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

Members Present: Mike Kerby, Centre Hastings Municipality; Jackie Denyes, City of Belleville; Paul Carr, City of Belleville; Allan DeWitt, City of Quinte West; James Flieler, Municipality of Tweed; Dale Grant, Stirling/Rawdon Township; 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; Steven Evarhardus, Town of Deseronto; Roger Cole, Town of Greater Napanee; Heather Lang, Tyendinaga Township; Janice Maynard, County of Prince Edward; Jim Dunlop, County of Prince Edward; Jamie Forrester, County of Prince Edward; John Hirsch, County of Prince Edward; Peter Keizer, County of Prince Edward; Tom Livingston, County of Prince Edward; Ray Hobson, County of Prince Edward.

Members Absent: Henry Hogg, Addington Highlands Township; Mitch Panciuk, City of Belleville; Sandy Fraser, Marmora and Lake Municipality.

Also Present: Meagan Swanson, Reporter CJOJ; Paul McCoy, Planning and Regulations Manager; Terry Murphy, General Manager; Tammy Smith, Corporate Services Manager; Catherine Sinclair, Regulations Officer; Brad McNevin, Regulations Officer and Fisheries Biologist; Jennifer May-Anderson, Communications Manager.

1. Call to Order

Chair, Jackie Denyes, called the meeting to order at 3:37 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 17/15: THAT, the Agenda for March 19, 2015 be approved.

Moved by: Ray Hobson

Seconded by: Paul Carr

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 February 19, 2015

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 18/15: THAT, the Minutes of the Quinte Conservation Executive Committee meeting of February 19, 2015 be approved.

Moved by: Jamie Forrester

Seconded by: Phillip Smith

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

6. Delegations

There were no delegations

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

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 19/15: THAT, the Section 28 Regulations and Permits be approved.

Moved by: John Wise

Seconded by: Ray Hobson

CARRIED

8. Plan Review Summary

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 20/15: THAT, Plan Review Summary be approved.

Moved by: Mike Kerby

Seconded by: Heather Lang

CARRIED

9. Budget Control

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 21/15: THAT, the Budget Control be approved.

Moved by: Roger Cole

Seconded by: John Wise

CARRIED

10. Media Releases and Communications Reports

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 22/15: THAT, the media releases and communications reports be received.

Moved by: Paul Carr

Seconded by: Irene Martin

CARRIED

11. Correspondence

Discussion: Staff reported that a rope had been strung across the Moira River from a piece of private property and was tied to a tree on Quinte Conservation property. Staff had correspondence indicating that a snowmobile operator had hit the rope and was bruised.

Staff said the MNR is involved in the investigation and while staff were unable to remove the rope they had elevated it so that it would not be as much of a hazard.

A verbal report was given indicating that Janice Maynard was been elected Chair of the Prince Edward Region Watershed Advisory Board and Jim Dunlop was elected Vice Chair.

MOTION QC 23/15: THAT, the correspondence be received.

Moved by: Irene Martin

Seconded by: Paul Carr

CARRIED

12. Appointment of Conservation Ontario Council Representative for 2015

Discussion: There was general discussion on who was available to take on these duties.

MOTION QC 24/15: THAT, the Vice Chair, Janice Maynard, and General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer, Terry Murphy, and one alternate, Jim Dunlop, be the appointed members to the Conservation Ontario Council for 2015.

Moved by: John Wise

Seconded by: Heather Lang

CARRIED

13. Planning and Regulations Program Update

Discussion: Staff gave an overview of the Planning and Regulations department and activities.

MOTION QC 25/15: THAT, the Planning and Regulations Program Update be received.

Moved by: Ray Hobson

Seconded by: Mike Kerby

CARRIED

14. Land Donation – Stone Mills Township

Discussion: Staff gave an overview of the background of the land donation. Staff noted it is part of a Provincially Significant Wetland and Ducks Unlimited would pay the transaction costs.

MOTION QC 26/15: THAT, staff be directed to accept the vacant parcel donation from the Municipality of Stone Mills, provided that the donation will not have an impact on the financial resources of the Authority.

Moved by: Roger Cole

Seconded by: James Flieler

CARRIED

15. Proposed Land Disposal – Macaulay Mountain

Discussion: Staff reported the piece of property in question was appraised at \$10, 000 and is not large enough for a building lot. Staff noted the piece is not used or maintained by Quinte Conservation.

MOTION QC 27/15: THAT, Quinte Conservation sell the subject parcel of land to Mr. and Mrs. Hineman for \$20,000 plus all associated costs. Further that the proceeds from the sale be directed to watershed management projects within Prince Edward County.

Moved by: Janice Maynard

Seconded by: Jim Dunlop

CARRIED

16. Optical Benefits

Discussion: Staff reported that Quinte Conservation has an opportunity to join a group optical benefit plan which would replace the current self-insured plan.

MOTION QC 28/15: THAT, Quinte Conservation drop the self-insured optical benefit and move to Plan 1 with our group benefit provider.

Moved by: John Wise

Seconded by: Paul Carr

CARRIED

17. Demonstration of Board Intranet

Discussion: Staff demonstrated the new board intranet and noted that all board package materials will now be posted there instead of being printed and mailed out.

MOTION QC 29/15: THAT, the Board Intranet demonstration be received.

Moved by: Ray Hobson

Seconded by: Steven Everhardus

CARRIED

18. Other Business

Staff reminded board members that there is a Conservation Ontario webinar being held on March 26 from 2-3 pm in the Quinte Conservation board room.

A board member noted that the Friends of Salmon River would like to have Quinte Conservation involved in their August Living Watersheds event. Staff noted that the Education Coordinator has been discussing participation in this event already with the Friends of Salmon River.

A board member inquired on the likelihood of flooding this spring. Staff noted that if current weather conditions continue we should have no major flooding issues.

A board member asked about the vacancy rate at the seasonal Depot Lakes campground after the cleanup. Staff reported we are at 40% of our usual rate but have had a lot of interest from new campers who will be in to see sites once the snow melts. A board member suggested Quinte Conservation look into membership in the Ontario Private Campground Association.

Staff reported that the East Lake Study and Plan are complete and will soon be available on the website. Staff noted that groups from Stoco Lake and Weller's Bay are interested in doing similar studies and plans.

18a. Purchase of vehicle

Discussion: Staff noted that there was a \$30,000 fleet renewal item in the budget and a vehicle is required for the summer education programs. Staff reported that the best option is a minivan and staff are working with dealers on possible leases and sponsorships.

MOTION QC 29/15: THAT, staff negotiate and purchase or lease a vehicle within the \$30,000 budget allowed.

Moved by: Ray Hobson

Seconded by: Irene Martin

CARRIED

19. Date and time of next meeting

April 16, 2014 at 3:30 pm or earlier at the call of the chair

20. Adjournment

MOTION QC 30/15: THAT, the meeting be adjourned.

Moved by: Ray Hobson

Seconded by: Irene Martin

Time: 4:44 pm

CARRIED

Jackie Denyes, Chair

Janice Maynard, Vice-Chair

Terry Murphy, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer