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Minutes of the meeting of the Quinte Conservation Executive Committee held on **February 19, 2015 at 3:30 pm** in the Joe Eberwein Room.

Members Present: Henry Hogg, Addington Highlands Township; Mike Kerby, Centre Hastings Municipality; Paul Carr, City of Belleville; Mitch Panciuk, City of Belleville; Allan DeWitt, City of Quinte West; Jim Flieler, Municipality of Tweed; Carrie Smith, Township of Madoc; Irene Martin, Tudor and Cashel Townships; Phillip Smith, Central Frontenac Township; William Robinson, South Frontenac Township; John Wise, Stone Mills Township; Roger Cole, Town of Greater Napanee; Janice Maynard, County of Prince Edward; Jim Dunlop, County of Prince Edward; Jamie Forrester, County of Prince Edward; Peter Keizer, County of Prince Edward; Tom Livingston, County of Prince Edward; John Drechsler, County of Prince Edward; John Thompson, County of Prince Edward; Rita Cimprich, Marmora and Lake Municipality; Iain Gardiner, Tyendinaga Township.

Members Absent: Jackie Denyes, City of Belleville, Sandy Fraser, Marmora and Lake Municipality; Dale Grant, Stirling Rawdon Township; Penny Porter, Loyalist Township; Steven Everhardus, Town of Deseronto; Heather Lang, Tyendinaga Township; Ray Hobson, County of Prince Edward; John Hirsch, County of Prince Edward.

Also Present: Paul McCoy, Planning and Regulations Manager; Mary Gunning, BQRAP Environmental Technician; Brad McNevin, Fisheries Biologist and Regulations Officer; Bryon Keene, Water Resources Manager; Keith Taylor, Source Water Protection Manager; Mark Boone, Hydrogeologist; Amy Dickens, GIS Database Specialist; Tom Sweet, Dam Operator; Samantha Carney, Technical Administrative Assistant; Tammy Smith, Corporate Services Manager; Catherine Sinclair, Regulations Officer; Jennifer May-Anderson, Communications Manager; Terry Murphy, General Manager.

1. Call to Order

Chair, John Wise, called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm

Collection of Personal Information for Board Minutes

This is addressed to anyone that is not a board member and/or staff person of Quinte Conservation: Your name will be used in the board meeting minutes and the minutes will become public information after review and approval of the board. If you are present for a delegation or hearing, the context of your presentation will be recorded in the minutes of the board meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 86/14: THAT, the Agenda for February 19, 2015 be approved.

Moved by: Iain Gardiner

Seconded by: Irene Martin

CARRIED

3. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Quinte Conservation Executive Committee Meeting of November 20, 2014

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 87/14: THAT, the Minutes of the Quinte Conservation Executive Committee meeting of November 20, 2014 be approved.

Moved by: Mike Kerby

Seconded by: Rita Cimprich

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

6. Delegations

There were no delegations.

7. Employee Recognition

Several employees were recognized for their years of service at Quinte Conservation.

8. Review and Approval of the Section 28 Regulations and Permits

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 88/14: THAT, the Section 28 Regulations and Permits be approved.

Moved by: John Thompson

Seconded by: Henry Hogg

CARRIED

9. Plan Review Summary

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 89/14: THAT, Plan Review Summary be approved.

Moved by: Mike Kerby

Seconded by: Rita Cimprich

CARRIED

10. Year End Report from the Planning and Regulations Department

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 90/14: THAT, Year End Report from the Planning and Regulations Department be received.

Moved by: John Dreschler

Seconded by: Iain Gardiner

CARRIED

11. Budget Control

Discussion: A board member asked why the Water Control item was at 140% of the budget.

Staff replied that it was due to last year's flood.

A board member asked by the Planning and Advisory item was at 149% of the budget.

Staff replied that it was due to activities but balances with revenue.

MOTION QC 91/14: THAT, the Budget Control be approved.

Moved by: Janice Maynard

Seconded by: Mike Kerby

CARRIED

12. Hydro Report

Discussion: Staff reported that 2014 was the best year ever for hydro production.

Staff reminded the board of the following items regarding the McLeod Dam Green Energy Project:

- It was built in 2007
- \$3.5 million was borrowed for construction and \$1.5 million was raised
- There have been numerous issues requiring expensive repairs over the years such as replacing the floodwall and mechanical repairs and upgrades
- The revenue from the project is currently being used to repay loans and build up reserves

A board member asked if there were any other hydro projects in the works.

Staff noted that applications have been made for three projects with the City of Belleville, Veridian and Peterborough Utilities as partners.

A board member asked how much is left on the loan for the hydro dam.

Staff replied that about \$2.5 million remains on the loan.

MOTION QC 92/14: THAT, the Hydro Report be approved.

