



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

**Date:** May 19, 2022, 3:30pm

**Location:** ZOOM

**Members Present:** **Carrie West** (Township of Madoc), **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), **John Wise** (Stone Mills Township), **Kate MacNaughton** (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), **Ronald Carroll** (Tudor and Cashel Townships), **Sean Kelly** (City of Belleville), **Steven Everhardus** (Town of Deseronto), **Tom Livingston** (County of Prince Edward)

**Members Absent:** **Chris Malette** (City of Belleville), **Ellen Johnson** (Town of Greater Napanee), **Jim Dunlop** (County of Prince Edward), **Janice Maynard** (County of Prince Edward), **John Hirsch** (County of Prince Edward), **Mike Kirby** (Centre Hastings Municipality), **Mike Stevens** (Marmora and Lake Municipality), **Ray Hobson** (County of Prince Edward)

**Staff Present:** **Brad McNevin** (CAO), **Amy Dickens** (Source Water Protection Coordinator), **Catherine Sinclair** (Regulations Officer), **Christine Phillibert** (Water Resources Manager), **Lindsay Nash** (Regulations Officer), **Mark Boone** (Hydrogeologist), **Mary Gunning** (Aquatic Science Coordinator), **Mike Smith** (Water Control Structures Technologist), **Paul McCoy** (Planning and Regulations Manager), **Sam Reid** (Corporate Services Assistant), **Sharlene Richardson** (Regulations Officer), **Tammy Smith** (Corporate Services Manager), **Tim Trustham** (Lands Operations Coordinator)

**Also Present:** **Christopher Spencer, Pete Zuzek, Rod Woods**

**1. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:35 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-22-046**

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

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

THAT, the Agenda for the May 19, 2022 Executive Board Meeting be approved.

**CARRIED**

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the Quinte Conservation Executive Board meeting of April 21, 2022**

There was no discussion.

**MOTION QC-22-047**

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

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

THAT, the Minutes from the April 21, 2022 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**

Staff gave update.

**6. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests**

**7. Delegations**

- Presentation by Chris Spencer – Friends of Bell Creek

Chris Spencer discussed the geographical area of bell creek and gave a brief description of the Friends of Bell Creek group. Also, he discussed the importance of Bell creek wetland for plants, animal species, and people to enjoy nature.

A short video was played that showed drone footage of the Bell creek wetland associated with the area near the end of Victoria Avenue and along Mercedes Drive.

- Dennis Parks sent his regrets and has asked to be able to address the board at the June meeting

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

There was no discussion.

**MOTION QC-22-048**

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

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

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-22-049**

**Moved By: Sean Kelly**

**Seconded By: Paul Carr**

THAT, the Plan Review Summary be approved.

**CARRIED**

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

There was no discussion.

**MOTION QC-22-050**

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

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

THAT, the Budget Control be approved.

**CARRIED**

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

There was no discussion.

**MOTION QC-22-051**

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

**Seconded By: Dale Grant** (Stirling and Rawdon Township)

THAT, the Media Releases and Communications Report be received.

**CARRIED**

**12. Virtual and In-person Meeting (Motion to Approve)**

There was no discussion.

**MOTION QC-22-052**

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

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

THAT, the staff report outlining the board member survey be received; AND FURTHER THAT, the Quinte Conservation Executive Board approve the staff recommendation to hold virtual meetings in May, June, and September of 2022 and in-person meeting held in October 2022.

**CARRIED**

**13. O'Hara Mill Pond- Dredging Proposal (Motion to Approve)**

Staff explained that Quinte Conservation received a permit application to dredge the pond located at O'Hara Mill Conservation Area from the Friends of O'Hara Mill Volunteer Group. Staff added that the property is owned by Quinte Conservation but operated by the Friends of O'Hara Mill Group.

Staff showed map and explained proposed project. Also, staff showed photographs from when the pond was last dredged in 1978.

Staff explained that the Friends of Group is wanting to increase aesthetic appeal by reducing excessive aquatic vegetation growth. The Friends of Group also stated that the operation of the mill may be hindered from sediment and vegetation growth. Staff added that Quinte Conservation does not allow alterations for aesthetic purposes and the proposed work would cause significant damage and is not a practice Quinte Conservation would support.

