



# Full Authority Minutes November 9, 2022

A hybrid meeting of the Full Authority of the Kettle Creek Conservation Authority was held on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. with members and staff joining in-person and electronically. The meeting was streamed live to Facebook.

The meeting came to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Audio/Video Record Notice**

Board members, staff, guests and members of the public are advised that the Full Authority Board/Committee meeting is being video/audio recorded, and will be posted to the Authority’s web site along with the official written minutes. As such, comments and opinions expressed may be published and any comments expressed by individual Board members, guests and the general public are their own, and do not represent the opinions or comments of the Full Authority and/or the KCCA Board of Directors.

The recorded video of the Full Authority meeting is not considered the official record of that meeting. The official record of the Full Authority meeting shall consist solely of the Minutes approved by the Full Authority.

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VanHooren conducted a roll call with the following members identifying their presence:

**Members Present:**

Dennis Crevits, Vice Chair	Central Elgin	In Person
Dominique Giguère	Township of Malahide	Virtual
Jim Herbert	City of St. Thomas	Virtual
Stephen Harvey	Middlesex Centre	Virtual
Steve Peters	City of St. Thomas	Virtual
Elizabeth Peloza	City of London	Virtual
Alison Warwick, Chair	Thames Centre	In Person
Ralph Winfield	City of London	Virtual

**Members Absent:**

Grant Jones	Southwold Township
Bill Mackie	City of London

**Staff Present:**

Jennifer Dow	Water Resources Supervisor	Virtual
Joe Gordon	Manager of Planning/Development	In Person
Jessica Kirschner	GIS/Information Services Coordinator	Virtual

Brandon Lawler	Forest and Lands Technician	Virtual
Marianne Levogiannis	Public Relations Supervisor	Virtual
Betsy McClure	Stewardship Program Supervisor	Virtual
Elizabeth VanHooren	General Manager/Secretary Treasurer	In Person

As the meeting was conducted with electronic participants all votes were recorded and are included in the Recorded Vote Registry. Elizabeth Peloza and Ralph Winfield joined the meeting just following the official roll call.

**Introductions & Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

**Hearing Board**

There was no Hearing required.

**Minutes of Meeting**

**FA122/2022**

**Moved by: Dennis Crevits**

**Seconded: Jim Hebert**

That the minutes of the October 19, 2022 Full Authority meeting be approved.

**Carried**

**Matters Arising**

Staff informed members that Kettle Creek Conservation Authority (KCCA) was named to the County of Middlesex Honour Roll. The honour was given by outgoing Warden, Alison Warwick. Chair Warwick was thanked for her dedication and service to the region and the Board of Directors during her tenure.

**Correspondence**

No correspondence.

**Statement of Revenue and Expenses**

No Statements.

**New Business**

- a) More Homes Built Faster Act

The *More Homes Built Faster Act* was introduced on October 25, 2022 as part of the province’s commitment to build 1.5 million houses over the next 10 years. There are 20 different regulatory, legislative and policy postings on the Environmental Registry of Ontario related to the Bill, most requesting feedback by November 24 or December 30. Staff provided an in-depth

overview of the changes pertaining to the *Conservation Authorities Act* or with a direct impact to conservation authorities. Staff continue to analyze the various postings and are developing draft comments in consultation with neighbouring conservation authorities, Conservation Ontario and member municipalities. Initially concerns can be categorized into three broad comments:

1. Transfer and or the erosion of conservation authorities' regulatory responsibilities
2. Unintended consequences including increased expenses to conservation authorities and or member municipalities; and
3. Environmental concerns including the possible loss of wetlands and a requirement to identify conservation authority lands for potential development.

Staff also asked members to consider the important work that the Conservation Authorities Working Group had completed over the last two years. The working group was established to ensure stakeholders had a strong voice when implementing changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act*. The group consists of representatives from conservation authorities, Conservation Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario as well as the development and agriculture sectors. The Group worked with the province to understand and address how requested changes could be implemented effectively on the ground without eroding CAs important role and local perspective. The continuation of this Working Group is integral to ensure that this next round of changes can be just as effective.

Members openly discussed the proposed changes and encouraged staff to continue to identify concerns and coordinate with other stakeholders including the public as well as coordinating an immediate meeting with MPP Rob Flack.

#### **FA123/2022**

**Moved by:** Steve Peters  
**Seconded:** Ralph Winfield

That power to act be given to the Chair to coordinate and finalize with staff and Conservation Ontario correspondence and relevant Environmental Registry of Ontario comments detailing KCCA's concerns with the More Homes Built Faster Act as discussed at the November 9, 2022 Full Authority meeting and specifically calling upon the Province to continue the Conservation Authorities Working Group;

That such correspondence be forwarded to MPP Rob Flack and member municipalities asking for their support to continue the CA Working Group to ensure that changes to support Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan and the More Homes Built Faster Act affecting CAs are implemented in a balanced manner that will not impact the CAs current regulatory roles or ability to support member municipalities in plan input and review as requested by member municipalities and outlined in MOUs or agreements.

**Carried**

A training session for new and returning members will be held on December 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

**Closed Session**

A Closed Session was not required.

**FA124/2022**

**Moved by:** Stephen Harvey

**Seconded:** Dennis Crevits

That the meeting adjourn at 10:58 a.m.

**Carried**



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Elizabeth VanHooren  
General Manager/Secretary Treasurer

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Alison Warwick  
Chair

**Recorded Vote Registry FA122/2022 to FA124/2022**  
A=Absent Y=Yes N=No

Board Member	FA122/2022	FA123/2022	FA124/2022
Crevits	Y	Y	Y
Giguère	Y	Y	Y
Harvey	Y	Y	Y
Herbert	Y	Y	Y
Jones	A	A	A
Mackie	A	A	A
Peters	Y	Y	Y
Pelosa	A	Y	Y
Warwick	Y	Y	Y
Winfield	Y	Y	Y
<b>Result</b>	<b>Carried</b>	<b>Carried</b>	<b>Carried</b>