Moved by: Mike Kerby

Seconded by: William Robinson

CARRIED

13. Media Releases and Communications Reports

Discussion: The chair noted that the communications department has been doing a good job of getting information to the public and noted that at least once or more a week he receives a notice about something to do with Quinte Conservation.

MOTION QC 93/14: THAT, the media releases and communications reports be received.

Moved by: Henry Hogg

Seconded by: Iain Gardiner

CARRIED

14. Hydro Committee Report

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 94/14: THAT, the Hydro Committee Report be received.

Moved by: John Thompson

Seconded by: Henry Hogg

CARRIED

15. Correspondence

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 95/14: THAT, the correspondence be received.

Moved by: Mike Kerby

Seconded by: Jim Dunlop

CARRIED

16. Other Business

The Chair presented outgoing board members with a framed photo of Depot Lakes as a thank you for years of service.

17. Adjournment

MOTION QC 96/14: THAT, the items of the 2014 Business of the Quinte Conservation Executive Board be accepted and the meeting adjourn to the 2015 Business.

Moved by: Iain Gardiner

Seconded by: Rita Cimprich

Time: 3:49 pm

CARRIED

2015 Business

1. Call to Order

The 2015 meeting was called to order at 3:49 pm by Janice Maynard, Acting Chair.

2. Verbal report from Watershed Advisory Boards on Election of Chairs and Vice Chairs

Discussion: Moira Watershed Advisory Board
Chair: Jackie Denyes
Vice Chair: Irene Martin

Napanee Region Watershed Advisory Board
Chair: John Wise
Vice Chair: Heather Lang

Prince Edward Region Watershed Advisory Board
The elections of Chair and Vice Chair will take place at their next meeting.

MOTION QC 01/15: THAT, the verbal reports from the Watershed Advisory Boards be received.

Moved by: Mike Kerby

Seconded by: Jamie Forrester

CARRIED

3. Appointment of Chair for 2015 and 2016

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 02/15: THAT, Chair of the Moira River Watershed Advisory Board, Jackie Denyes, be appointed Chair of the Quinte Conservation Executive Board for 2015 and 2016.

Moved by: Mitch Panciuk

Seconded by: James Flieler

CARRIED

4. Appointment of Vice Chair for 2015 and 2016

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 03/15: THAT, Chair of the Prince Edward Region Advisory Board, be appointed Vice Chair of the Quinte Conservation Executive Board for 2015 and 2016.

Moved by: Mitch Panciuk

Seconded by: Phillip Smith

CARRIED

5. Appointment of Signing Officers for 2015

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 04/15: THAT, the signing authorities for Quinte Conservation for 2015 be any two of the following:
Chair
Vice Chair
Terry Murphy, General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer
or Tammy Smith, Corporate Services Manager.

Moved by: Paul Carr

Seconded by: John Wise

CARRIED

6. Appointment of Auditors for 2015

Discussion: Staff reported that the current auditors have been doing an excellent job and provide valuable services beyond just auditing.

MOTION QC 05/15: THAT, Collins Barrow Chartered Accountants be selected as the auditors for 2015, and THAT, staff be authorized to negotiate the fee.

Moved by: Mike Kerby

Seconded by: Jim Dunlop

CARRIED

7. Appointment of Authority Solicitors for 2015

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 06/15: THAT, Templeman Menninga be appointed as solicitors for Quinte Conservation for issues relating to water management and land management.

Moved by: Henry Hogg

Seconded by: Paul Carr

CARRIED

8. Appointment of Conservation Ontario Council Representative for 2015

Discussion: There was general discussion on the role of the Conservation Ontario Council representatives and the timing of the meetings.

MOTION QC 07/15: THAT, the appointment of the Conservation Ontario Council Representatives be deferred to the next meeting.

Moved by: Paul Carr

Seconded by: Mitch Panciuk

CARRIED

9. Appointment of one Board Member to the Staff Personnel Committee

Discussion: There was general discussion on the merit of the current member remaining on the committee.

MOTION QC 08/15: THAT, Ray Hobson be appointed to the Staff Personnel Committee for 2015.

Moved by: John Wise

Seconded by: Jamie Forrester

CARRIED

10. Appointment of one Board Member to the Source Protection Committee

Discussion: There was general discussion on the merit of the current member remaining on the committee.

MOTION QC 09/15: THAT, Mike Kerby be appointed to the Source Protection Committee for 2015.

Moved by: John Wise

Seconded by: James Flieler

CARRIED

11. Appointment of Board Members to the Regulations Committee

Discussion: There was general discussion on the merits of having members on the committee who have previously served on the committee and on the value of having the Chair and Vice Chair of each Watershed Advisory Board on the committee.

