington Highlands Township), James Flieler (Municipality of Tweed), Janice Maynard (County of Prince Edward), John Hirsch (County of Prince Edward), John Wise (Stone Mills Township), Kate MacNaughton (County of Prince Edward), Les Stanfield (County of Prince Edward), Mike Kirby (Centre Hastings Municipality), Mike Stevens (Marmora and Lake Municipality), Nicki Gowdy (Township of Central Frontenac), Norm Roberts (Township of South Frontenac), Paul Carr (City of Belleville), Ronald Carroll (Tudor and Cashel Townships), Sean Kelly (City of Belleville), Steven Everhardus (Town of Deseronto), Tom Livingston (County of Prince Edward)

**Members Absent:** Carrie West (Township of Madoc), Ellen Johnson (Town of Greater Napanee), Jim Dunlop (County of Prince Edward), Ray Hobson (County of Prince Edward),

**Also Present:** Amy Dickens (Source Water Protection Coordinator), Brad McNevin (CAO), Christine Jennings (Watershed Monitoring Coordinator), Sam Reid (Corporate Services Assistant), Tammy Smith (Corporate Services Manager), Tim Trustham (Lands Operations Coordinator)

**1. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:08 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 no discussion.

**MOTION QC-21-128**

**Moved By: Les Stanfield** (County of Prince Edward)

**Seconded By: Henry Hogg** (Addington Highlands Township)

THAT, the Agenda for the December 16, 2021 Executive Board Meeting be approved.

**CARRIED**

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the Quinte Conservation Executive Board meeting of November 18, 2021**

There was no discussion.

**MOTION QC-21-129**

**Moved By: John Wise** (Stone Mills Township)

**Seconded By: Sean Kelly** (City of Belleville)

THAT, the Minutes from the November 18, 2021 Quinte Conservation Executive Board Meeting be approved.

**CARRIED**

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

5. **Action Items of the previous Quinte Conservation Executive Board Meeting**

Action Item #4: Staff stated that the company doing the LiDAR work is behind schedule due to the weather and therefore cannot add any additional flights this year. However, the company can add flights in the spring. Staff stated that a full report will be presented at the Executive Board in early 2022 to decide how to move forward.

6. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests**

7. **Delegations**

8. **Review and Approval of the Section 28 Regulations and Permits (Motion to Approve)**

There was no discussion.

**MOTION QC-21-130**

**Moved By: Paul Carr (City of Belleville)**

**Seconded By: Steven Everhardus (Town of Deseronto)**

THAT, the Review and Approval of the Section 28 Regulations and Permits be approved.

**CARRIED**

9. **Plan Review Summary (Motion to Approve)**

There was no discussion.

**MOTION QC-21-131**

**Moved By: Mike Kerby (Municipality of Centre Hastings)**

**Seconded By: John Wise (Stone Mills Township)**

THAT, the Plan Review Summary be approved.

**CARRIED**

**10. Budget Control (Motion to Approve)**

There was no discussion.

**MOTION QC-21-132**

**Moved By: Sean Kelly (City of Belleville)**

**Seconded By: Don Kuntze (City of Quinte West)**

THAT, the Budget Control be approved.

**CARRIED**

**11. Media Releases and Communications Report (Motion to Receive)**

There was no discussion.

**MOTION QC-21-133**

**Moved By: Tom Livingston (County of Prince Edward)**

**Seconded By: Norm Roberts (Township of South Frontenac)**

THAT, the Media Releases and Communications Report be received.

**CARRIED**

**12. Water Soldier in the Bay of Quinte Report (Motion to Receive)**

Board Member asked what mechanical methods there are to control water soldier.

Staff stated there is only one registered herbicide application that can be used over water, which is the best control method. Staff added that a mechanical harvester can be used but it leads to fragmentation of the plant and can lead to more spread. Also, benthic nets can be used to shade the plant out, but it only works in small areas.

Board Member asked if the mechanical harvester leads to more spread of water soldier.

Staff answered yes. Staff added that this would have to be legislated under the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources, and Forestry.

Board Member asked if there is an opportunity for citizen science to help sample and assist in the control of water soldier.

Staff stated that there is currently an integrated management plan in place for the population of water soldier in the Trent-Severn waterway. Staff added that the conversation is just starting about the population in the Bay of Quinte. A working group has been formed but has not met yet. Staff stated that once the working group meets there will be more information on what the response will be. Staff added that citizen science has been contacted and are involved and that it plays a big role in identification of water soldier.

