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Brad McNevin CAO, Quinte Conservation Authority 2061 Old Hwy 2 Belleville, ON K8N 4Z2

Dear Brad McNevin,

We are reaching out to you today in relation to the devastation experienced from the EF2 tornado from July 24, 2022. The tornado was calculated by the Northern Tornadoes Project team to be 55.8 km in length with the maximum path width of 1,420 metres. Of this path, approximately 15 km was across the Municipality of Tweed along the Highway 7 corridor.

The Municipality of Tweed has issued the attached letter to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry to seek aide in management of the downed forests and waterways to reduce the risks of wildfires and extreme flooding. We are seeking Quinte Conservation's support in this request of the Ministry.

In addition, several of the trees that were along waterways have been blown into the streams, mainly the Skootamatta River. The brush debris and trees are starting to create natural dams. The water flows, as you are well aware, along the Skootamatta River regularly swell beyond the riverbanks during the spring freshet. However, with the natural dams that have been created by the tornado, the swell and extent of the spring freshet will extend further than it typically would, putting many roadways, homes, residents and livestock at risk.

As mentioned at your presentation to Council on August 23, 2022 and per the Conservation Authority Act, flooding management programs and services are part of the mandatory services, as set out under Section 21.2. The Municipality of Tweed is requesting to be informed as to what Quinte Conservation Authority is planning to do to help address the flooding concerns due to the additional debris in the waterways, specifically along the Skootamatta River.

Actions need to be taken now to reduce the spring freshet concerns while access to the waterways is safer and at low levels.

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Your support in the effort to allay flooding concerns is most appreciated. Sincerely,

Mayor Jo-Anne Albert