



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

**Date:** November 19, 2020, 3:30pm

**Location:** ZOOM

Members Present: **Carrie West** (Township of Madoc), **Chris Malette** (City of Belleville), **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), **John Hirsch** (County of Prince Edward), **John Wise** (Stone Mills Township), **Kate MacNaughton** (County of Prince Edward), **Les Stanfield** (County of Prince Edward), **Mike Stevens** (Marmora and Lake Municipality), **Norm Roberts** (Township of South Frontenac), **Ray Hobson** (County of Prince Edward), **Sean Kelly** (City of Belleville), **Steven Everhardus** (Town of Deseronto), **Tom Livingston** (County of Prince Edward)

Members Absent: **Bob Bridger** (Tudor and Cashel Townships), **Dale Grant** (Stirling and Rawdon Township), **Jim Dunlop** (County of Prince Edward), **Mike Kerby** (Centre Hastings Municipality), **Nicki Gowdy** (Township of Central Frontenac), **Paul Carr** (City of Belleville)

Also Present: **Brad McNevin** (CAO), **Christine Jennings** (Aquatic Science Coordinator), **Christine McClure** (Water Resources Manager), **Elizabeth Lowe** (Planning and Regulations Technician), **Jack Evans** (Media), **Mark Boone** (Drought Management Project Coordinator), **Olivia Hughes** (Stormwater Project Coordinator), **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)

**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-20-083**

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

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

THAT, the Agenda for the November 19, 2020 Executive Board Meeting be approved.

**CARRIED**

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the Quinte Conservation Executive Board meeting of October 15, 2020**

There was no discussion.

**MOTION QC-20-084**

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

**Seconded By: Ray Hobson** (County of Prince Edward)

THAT, the Minutes from the October 15, 2020 Quinte Conservation Executive Board Meeting be approved.

**CARRIED**

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

There was no discussion.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes
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-20-085**

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

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

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-20-086**

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

**Seconded By: Janice Maynard** (County of Prince Edward)

THAT, the Plan Review Summary be approved.

**CARRIED**

10. Budget Control (Motion to Approve)

There was no discussion.

**MOTION QC-20-087**

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

**Seconded By: Janice Maynard** (County of Prince Edward)

THAT, the Budget Control be approved.

**CARRIED**

**11. Hydro Report (Motion to Approve)**

Board Member asked for clarification about the report.

Staff answered.

**MOTION QC-20-088**

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

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

THAT, the Hydro Report be approved.

**CARRIED**

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

There was no discussion.

**MOTION QC-20-089**

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

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

THAT, the Media Releases and Communications Report be received.

**CARRIED**

**13. WECI Project Update (Motion to Receive)**

Staff stated that both project have started and are in progress. In addition, it was mentioned that staff are impressed with the site visit at McLeod Dam with the consultant.

Board Member asked when we would have the feedback from the consultants.

Staff answered that the projects are due in March but we should receive a preliminary report in January.

General discussion followed on this topic.

Board Member asked how the consultants complete the underwater studies.

Staff answered.

**MOTION QC-20-090**

**Moved By: Chris Malette** (City of Belleville)

**Seconded By: Janice Maynard** (County of Prince Edward)

THAT, the Quinte Conservation Executive Board receive the 2020 Capital Dam Projects Update report.

**CARRIED**

**14. National Disaster Mitigation Program (Motion to Receive)**

Staff explained report.

Board Member asked about shoreline mapping costs.

Staff answered that Quinte Conservation is still scooping the project.

Staff added that the scope would have to be reduced for the grant application. The grant would fund 50% and Quinte Conservation would work with the municipalities to fund the other 50%.

Board Member asked why the project is limited to one year.

Staff answered that we do not know but the decision was made at a federal level.

Staff added that when the grant application is due we would have a more accurate budget.

Board Member asked about support letters from municipalities.

Staff answered that response has been good.

General discussion followed.

**MOTION QC-20-091**

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

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

THAT, the Quinte Conservation Executive Board direct staff to apply for National Disaster Mitigation Program funding; AND THAT, the Floodplain Mapping Updates report be received.

**CARRIED**

**15. Lands Committee Update (Motion to Receive)**

There was no discussion.

**MOTION QC-20-092**

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

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

THAT, the Quinte Conservation Executive Board receive the Lands Committee Update.

**CARRIED**

**16. Lands Committee – Conservation Areas Priority Upgrades (Motion to Receive)**

Staff explained that we are creating a conceptual plan for Quinte Conservation’s major conservation areas. This will give staff direction moving forward and reduce operating cost by focusing on conservation areas that are most visited and should be highest priority.

Board Member asked about Little Bluff Conservation Area improvements.

Staff answered that with our “park and pay” money we are updating the railing along the bluff and the trails will get new signs. Staff added these things need to be addressed before it opens.

General discussion followed.

