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2015 Business Plan Update - October to December 2015

Lower Trent Conservation's Quarterly Report provides a summary of work accomplished for the period. In addition to the highlights provided, staff worked on ongoing projects and responded to numerous public and agency inquiries.

The Quarterly Report has been circulated to the CAO & Clerk for each of our 7 member municipalities. Please share with members of council & staff - they can [subscribe](#) if they wish to receive the report directly.

Watershed Science & Services

Environmental Planning & Regulations

- Reviewed & commented on 22 [municipal planning](#) applications
 - review & input to 4 ongoing subdivision files & 9 stormwater files
 - 4 site plan control applications
 - 10 meetings with municipal staff to discuss planning applications
- [Development, Interference with Wetlands & Alterations to Shorelines & Watercourses Regulation](#)
 - approved 38 permits
 - conducted enforcement investigations related to 4 new violations
 - working with landowners on 14 ongoing violations
 - attended court for 4 appearances in violation files
- Conducted 8 site inspections to support planning & regulations reviews
- Completed 122 general development inquiries to provide site specific advice & information regarding environmental/hazard land constraints
- Attended Wetlands Policy and Biodiversity Offsetting workshop
- Automated SharePoint workflows to notify staff and email clients

Flood Forecasting & Warning

- Conducted [daily monitoring](#) of water levels & weather conditions
- Issued 1 Flood Outlook Statement advising of higher than normal water levels and flows along the smaller creeks and streams due to heavy rainfall

Environmental Monitoring & Reporting

- Collected data to support long term [water monitoring program](#)
 - Collected monthly stream water samples & water quality measurements from 9 [Provincial Water Quality Monitoring Network](#) sites in October and November

- Analysis of data from 27 water temperature loggers

Education, Outreach & Stewardship

- Launched annual tree seedling sale
- Participated as a sponsor and guest speaker at the annual Trenton Woodlot Conference with approximately 250 participants
- Provided a guided hike for the Harvest at the Hill/Quinte West Doors Open event at Batawa Ski Hill with 20 participants
- completed 1 Healthy Land Clean Water stewardship site visit
- Prepared funding applications for education, outreach and stewardship programs
- Attended Invasive Species Management Strategy workshop

Conservation Lands

- Assessed condition and future maintenance needs of 5 prairie and savanna restoration sites on LTC lands
- Reviewed Murray Marsh agricultural lease agreement
- Patrols during hunting season at Murray Marsh for compliance monitoring
- Special events bookings
- Winter vehicle and equipment maintenance
- Land and trail maintenance

Drinking Water Source Protection

Local Activities

- Provided ongoing support to municipalities with implementation of Source Protection Plan policies
- 4 advertorials published in local paper
- Developed a long term education & outreach proposal
- Presented at TCC Municipal Implementation Forum
- Risk management activities
 - completed 5 site visits with landowners to address agriculture and fuel storage threats
 - Established 2 fuel storage Risk Management Plans and 1 Ag Risk Management Plan
- Attended 3 RMO working group meetings
- Attended an agricultural workshop webinar & an education & outreach webinar
- Presented at 1 council meeting

Regional Activities

- Held a TCC Regional Municipal Implementation Forum on October 23
- Resdesigned TCC website to represent Implementation stage including redeveloped webmap linked to system summary sheets
- Provided Annual Reporting Templates for various Implementing Bodies, and participation in several local meetings to discuss annual reporting
- Held SPC meeting December 9 to discuss S.34 *Clean Water Act 2006* amendment to add water quantity policies
- Ongoing support to local SPAs and implementing bodies
- Ongoing participation in various Provincial and local working groups and meetings

Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan

- Distributed 3 monthly newsletters
- Held one Restoration Council meeting
- Held Healthy Soils Workshop in South Sidney
- Continued site visits for stewardship programs
- Work on remote sensing for algae blooms project
- Restoration Council approval to circulate de-listing reports for BUI #4 fish tumours and other deformities & BUI #7 Restrictions on dredging

Corporate Services

- Board approval of 2016 Policy and Fee Schedule
- Held three Board of Directors meetings
- Distributed 4 Corporate E-Newsletters and 1 Press Release
- Submitted comments to the Environmental Bill of Rights posting on the Conservation Authorities Act Review Discussion Paper
- Improvements to Administration Office
- Year-end wrap up of Volunteers for Conservation Program; 30 people provided close to 250 hours assisting with LTC programs
- Participated in a panel discussion at the Hastings County/Quinte Region Cultural Summit
- 2 staff attended Latornell Conservation Symposium

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