MOTION QC 10/15: THAT,

Jackie Denyes from the Moira River Watershed Advisory Board and

Irene Martin from the Moira River Watershed Advisory Board and

John Wise from the Napanee Region Watershed Advisory Board and

Heather Lang from the Napanee Region Watershed Advisory Board and

Chair from the Prince Edward Region Watershed Advisory Board and

Vice Chair from the Prince Edward Region Watershed Advisory Board

be appointed to the Regulations Committee for 2015.

Moved by: Phillip Smith

Seconded by: Roger Cole

CARRIED

12. Approval of the 2015 Borrowing Resolution

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 11/15: WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Quinte Conservation Authority (Hereinafter called the "Authority") to borrow up to the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) required for its purposes until payment to the Authority of any grants and/or sums to be paid to the Authority by the participating municipalities designated as such under the Conservation Authority Act, 1980;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

1. THAT, the Authority does borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada up to the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) as necessary for its purposes on the promissory note or notes of the Authority to the Authority by participating municipalities at such rate of interest as the Minister of Natural Resources approves.
2. THAT, the Chair or the Vice-Chair together with the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer or Corporate Services Manager of the Authority be and they are hereby authorized to execute for and on behalf of the Authority as promissory note or notes for the sum to be borrowed under paragraph numbered 1 hereof.
3. THAT, the amount borrowed pursuant to this resolution with interest thereon at the rate approved by the Minister of Natural Resources be a charge upon whole of the monies received or to be received by the Authority from the participating municipalities as and when such monies are received.
4. THAT, the Chair or the Vice-Chair or the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer or the Corporate Services Manager of the Authority be and is hereby authorized and directed to apply, in payment of the monies borrowed pursuant to this resolution together with interest thereon at the rate approved by the Minister of Natural Resources, all of the monies received by the Authority from the participating municipalities.

Moved by: Irene Martin

Seconded by: John Wise

CARRIED

13. 2015 Budget

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 12/15: THAT, the 2015 Budget, as recommended at the November 20, 2014 board meeting, be ratified.

Moved by: Jim Dunlop

Seconded by: Irene Martin

CARRIED

14. Source Protection Program Update

Discussion: Staff gave a presentation that covered the following items:

- Quinte Conservation board members are also members of the Source Protection Authority
- The source protection program has been going on for 10 years
- An overview of the source protection program, plan, and policies
- Quinte Conservation provides Risk Management services for all member municipalities

MOTION QC 13/15: THAT, the Source Protection Program Update be received.

Moved by: John Wise

Seconded by: Henry Hogg

CARRIED

15 and 16. Flood Forecasting and Warning Video Presentation and Report

Discussion: Staff gave a presentation on the flood forecasting and warning program that covered the following items:

- Update on conditions in the watershed
- Thick ice cover is present in many areas and makes for an increased risk of ice jams
- Snow is accumulating throughout the watershed but not as much as this time last year
- There are 40-75 cm of snow depending on the location
- The water equivalency in the snow is much less than last year
- A video produced last year discussing flooding and roles during flooding
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MOTION QC 14/15: THAT, the Flood Forecasting and Warning Program report be received.

Moved by: Tom Livingston

Seconded by: James Flieler

CARRIED

17. Annual Report Tabloid Update

Discussion: Staff reported that Quinte Conservation will once again be producing the Annual Report as a tabloid insert in the EMC papers and that sponsorships are needed to cover the costs of publication.

Staff distributed an information flyer on sponsorships to all board members.

MOTION QC 15/15: THAT, the Annual Report Tabloid Update be received.

Moved by: Henry Hogg

Seconded by: John Wise

CARRIED

18. Other Business

Staff noted that there are many items in the works for 2015 including:

- Three lawsuits that do not have a lot of merit; two have been handed over to the insurance company
- Climate change monitoring and projects
- Flood forecasting system improvements
- Three dams in Prince Edward County to have work done
- Two dams in the Napanee Region to have work done
- Log boom replacement will continue on the Moira River
- Source Water Protection assessments
- Outdoor Education programs are booming
- Depot Lakes campground has been renovated
- Accessible trail will be completed and opened
- Work will be done to see how repairs and maintenance can take place at the HR Frink Conservation Area and Outdoor Education Centre can take place.

A board member asked if Quinte Conservation will be able to give input on the proposed Great Lakes protection legislation.

Staff replied that Conservation Ontario has prepared a response for all Conservation Authorities.

19. Date and time of next meeting

March 19, 2015 at 3:30 pm or earlier at the call of the chair

20. Adjournment

MOTION QC 16/15: THAT, the meeting be adjourned.

Moved by: John Wise

Seconded by: Paul Carr

Time: 4:52

CARRIED

_____, Chair

_____, Vice-Chair

Terry Murphy, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer