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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; Jackie Denyes, City of Belleville; Paul Carr, City of Belleville; Mitch Panciuk, 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 Township; John Wise, Stone Mills Township, 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; Ray Hobson, County of Prince Edward; Tom Livingston, County of Prince Edward.

Members Absent: Peter Keizer, County of Prince Edward; Steven Everhardus, Town of Deseronto; William Robinson, South Frontenac Township; Phillip Smith, Central Frontenac Township; Sandy Fraser, Marmora and Lake Municipality.

Also Present: Brad McNevin, Watershed Science and Monitoring Manager; Paul McCoy, Planning and Regulations Manager; Christine McClure, Water Resources Manager; Terry Murphy, General Manger and Secretary/Treasurer; Jennifer May-Anderson, Communications Manager; Liping Kong, Accounting Assistant; Mark Boone, Hydrogeologist.

1. Call to Order

Chair, Jackie Denyes, called the meeting to order at 4:00 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.

2. Approval of Agenda

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 122/15: THAT, the Agenda for February 18, 2016 be approved.

Moved by: Henry Hogg

Seconded by: Heather Lang

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 123/15: THAT, the Minutes of the Quinte Conservation Executive Committee meeting of November 19, 2015 be approved.

Moved by: Ray Hobson

Seconded by: John Wise

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

6. Delegations

There were no delegations.

7. Employee Recognition

The Chair recognized the following staff for their years of service:

- Terry Murphy, General Manager (25 years)
- Tammy Smith, Corporate Services Manager (25 years)
- Liping Kong, Accounting Assistant (5 years)

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

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 124/15: THAT, the Section 28 Regulations and Permits be approved.

Moved by: Ray Hobson

Seconded by: Irene Martin

CARRIED

9. Plan Review Summary

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 125/15: THAT, Plan Review Summary be approved.

Moved by: Mike Kerby

Seconded by: Tom Livingstone

CARRIED

10. Budget Control

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 126/15: THAT, the Budget Control be approved.

Moved by: Roger Cole

Seconded by: James Flieler

CARRIED

11. Hydro Report

Discussion: A board member asked what the report meant.

Staff replied that the report shows that revenue was generated but there are no profits because that revenue is being used to build up reserves and pay off the loan for the hydro dam project.

A board member asked what happened to the proposed tailwater project.

Staff replied that the project is on hold because an environmental assessment may need to be done as five mussels were found on the site.

MOTION QC 127/15: THAT, the Hydro Report be approved.

Moved by: Paul Carr

Seconded by: John Wise

CARRIED

12. Media Releases and Communications Reports

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 128/15: THAT, the media releases and communications reports be received.

Moved by: Heather Lang

Seconded by: Ray Hobson

CARRIED

13. Other Business

There was no other business.

14. Adjournment

MOTION QC 129/15: THAT, the items of the 2015 Business of the Quinte Conservation Executive Board be accepted and the meeting adjourn to the 2016 Business.

Moved by: Mike Kerby

Seconded by: Tom Livingstone

Time: 4:11 pm

CARRIED

2016 Business

1. Call to Order

The 2016 meeting was called to order at 4:12 pm.

2. Confirmation of two year appointment for Chairs and Vice Chairs of Watershed Advisory Boards and Quinte Conservation Executive Board

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 01/16: THAT, the following positions be confirmed for 2016:

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
Chair: Janice Maynard
Vice Chair: Jim Dunlop

Quinte Conservation Executive Board
Chair: Jackie Denyes
Vice Chair: Janice Maynard

Moved by: Irene Martin

Seconded by: Henry Hogg

CARRIED

3. Appointment of Signing Officers for 2016

Discussion:

MOTION QC 02/16: THAT, the signing authorities for Quinte Conservation for 2016 be any two of the following: Jackie Denyes, Chair; Janice Maynard, Vice Chair; Terry Murphy, General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer; or Tammy Smith, Corporate Services Manager.