Staff listed the sections in Quinte Conservation's Policy Manual identifying reasons why Quinte Conservation would not permit the project. Staff added that only the area around the dam should be dredged if mill operations are affected or dam repairs are needed.

Staff recommended that the Friends of O'Hara Mill hire a consultant to assist them with the application.

Board Member asked for more context regarding the owner versus operator situation with the Friends of Group.

Staff answered that the Friends of Group interest of beautifying the pond has been going on for several years to draw more people onto the property. Staff added that there is a very fine line between the volunteer group that does a great job at upkeep and managing the property and Quinte Conservation as owners of the property.

Board Member asked why staff are entertaining the proposed work if it is against Quinte Conservation's policy manual.

Staff said that if this was a private dam and a private property owner applied for a permit, this is how we would treat it.

Board Member stated that Quinte Conservation would not normally allow this work for private owners and therefore Quinte Conservation should not be entertaining the project on its own property.

Board Member agreed. Board Member added that the Friends of Group has done a lot of work and maintained this area for many years and the group wanting to enhance the appeal is understandable.

Board Member stated that it is good that people and groups can apply for changes and/or make requests to the Board but in this case the board cannot support the request.

Board Member asked about engineering techniques and working within ecological principles of the pond.

Staff said they are recommending that the Friends of Group obtain a consultant and come up with a solution to be presented as part of their application package.

Board Member asked if the work is not completed if the functioning of the mill will be affected.

Staff answered that the valve of the sluice was unclogged in 2010 and it is of staff opinion that not enough sediment would accumulate over the last twelve years to affect the function of the mill. Staff added that they did suggest dredging just around the sluice, close to the dam to deepen this area.

**MOTION QC-22-053**

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

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

THAT, the Quinte Conservation Executive Board approve the staff recommendation provided in the report.

**CARRIED**

**14. 2022 Capital Dam Projects (Motion to Receive)**

There was no discussion.

**MOTION QC-22-054**

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

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

THAT, the 2022 Capital Dam Projects Update report be received.

**CARRIED**

**15. Bay of Quinte/Lake Ontario Shoreline Management Project (Motion to Approve)**

Mr. Pete Zuzek presented on the project.

Mr. Zuzek explained the study area and that it was made up of 22 reaches that spanned over 400km.

Board Member said there is no recommendations for how much shoreline could be developed and the impacts to down slope landowners. Board Member asked if a property owner doing armour stone would affect the neighbour beside without shoreline protection.

Mr. Zuzek said that this information is found in the appendix and that it is a complex topic to think about. Shorelines erode much slower than other places in the great lakes – this is seen as negative for landowner, but the process is natural for the shoreline. Artificial structures do have negative impacts.

Board Member said it was an excellent report. Board Member asked if there is any reference to lake levels and the International Joint Commission (IJC) operations of the dams in Lake Ontario. Board Member added that many landowners think that water levels strictly have to do with dam operations by the IJC. Mr. Zuzek stated that this topic comes up a lot with work on Lake Ontario. He added that it is important to recognize that the dam operations can moderate the lake level but does not control the level of the lake. The dam operations are not meant to regulate Lake Ontario levels, it is meant to regulate the flow. He added that Quinte Conservation does not have authority over the levels but does have authority over the regulations on development.

**MOTION QC-22-055**

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

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

THAT, the Quinte Conservation Executive Board approve the Bay of Quinte Lake Ontario Shoreline Management Plan and associated natural hazard mapping prepared by Zuzek Inc.

**CARRIED**

**16. Other Business**

Staff talked about Quinte Conservation's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary fundraiser. Each Board Member will get a letter looking for support in promoting the fundraising event. Staff added that if Board Members have ideas for sponsorship to please send them to staff.

**17. Adjournment**

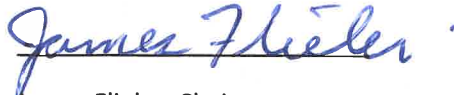
The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 pm.

**MOTION QC-22-056**

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

**Seconded By: Carrie West** (Township of Madoc)

THAT, the meeting be adjourned.



James Flieler, Chair

**CARRIED**

