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## Minutes of the Full Authority Board Meeting – Special Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, November 25, 2020

**Location:** Microsoft Teams

**Participants:** Alan Revill, Township of South Frontenac, Chair  
Al Barton, Township of Front of Yonge  
Al Hanes, Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley  
Matt Harper, Town of Gananoque  
Garry Hewett, City of Brockville  
Paul McAuley, Loyalist Township  
Jim Neill, City of Kingston  
Gordon Ohlke, Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands  
Gary Oosterhof, City of Kingston  
Lisa Osanic, City of Kingston  
Terry Richardson, Town of Greater Napanee  
Claire Smith, Township of Rideau Lakes  
Ross Sutherland, Township of South Frontenac, Vice Chair  
Nathan Townend, Loyalist Township

**Non-Participants:** Leigh Burse, City of Brockville  
Simon Chapelle, City of Kingston  
Rhonda Ferguson, Township Athens

**Staff Participants:** Katrina Furlanetto, General Manager  
Tom Beaubiah, Manager, Watershed Planning & Engineering  
Donna Campbell, Assistant, Chair & General Manager  
Hailey Esdon, Development Officer  
Krista Fazackerley, Supervisor, Communication & Education  
Kristen Wozniak, Resource Planner

In response to recommendations by the Province of Ontario and public health officials for mitigating and responding to the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) meetings are not held in-person, therefore, this Full Authority Board Special Meeting was convened via Microsoft Teams.

The meeting commenced at 6:45 p.m.

**1. Roll Call**

There were fourteen (14) members who participated in the Microsoft Teams meeting.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

Moved By: Lisa Osanic  
Seconded By: Nathan Townend

**That the agenda Be Adopted** as circulated.

**Carried**

**3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

There was none.

**4. Delegation / Presentation**

There were none.

**5. Approval of Previous Minutes**

There were none.

## 6. **Business Arising**

There was none.

## 7. **Items for Consideration**

### 7.1 Proposed Changes to the Conservation Authorities Acts (report IR-108-20)

The General Manager provided a presentation ([Attachment #1](#)) on the changes to the Conservation Authorities Act proposed through Schedule 6 of Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020 and the impact these proposed amendments would have on governance, science-based decision making, conservation authorities' role in protecting people and property through land use planning, and the ability to fulfill their mandates as watershed stewards.

**Resolution:**                      **105-20**  
Moved By:                         Claire Smith  
Seconded By:                      Gary Oosterhof

**That** Report IR-108-20, Proposed Changes to the Conservation Authorities Acts, **Be Received**; and,

**That** a letter **Be Circulated** to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, and the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry recommending Schedule 6 be removed from Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020, to allow for consultation with municipalities who are directly affected by the work of Conservation Authorities; and,

**That** copies of the letter **Be Provided** to the Premier of Ontario and all MPs and MPPS within the Cataraqui Conservation watershed.

**Carried**

The motion was carried unanimously.

**8. Minutes**

There were none.

**9. Committee Reports**

There were none.

**10. Announcements or Inquiries / Information**

The Chair thanked those members whose term was ending November 30, 2020 including Leigh Burse, Brockville representative, Jim Neil and Simon Chapelle, City of Kingston representatives.

**11. Motions / Notice of Motion**

There were none.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. on a motion by Terry Richardson, seconded by Al Barton.

Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority

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Katrina Furlanetto, M.Env.Sc.  
General Manager

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Alan Revill, Chair



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# Proposed Changes to the Conservation Authorities Act