Board Member asked if boats spread water soldier.

Staff stated yes, and it is one of the biggest spreaders of the plant.

Board Member stated that having signs at boat launches and social media is best to help educate the public on water soldier.

Staff agreed.

**MOTION QC-21-134**

**Moved By: Heather Lang** (Tyendinaga Township)

**Seconded By: John Wise** (Stone Mills Township)

THAT, Quinte Conservation Executive Board receive the Water Soldier Update report.

**CARRIED**

**13. Appointment of Enforcement Officer (Motion to Approve)**

Board Member asked about appointments in the previous meeting.

Staff answered that the appointments in the previous meeting were existing employees that went through training to then get the designation. This appointment is for a new hire that will be starting in the new year and will be replacing our previous Enforcement Officer.

**MOTION QC-21-135**

**Moved By: John Wise**

**Seconded By: Janice Maynard**

THAT, the Quinte Conservation Executive Board appoint Andrew Fera as an Officer (including designation as a Provincial Offenses Officer) to enforce regulations made by Quinte Conservation pursuant to section 28 and 29 of the Conservation Authorities Act and to enforce the Trespass to Property Act, be approved.

**CARRIED**

**14. 13 Island Design Option Report (Motion to Approve)**

Staff stated that once the design is approved and staff receive the final design, the project will be put to the proper tendering process. Staff added that this will be done as economically as possible.

**MOTION QC-21-136**

**Moved By: Henry Hogg** (Addington Highlands Township)

**Seconded By: John Wise** (Stone Mills Township)

THAT, Option #3 (box culvert) be the preferred option; AND

FURTHER THAT, staff be directed to give Jewell Engineering approval to proceed with the final design package.

**CARRIED**

**15. 2021 Capital Projects Update (Motion to Receive)**

Staff stated that there are two projects that are running over budget. Staff added that they will be following up to find out the reasoning behind the increased cost.

**MOTION QC-21-137**

**Moved By: Mike Kerby** (Centre Hastings Municipality)

**Seconded By: John Wise** (Stone Mills Township)

THAT, the 2021 Capital Dam Projects Update report be received.

**CARRIED**

**16. WECI 2022 Projects (Motion to Receive)**

There was no discussion.

**MOTION QC-21-138**

**Moved By: Heather Lang** (Tyendinaga Township)

**Seconded By: John Hirsch** (County of Prince Edward)

THAT, the Proposed 2022 Capital Dam Projects report be received; AND

FURTHER THAT, Quinte Conservation staff be directed to refine the scope and budget for these projects in preparation to make a submission to the 2022 WECI program.

**CARRIED**

**17. 2022 Proposed Budget (Motion to Approve)**

Board Member asked what the purpose is of the reserve build.

Staff answered that it includes everything we need to function in the same way the organization is today.

**MOTION QC-21-139**

**Moved By: John Wise** (Stone Mills Township)

**Seconded By: John Hirsch** (County of Prince Edward)

THAT, the 2022 budget presented with this staff report showing a \$69,461 increase to the operating budget, \$25,000 reserve build, and two capital levy investments for water management structures and conservation areas be approved by weighted vote.

**CARRIED**

**18. Other Business**

Staff explained that Quinte Conservation was approached by the City of Quinte West to spray for LDD moths on Quinte Conservation property that is within the City of Quinte West. Staff added that there are concerns about spraying because it kills other caterpillars and moths.

Board Member stated that the Provincial Government does not spray for LDD moths because it is not effective and very costly.

Board Member stated that there has been outbreaks of the LDD moths in the past and it is best to let nature run its course. Board Member added that there becomes a peak in the population and then disease and other sources decrease the population.

Board Member stated that as an organization we cannot spray property in City of Quinte West and not other municipalities.

Discussion followed.

Staff informed the Executive Board of a proposed development located at Highway 62 and Highway 7 in Madoc. Staff stated that the proposed development is in a wetland and staff cannot permit development in a wetland.

**19. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 pm.

**MOTION QC-21-140**

**Moved By: Sean Kelly (City of Belleville)**

**Seconded By: Mike Kerby (Centre Hastings Municipality)**

**CARRIED**

THAT, the meeting be adjourned.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Flieler".

James Flieler, Chair