**MOTION QC-20-093**

**Moved By: Ellen Johnson** (Town of Greater Napanee)

**Seconded By: Kate MacNaughton** (County of Prince Edward)

THAT, the Quinte Conservation Executive Board receive the Conservation Areas Priority Upgrades report; AND THAT, staff be directed to finalize the concept plans for Vanderwater, Potter’s Creek and Little Bluff for implementation when funding is available.

**CARRIED**

**17. Carbon Off-Setting Agreement Update (Motion to Receive)**

Staff explained report and mentioned the meeting that happened early in the week.

Staff added when further update is available a lands committee meeting will be called to discuss and then brought to the Executive Board.

Board Member asked if Quinte Conservation met with a potential buyer at the meeting early in the week.

Staff answered yes.

Board Member asked if once we start receiving money through this program if we can use the funds how we want.

Staff answered yes.

**MOTION QC-20-094**

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

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

THAT, the Quinte Conservation Executive Board receives the Carbon Off-Setting Agreement Update report; AND THAT, further updates are given as new information regarding the Carbon Off-Setting Agreement with Bluesource becomes available.

**CARRIED**

**18. Website Development Status Update (Motion to Receive)**

There was no discussion.

**MOTION QC-20-095**

**Moved By: Chris Malette** (City of Belleville)

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

THAT, the Quinte Conservation Executive Board receives the website update.

**CARRIED**

**19. Impacts of Bill 229 on Regulations and Planning (Motion to Receive)**

Staff explained that the planning and regulations department is most concerned with the proposed appeal process. Staff then explained the current process versus the proposed process and what the changes mean.

Staff showed diagram of the current process versus the proposed process to the Executive Board.

Board Member asked for the diagram to be sent to all Executive Board members.

Board Member asked if the appeal goes to the Ministry of Environment would the homeowner go to the Ministry of Natural Resources for technical help.

Staff answered that we do not know.

Tom Livingston left the meeting at this time.

Board Member asked if there is a group that is putting pressure on the province to make these changes.

Staff answered that we do not know but Conservation Ontario continues to provide us with information.

Board Member stated that these changes are a threat to municipalities.

Staff stated that board members are supportive and in general, we have a good relationship with our member municipalities.

Board Member agreed but stated that may not be the case for other Conservation Authorities.

Staff asked municipalities to raise their voice about the proposed changes.

Board Member stated that municipalities could not afford to administer what is proposed.

Staff said the province does not give the same amount of financial support to Conservation Authorities in comparison to municipalities. In addition, staff stated that Conservation Ontario is lobbying with local municipalities and groups to request repeal of Schedule 6.

Staff asked if municipalities to send letter to the Province stating they do not agree with the proposed changes.

Board Member stated the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing should be carbon copied on the letter.

**MOTION QC-20-096**

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

**Seconded By: Ray Hobson** (County of Prince Edward)

THAT, the Quinte Conservation Executive Board receives the Impacts of Bill 229 on Regulations and Planning report.

**CARRIED**



## **20. Impacts of Bill 229 on the Conservation Authorities Act (Motion to Receive)**

Board Member stated that he remembers in the past some neighbouring municipalities were not supportive of Conservation Authorities.

Staff stated there are certain pockets throughout the province that are unsupportive.

The Media asked if staff if anything in Bill 229 would give Quinte Conservation relief of cost or provide revenue.

Staff answered not that we are aware of and there is nothing specifically in the bill about it.

Board Member stated that it is important to get council support, senior staff support, and planning department staff support from the municipalities.

General discussion followed.

Board Member asked if the link to Ontario Nature is on our social media pages.

Staff answered that is it on our website and the link to the website was put in the media release.

Board Member stated that it is not good to make changes without public consultation.

### **MOTION QC-20-097**

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

**Seconded By: Kate MacNaughton** (County of Prince Edward)

THAT, the 2020 Provincial Budget and Bill 229 update be received; AND THAT, the Quinte Conservation Executive Committee take this information to their respective municipal councils; AND FURTHER THAT, staff be directed to circulate the proposed municipal resolution attached with this staff report to our membership for support.

**CARRIED**

**21. Other Business**

Staff asked if the Executive Board could pass another motion regarding Bill 229.

**MOTION QC-20-098**

**Moved By: Kate MacNaughton** (County of Prince Edward)

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

THAT, staff be directed by the Quinte Conservation Executive Board to send the municipal resolution letter to the Premier of Ontario and carbon copy the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services and the MPP of Hastings-Lennox and Addington.

**CARRIED**

**22. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The date and time of the next meeting is December 17, 2020 or earlier at the call of the chair.

**23. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

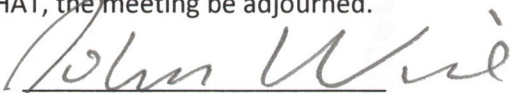
**MOTION QC-20-099**

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

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

**CARRIED**

THAT, the meeting be adjourned.



John Wise, Chair