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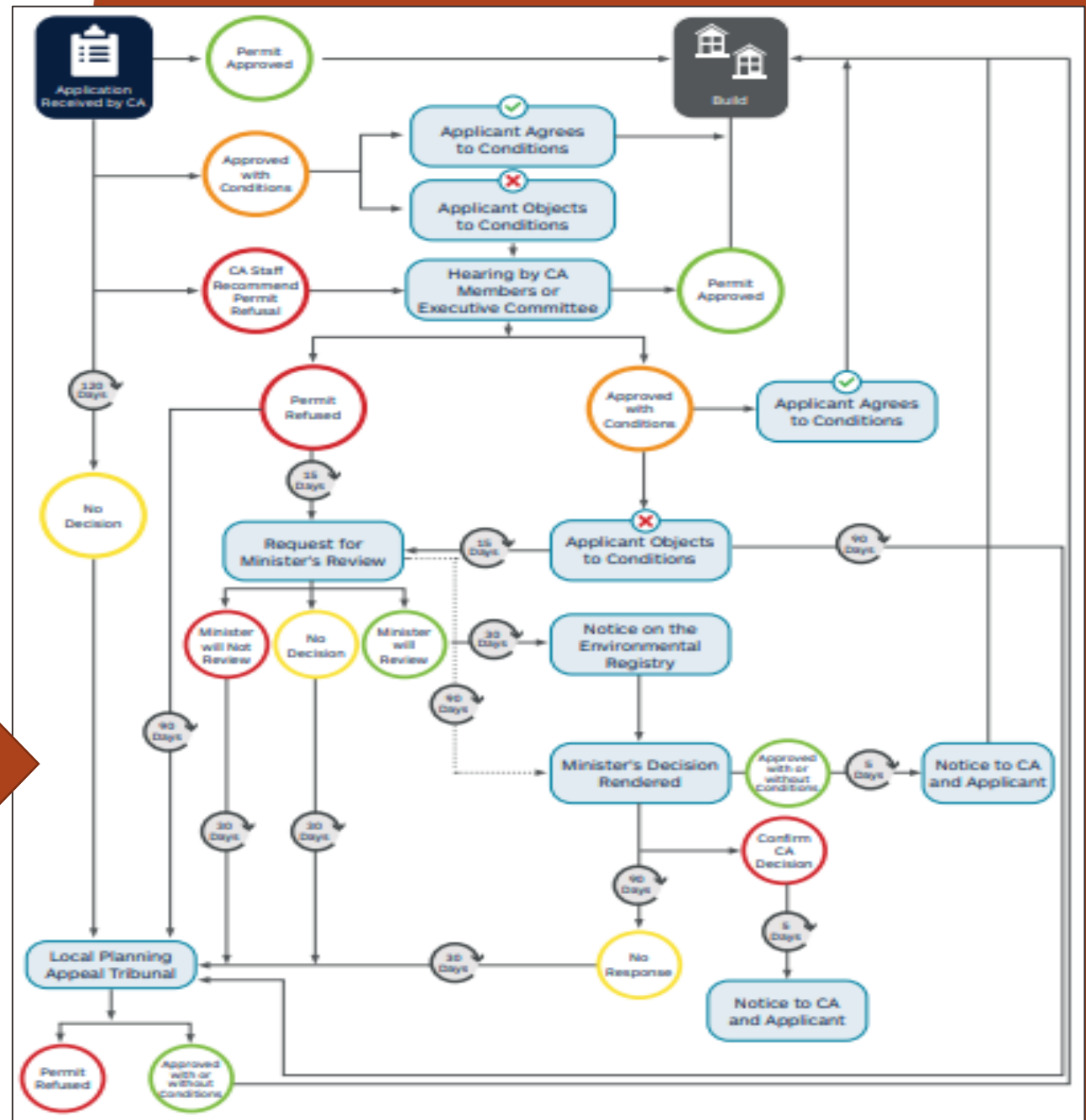
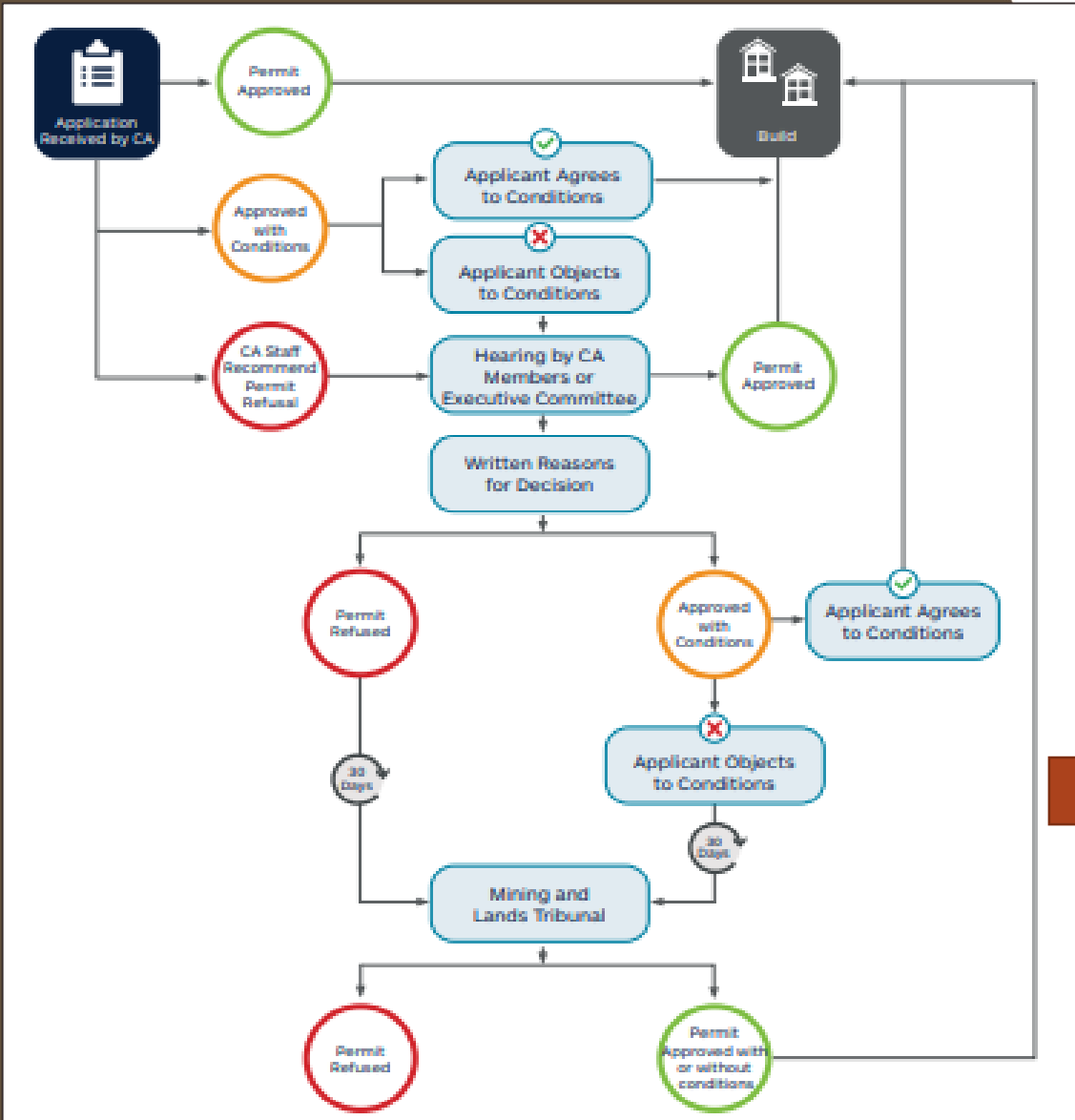
# Proposed Changes to the CA Act