Moved by: Ray Hobson

Seconded by: John Wise

CARRIED

4. Appointment of Auditors for 2016

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 03/16: THAT, Collins Barrow Chartered Accountants be selected as the auditors for 2016, and THAT, staff be authorized to negotiate the fee.

Moved by: Heather Lang

Seconded by: James Flieler

CARRIED

5. Appointment of Authority Solicitors for 2016

Discussion: A board member asked if the solicitors are reappointed every year or is there a tender process.

Staff noted that Quinte Conservation uses this particular firm as it is the only local one that has a lawyer who specializes in water, regulations and lands issues and the firm has provided excellent service over the years, always being available when required.

MOTION QC 04/16: THAT, Templeman Menninga be appointed as solicitors for Quinte Conservation for issues relating to water management and land management.

Moved by: Mike Kerby

Seconded by: Dale Grant

CARRIED

6. Appointment of Conservation Ontario Council Representative for 2016

Discussion: There was general discussion on the best people to serve as representatives to Conservation Ontario considering the timing of the meetings.

MOTION QC 05/16: 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 2016.

Moved by: Henry Hogg

Seconded by: John Wise

CARRIED

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

Discussion: There was general discussion on which member would be appointed to the Staff Personnel Committee.

MOTION QC 06/16: THAT, Ray Hobson be appointed to the Staff Personnel Committee for 2016.

Moved by: Roger Cole

Seconded by: Mitch Panciuk

CARRIED

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

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 07/16: THAT, Mike Kerby be appointed to the Source Protection Committee for 2016.

Moved by: John Wise

Seconded by: John Hirsch

CARRIED

9. Approval of the 2016 Borrowing Resolution

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 08/16: 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: Ray Hobson

Seconded by: Paul Carr

CARRIED

10. 2016 Budget

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 09/16: THAT, the 2016 Budget, as recommended at the November 19, 2015 board meeting, be ratified.

Moved by: Paul Carr

Seconded by: Mike Kerby

CARRIED

11. Hearing Committee Report

Discussion: Staff provided a review of the details on the recent Hearing regarding proposed projects at Picton Terminals.

MOTION QC 10/16: THAT, the Hearing Committee Report be received.

Moved by: Mike Kerby

Seconded by: Jim Dunlop

CARRIED

12. Flood Forecasting and Warning Report

Discussion: Staff gave a report on the roles and responsibilities of Quinte Conservation and its member municipalities regarding flooding.

Staff said that Quinte Conservation is responsible for forecasting, warning, and communication while municipalities are responsible for responding and following their emergency plans.

Staff noted that currently there are 25-75 millimetres of snow-water equivalent in the

watershed and that flows are above average for February due to warm temperatures and receiving rain instead of snow.

A board member asked how the municipalities are to respond to floods in regards to sandbagging.

Staff said that each municipality would have its response outlined in its emergency plan.

Staff suggested that all board members check with their municipal staff to see if they have read the Flood Warning Plan and if they are familiar with the contents.

A board member asked if there were any concerns for flooding over the coming weekend.

Staff replied that the current conditions are unlikely to cause concern and noted there has been some sheet and frazil ice buildup at Kingsford, some frazil ice at the mouth of the Moira River and some frazil ice at the McLeod Dam.

MOTION QC 11/16: THAT, the Flood Forecasting and Warning Program report be received.

Moved by: Mitch Panciuk

Seconded by: Tom Livingston

CARRIED

13. Stream of Dreams

Discussion: A board member asked if staff could prioritize Stream of Dreams programs within the Quinte Conservation watershed.

Staff replied that would be the case.

MOTION QC 12/16: THAT, Stream of Dreams will be offered to schools within our watershed at a cost of \$3/students, or a minimum of \$350 and further, THAT, Stream of Dreams will be offered to schools outside of the watershed (within 100 km) at a cost of \$5/students, or a minimum of \$500, and covers all costs to deliver.

Moved by: Ray Hobson

Seconded by: Irene Martin

CARRIED

14. Deerock Lake Report

Discussion: A board member said that the residents of Flinton think there should be two Rs in the name of Deerock Lake.

Staff noted that the Ministry of Natural Resources maps say it is Deerock with one R.

MOTION QC 13/16: THAT, the Deerock Lake Report be received.

Moved by: Mike Kerby

Seconded by: Irene Martin

CARRIED

15. Electric Car Purchase

Discussion: Staff reported that as part of the climate change strategy to reduce Quinte Conservation's carbon footprint and provide a good example for the community Quinte Conservation should consider purchasing an electric vehicle.

Staff noted that an electric car is not in the 2016 budget but that there is a green energy reserve account that could be used for the purchase.

Staff said that the electric vehicle would replace the 2003 Honda Civic, which is scheduled for replacement.

Staff reported that an application has been put in for a Level 2 charging station for which the Province of Ontario would pay the entire cost and that there may be an opportunity to use the solar panels already on the roof to charge the car.

A board member asked if it is possible to make an income by charging other people to charge their cars.

Staff replied that it is possible to charge others for charging their cars.

A board member asked how much is in the reserve account.

Staff said that there is currently \$100,000 in the green energy reserve account.

A board member said that they would prefer to wait another month to make the decision as they have some concerns about the carbon output of an electric vehicle depending on what is used to generate the electricity to charge the car.

Staff noted that the car would be charged at night and carbon emissions would still be saved.

A board member said there are arguments on both sides but Quinte Conservation should set an example.

A board member said that the board should remember the arguments about bringing in a 0% increase in the 2016 budget and the cost of an electric vehicle is too high.

Staff noted that the car would be purchased from reserve funds and not the operating budget and that now there are grants which could be gone in the future.

A board member asked if Quinte Conservation needs a car.

Staff replied that the 2003 Honda Civic is scheduled to be replaced.

MOTION QC 14/16: THAT, staff be directed to purchase an electric car and take advantage of any available grants.

Moved by: Mitch Panciuk

Seconded by: John Wise

CARRIED

16. Phragmites Control

Discussion:

MOTION QC 15/16: THAT, Quinte Conservation use the Conservation Ontario letter as a template to contact their MPs and MPPs regarding recommendations for phragmites control

Moved by: Carrie Smith

Seconded by: Jamies Flieler

CARRIED

17. Annual Report

Discussion: There was general discussion on the Annual Report sponsorship opportunities.

MOTION QC 16/16: THAT, the Annual Report update be received.

Moved by: Mitch Panciuk

Seconded by: Carrie Smith

CARRIED

18. Other Business

18a. Municipal Funding Formula

Discussion: A board member noted that the current municipal funding formula should be changed to be more equitable for all municipalities and it shouldn't be based on property values.

The board member noted that bringing in a 0% increase across the board is not beneficial to the conservation authority and also, with the current formula, means that some municipalities experience a decrease in their levy while others experience an increase.

MOTION QC 16/16: THAT, staff write a letter to Conservation Ontario and the Province of Ontario indicating the challenges of the current funding formula and ask for feedback on a process to follow to initiate changing it.

Moved by: Allan DeWitt

Seconded by: Jim Dunlop

CARRIED

18b. Truck Replacement

Discussion: Staff reported that the truck currently used to service the Napanee watershed is in disrepair and the repairs are going to be more costly than is reasonable for a vehicle of its age and condition.

MOTION QC 16/16: THAT, staff be directed to send out a tender for a replacement vehicle and the chair to authorize the purchase price.

Moved by: Mike Kerby

Seconded by: Tom Livingston

CARRIED

19. Date and time of next meeting

April 21, 2016 at 3:30 pm or earlier at the call of the Chair.

20. Adjournment

MOTION QC 17/16: THAT, the meeting be adjourned.

Moved by: Ray Hobson

Seconded by:

Time: 5:30 pm

CARRIED

Jackie Denyes, Chair

Janice Maynard, Vice-Chair

Terry Murphy, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer