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Minutes of the meeting of the Quinte Conservation Executive Committee held on **September 17, 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; Sandy Fraser, Marmora and Lake Municipality; James Flieler, Municipality of Tweed; Dale Grant, Stirling Rawdon Township; Carrie Smith, Township of Madoc; Steven Everhardus, Town of Deseronto; Roger Cole, Town of Greater Napanee; Heather Lang, Tyendinaga Township; John Hirsch, County of Prince Edward; Peter Keizer, County of Prince Edward; Tom Livingston, County of Prince Edward.

Members Absent: Jackie Denyes, City of Belleville; Irene Martin, Tudor and Cashel Township; Phillip Smith, Central Frontenac Township; William Robinson, South Frontenac Township; John Wise, Stone Mills Township; Janice Maynard, County of Prince Edward; Jim Dunlop, County of Prince Edward; Jamie Forrester, County of Prince Edward.

Also Present: Jack Evans, reporter; Terry Murphy, General Manager; Paul McCoy, Planning and Regulations Manager; Tammy Smith, Corporate Services Manager; Dave Eastcott, Water Resources Technician; Catherine Sinclair, Regulations Officer; Christine McClure, Water Resources Manager.

1a. Call to Order

General Manager, Terry Murphy, called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

Notice Regarding Cell Phones and Pagers

Cell phones and pagers are not permitted to be turned on during the meeting, except in an event of an emergency. If the device is to be left on, it must be announced at the beginning of the meeting.

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.

1b. Appointment of Acting Chair

Discussion: There was general discussion on the procedure of appointing an acting chair.

MOTION QC 66/15: THAT, in the absence of the chair and vice chair, Heather Lang be appointed as acting chair for this meeting.

Moved by: Roger Cole

Seconded by: Henry Hogg

CARRIED

2. Approval of Agenda

Discussion: There was no discussion

MOTION QC 67/15: THAT, the Agenda for September 17, 2015 be approved.

Moved by: Mike Kerby

Seconded by: Sandy Fraser

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 June 18, 2015

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 68/15: THAT, the Minutes of the Quinte Conservation Executive Committee meeting of June 18, 2015 be approved.

Moved by: Tom Livingston

Seconded by: John Hirsch

CARRIED

5a. Business Arising from the Minutes

Staff reported that at the last meeting pursuing an agreement with Green Bug Energy to produce hydro at two dams had been discussed. Staff noted that the motion at the last meeting was for an agreement in principle but for Green Bug Energy to move forward with the application to produce energy they need an actual agreement. Staff said that Quinte Conservation lawyers had reviewed the agreement and approved of it.

5b. Agreement with Green Bug Energy

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 69/15: THAT, Quinte Conservation sign the approved agreement with Green Bug Energy for the proposed projects at Flinton and Colebrook.

Moved by: Allan DeWitt

Seconded by: Henry Hogg

CARRIED

6. Delegations

There were no delegations.

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

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 70/15: THAT, the Section 28 Regulations and Permits be approved.

Moved by: Sandy Fraser

Seconded by: Dale Grant

CARRIED

8. Plan Review Summary

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 71/15: THAT, Plan Review Summary be approved.

Moved by: Mike Kerby

Seconded by: Mitch Panciuk

CARRIED

9. Budget Control

Discussion: A board member noted that the spending in the legal fees category was already at 102%. The board member asked if this was above average and if will be going higher.

Staff replied that it was very unusual as there have been no lawsuits for over twenty years and there have been five so far this year that have been turned over to the insurance company.

Staff noted the overall budget will not be affected.

MOTION QC 72/15: THAT, the Budget Control be approved.

Moved by: Henry Hogg

Seconded by: Allan DeWitt

CARRIED

9. Hydro Report

Discussion: Staff reported that this is the first year the hydro plant has run without problems and the weather has been ideal for hydro production.

Staff noted that there are three other dams in Belleville that are being looked at for hydro production in partnership with Veridian and Peterborough Utilities and the City of Belleville.

A board member asked if there is a report on which green energy technology is best.

Staff said that is covered under the Solar Panel Report.

MOTION QC 73/15: THAT, the Hydro Report be received.

Moved by: Roger Cole

Seconded by: Steven Everhardus

CARRIED

11. Media Releases and Communications Reports

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 74/15: THAT, the media releases and communications reports be received.

Moved by: Paul Carr

Seconded by: Steven Evarhardus

CARRIED

12. Correspondence

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 75/15: THAT, the correspondence be received.

Moved by: Henry Hogg

Seconded by: James Flieler

CARRIED

13. Budget Process Report

Discussion: Staff gave a report on the budget preparation process.

A board member asked if different budget scenarios would be provided.

Staff replied that there would be different scenarios passed out.

A board member asked if the budget was presented to municipal councils for approval.

Staff replied that the complete budget package is sent to all member municipalities with a letter offering for staff to come to council if requested.

A board member said it is important for Quinte Conservation to go to council meetings with the budget.

A board member asked when the budget would benefit from hydro production revenues.

Staff replied that there are still debts to pay for building the dam before the budget will receive revenues from hydro production.

Staff noted that any future hydro projects would be done as partnerships and would not require loans to finance.

MOTION QC 76/15: THAT, the Budget Process Report be approved.

Moved by: Mike Kerby

Seconded by: Peter Keizer

CARRIED

14. Staff Changes Report

Discussion: Staff reported that the Water Resources Engineer resigned to take another position and two members of staff will be taking maternity leave in the near future. Staff noted that these positions will be filled with existing staff members for the rest of the year and in the future, if it is found to be workable.

MOTION QC 77/15: THAT, the Staff Changes Report be received.

Moved by: Allan DeWitt

Seconded by: Tom Livingston

CARRIED

15. Conservation Act Review Report

Discussion: Staff reported that a lot of information on the Conservation Authorities Act Review has been circulated to board members.

Staff noted it is not known why the Act is being reviewed but it is an opportunity to update some items in the Act.

Staff said that is hoped the board member terms will be updated to coincide with municipal election schedules and that the regulations portion of the Act will be updated so that staff will have the authority to issue stop work orders for violations.

A board member asked if there is any appetite for the province to give more authority to the Conservation Authorities.

Staff replied that Conservation Ontario is lobbying on behalf of the Conservation Authorities.

MOTION QC 78/15: THAT, the Conservation Act Review Report be received.

Moved by: Dale Grant

Seconded by: Henry Hogg

CARRIED

16. Frink Centre an O'Hara Mill Report

Discussion: Staff reported that a \$75,000 private donation has been received to renovate the boardwalk at the Frink Centre and construction has started.

Staff said there has been suggestion to build a permanent on-site classroom at the Frink Centre to replace aging portable classrooms. Staff noted the Board of Education has some funds available and Quinte Conservation will apply for funding as well.

Staff reported that the purchase of property adjacent to O'Hara Mill has been completed and

the house has been vacated. Staff noted there is a recommendation to tear down the house and a local person has agreed to donate time and equipment to this project. Staff reported that Quinte Conservation will have to pay for the removal of the debris. Staff said there is also a well on the property that will be decommissioned.

A board member asked if there had been problems with the entrance to the parking lot at O'Hara Mill.

Staff said there had been problems and they have been addressed and fixed.

A board member noted it might be good to work with the Stewardship Council on planting and restoration projects on the property.

MOTION QC 79/15: THAT, the Frink Centre and O'Hara Mill Report be received.

Moved by: Mike Kerby

Seconded by: Paul Carr

CARRIED

17. Security Company Report

Discussion: Staff reported that the security company has been monitoring the following conservation areas:

- Potter's Creek
- Vanderwater
- Kingsford
- Massassauga Point

Staff said that the company has issued \$4,000 worth of tickets for different items, but mostly off-leash dogs. Staff noted that letters have been sent to three individuals banning them from all Quinte Conservation properties for inappropriate behaviour.

A board member asked how long the contract is with the security company.

Staff replied that is until the end of September.

A board member asked who gets the money from the fines.

Staff replied that it goes to the security company.

MOTION QC 80/15: THAT, the Security Company Report be received.

Moved by: Allan DeWitt

Seconded by: James Flieler

CARRIED

18. Capital Maintenance Report

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 81/15: THAT, the Capital Maintenance Report be received.

Moved by: Sandy Fraser

Seconded by: James Flieler

CARRIED

19a. Solar Energy Report

Discussion: A board member noted that the report was well written and not biased and suggested that it be sent out to municipalities or the media.

Staff said that it can be circulated to municipalities as information.

MOTION QC 82/15: THAT, the Solar Energy Report be received.

Moved by: James Flieler

Seconded by: Tom Livingston

CARRIED

19b. Solar Energy Report Circulation

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 83/15: THAT, the Solar Energy Report be circulated to member municipalities.

Moved by: Sandy Fraser

Seconded by: Mike Kerby

CARRIED

20. Summer Education Programs Report

Discussion: A board member asked how the numbers compare to last year.

Staff replied that numbers were up this year.

MOTION QC 84/15: THAT, the Summer Education Programs Report be received.

Moved by: James Flieler

Seconded by: Steven Everhardus

CARRIED

21. Hydrogeology Report

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 85/15: THAT, the Hydrogeology Report be received.

Moved by: Mike Kerby

Seconded by: Henry Hogg

CARRIED

22. Other Business

Discussion: Staff provided an update regarding the situation with the condition of the barn that covered the following items:

- A previous board committee decided that the best option was to tear down the deteriorating barn
- The barn is used for boat and equipment storage and cannot be torn down until a replacement facility is built
- The current office building lacks a proper lab and public washroom facilities
- The barn's condition continues to deteriorate and is a potential liability
- Staff will bring a report forward on possible solutions
- Ideally a new facility would be built to house a Bay of Quinte education centre, a landowner resources centre and public washrooms

23. Date and time of next meeting

October 15, 2015 at 3:30 pm or earlier at the call of the chair

20. Adjournment

MOTION QC 86/15: THAT, the meeting be adjourned.

Moved by: James Flieler

Seconded by: Tom Livingston

Time: 4:20 pm

CARRIED

Heather Lang, Acting Chair

Terry Murphy, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer