



Executive Committee

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes October 30, 2024

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held on October 30, 2024 at 10:02 a.m.

Members Present:

Lori Baldwin Sands	City of St. Thomas	In Person
Frank Berze	Municipality of Middlesex Centre	In Person
Grant Jones	Township of Southwold	In Person
Todd Noble	Municipality of Central Elgin	In Person
John Wilson	Malahide Township	In Person

Staff Present:

Elizabeth VanHooren	General Manager/ Secretary Treasurer	In Person
Betsy McClure	Stewardship Program Supervisor	In Person

Land Acknowledgement

Kettle Creek Conservation Authority wishes to acknowledge the treaty and traditional lands originally occupied by the Indigenous First Nation peoples of the Anishinabek, Attiwoonderonk and Haudenosaunee nations. KCCA strives to build meaningful relationships with Indigenous communities and recognizes the importance of respecting these treaties and lands.

Open Session

a) Conservation Areas Strategy

EC05/2024

Moved by: Frank Berze

Seconded: Grant Jones

That the staff report on the draft Conservation Areas Strategy be received; and further
That the draft Conservation Areas Strategy be approved for public consultation.

Carried

b) Dalewood Dam Environmental Assessment and WECI Application Update

Elizabeth VanHooren presented the staff report and answered various questions from members. VanHooren noted that GD Vallee had provided an updated quote for \$40,000 that would cover the costs of an Environmental Assessment (EA) for major rehabilitation only. As decommissioning or a modified replacement would require a change in reservoir water levels it was felt that a geomorphology report, estimated at \$50,000, and a marine

archeology report, estimated at \$15,000, would be required for a complete EA pushing the overall cost to \$100,000 for either of these options. VanHooren cautioned that while \$45,000 could be earmarked from reserves to cover off the cost of an apportioning analysis and EA, the additional \$65,000 cost could not be supported by reserves or within the 2025 budget.

Members concurred the first step should be to study how the costs of the dam could be apportioned among member municipalities.

After much discussion, there was general consensus that the EA should commence in 2025 at least initially to evaluate the major rehabilitation option. If the public or other stakeholders wanted to pursue other options, additional studies and the associated costs would need to be allocated at that time. For this reason, and because the of the reservoir has grown in recent years for recreational use, members advocated for comprehensive communication and consultation with the public and other stakeholders. VanHooren indicated that public consultation was part of every EA process.

EC06/2024

Moved by: Todd Noble

Seconded: Grant Jones

That staff be directed to negotiate the terms and scope of work for a cost apportioning analysis with Watson and Associates to a total upset limit of \$5,000 plus HST and commence direct negotiations with GD Vallee to initiate an Environmental Assessment based on the major rehabilitation option for the Dalewood Dam, to an upset limit of \$40,000 to be included in the 2025 Budget using reserve funds; and further

That a communication plan and community engagement plan be developed.

Carried

Closed Session

The Closed Session meeting began at 11:13 a.m.

EC07/2024

Moved by: Todd Noble

Seconded: Frank Berze

That the Executive Committee move to Closed Session to discuss Legal, Personnel or Property matters.

Carried

EC08/2024

Moved by: Grant Jones

Seconded: John Wilson

That the Full Authority revert to Open Session and Report.

Carried

The Open Session resumed at 11:52 p.m.

- a) Personnel Matter
- b) Personnel Matter

EC09/2024

Moved by: Todd Noble

Seconded: John Wilson

That staff proceed as directed on Personnel Matters.

Carried

EC10/2024

Moved by: Frank Berze

Seconded: Grant Jones

That the meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Carried



Elizabeth VanHooren
General Manager/Secretary Treasurer



Lori Baldwin-Sands
Vice Chair