

# **CROWE VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

## **Low Water Response Team Meeting #1 VIRTUAL**

**8 September 2025**

### **MINUTES**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Shawn Pack	Limerick Township
Michael Metcalf	Municipality of Trent Hills
Jerry Chadwick	Townships of Tudor and Cashel
Sheila Currie	Wollaston Township
Cale Reeder	Covia Mines
Brett Jeffs	Covia Mines
Alex Barrie	OMAFRA
Dave Eascott	Quinte Conservation
Bernice Crocker	Township of Faraday
Amber Coupland	OCWA

#### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Amanda Donald, Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary, CVCA  
Kate Martin, Water Resource & Regulations Technician, CVCA

#### **CALL TO ORDER/ WELCOME**

The Low Water Response Team Meeting was called to order at 9:03am.

Amanda Donald welcomed everyone to the first Low Water Response Team (LWRT) meeting for 2025.

#### **ROUND TABLE INTORDUCTIONS**

The LWRT introduced themselves and identified who they are representing for today's meeting.

## **CVCA STAFF PRESENTATION – KATE MARTIN**

Kate Martin gave a presentation to the LWRT reviewing definitions, indicator threshold levels for precipitation and stream flow and reviewed CVCA gauges. She informed the LWRT CVCA is currently below the 30% threshold for streamflow at all three streamflow gauges throughout the watershed. Precipitation data throughout the watershed is also at or below the 40% threshold criteria for the last 3 months. This data indicates the CVCA watershed is currently at Low Water Level 3 condition. Kate informed the LWRT neighboring Conservation Authorities, Quinte and Rideau, have also recently declared a Low Water Level 3 condition. A Low Water Level 3 would request members of the public to voluntarily reduce their water consumption by 30%. This declaration would also enable Member Municipalities the option to implement by-laws further restricting water usage and allow the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) the option to limit new permits to take water and place restrictions on current permits to take water.

## **ROUND TABLE – COMMUNITY OBSERVATIONS**

Amber Coupland of OCWA in Havelock informed the group in 2006 the Havelock-Belmont-Methuen well actually went dry and is in support of the recommendation of entering into a Low Water Level 3 to inform the public and to request they further reduce their water consumption.

There was some discussion on going from a level 1 straight to a level 3. Amanda Donald informed the group she had a phone call with the MNR Surface Water Monitoring Branch to discuss this and was informed the program is meant to report on current conditions and skipping level 2 is acceptable providing the data and conditions warrant it.

Dave Eastcott confirmed Quinte Conservation also went from Low Water Level 1 to a Level 3. He informed the group all lakes in the Quinte watershed are at winter level and the current water deficit is quite large; it would take a large amount of precipitation to return to normal conditions for this time of the year.

## **LOW WATER LEVEL 3 DECLARATION**

### **MOTION LWRT 01/25**

Moved by: Shawn Pack

Seconded by: Jerry Chadwick

That the Crowe Valley Low Water Response Team declare a Low Water Level 3 throughout the CVCA watershed.

Carried.

### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:**

The next meeting of the LWRT will be scheduled as conditions and data warrant.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Amanda Donald and Kate Martin thanked everyone for taking the time to attend today's meeting.

The Low Water Response Team (LWRT) Meeting was adjourned at 9:28am.