## Governance

- Board members must be councillors (no citizen appointments)
- Chairs and Vice-Chairs can only serve 2 years
- Minister may appoint an agricultural representative to CA Boards
- Regulations could require CAs to establish advisory boards and prescribe their composition, function and powers
- Provincial regulations could govern CA fees and municipal levies
- Members are directed to make decisions based on municipal-interests versus watershed-based approach

## Section 28 Permits

- Applicants can ask the Minister to review a CA's permit decision (in addition to decisions being appealable to LPAT)
- Minister can issue permits, direct CAs not to issue permits



# Proposed Changes to the CA Act

## Programs

- Mandatory – CAs must deliver programs related to natural hazards, CA lands and drinking water source protection
- Municipal – CAs may deliver programs on behalf of municipalities
  - Regulations could prescribe or limit the types of programs a CA can provide
- Other – CAs may deliver other programs related to the “conservation, restoration, development and management of natural resources”
  - Regulations could prescribe or limit the types of programs a CA can provide
  - Agreements will be required with each municipality for any program support by municipal levy, agreements are to be in place for 2022 budgets



# Process & Advocacy

- Bill 229 is not subject to consultation since it's a budget bill
- Second reading started November 17, 2020
- Given the concerns, municipalities are asking for time to review and understand the impact of the proposed changes by removing Schedule 6 from the budget bill
  
- Conservation Ontario / conservation authority messaging
- Educating all political parties
- Environmental partners and stakeholder groups
- Municipalities

# Impact / What's Next?

Process	CA Action Items
Proposed legislation amendments to CA Act	Review, discussion, engagement, advocacy
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading (underway)	Education of potential impacts
Approval / Proclamation	Review of immediate impacts
Draft regulation review	Review and develop comments
Proclamation of regulations	Inventory and prioritize programs / services Review current funding model Negotiate municipal agreements Develop transition plan Engage Municipal Councils

- **Concern:** staff capacity and service delivery of programs through transition period

# Questions / Discussion

