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Minutes of the meeting of the Quinte Conservation Executive Committee held on **April 21, 2016 at 3:30 pm** in the Joe Eberwein Room.

Members Present: Henry Hogg, Addington Highlands Township; Jackie Denyes, City of Belleville; Paul Carr, City of Belleville; Mitch Panciuk, City of Belleville; Sandy Fraser, Marmora and Lake Municipality; 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; Steven Everhardus, Town of Deseronto; Janice Maynard, County of Prince Edward; John Hirsch, County of Prince Edward; Ray Hobson, County of Prince Edward; Tom Livingston, County of Prince Edward.

Members Absent: Mike Kerby, Centre Hastings Municipality; Allan DeWitt, City of Quinte West; Phillip Smith, Central Frontenac Township; Peter Keizer, County of Prince Edward; William Robinson, South Frontenac Township; Roger Cole, Town of Greater Napanee; Heather Lang, Tyendinaga Township; Jim Dunlop, County of Prince Edward; Jamie Forrester, County of Prince Edward.

Also Present: Lucille Fragomeni, SWP Communications; Keith Taylor, SWP Protection Manager; Nancy Marshall, Administration Assistant; Amy Dickens, GIS Database Specialist; Dave Eastcott, Water Resources Technician; Brad McNevin, Watershed Science and Monitoring Manager; Paul McCoy, Planning and Regulations Manager; Christine McClure, Water Resources Manager; Terry Murphy, General Manager and Secretary/Treasurer; Liping Kong, Accounting Assistant; Tammy Smith, Corporate Service Manager.

Jack Evans, Intelligencer; David Foot, CJBQ; Barbara Watson, UNAC Quinte.

1. Call to Order

Chair, Jackie Denyes, called the meeting to order at 3:50 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.

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2. Approval of Agenda

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 18/18: THAT, the Agenda for April 21, 2016 be approved.

Moved by: Paul Carr

Seconded by: Ray Hobson

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 18, 2016

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 19/16: THAT, the Minutes of the Quinte Conservation Executive Committee meeting of February 18, 2016 be approved.

Moved by: Mitch Panciuk

Seconded by: James Flieler

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 20/16: THAT, the Section 28 Regulations and Permits be approved.

Moved by: Tom Livingston

Seconded by: John Wise

CARRIED

8. Plan Review Summary

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 21/16: THAT, Plan Review Summary be approved.

Moved by: Henry Hogg

Seconded by: Carrie Smith

CARRIED

9. Budget Control

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 22/16: THAT, the Budget Control be approved.

Moved by: Steven Everhardus

Seconded by: Janice Maynard

CARRIED

10. Media Releases and Communications Reports

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 23/16: THAT, the media releases and communications reports be received.

Moved by: John Wise

Seconded by: Dale Grant

CARRIED

11. Audit Report

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 24/16: THAT, the Audit Report be approved.

Moved by: Ray Hobson

Seconded by: Paul Carr

CARRIED

12. BQRAP Report

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 25/16: THAT, the BQRAP Report be received.

Moved by: Tom Livingston

Seconded by: Steven Everhardus

CARRIED

13. Spring Runoff Report

Discussion: Staff gave a verbal report on spring runoff conditions in the Quinte Watersheds that included an overview on the situations that took place within Foxboro, Upper Moira River, Salmon River, Napnee River and Prince Edward County.

MOTION QC 26/16: THAT, the Spring Runoff Report be received.

Moved by: Steve Everhardus

Seconded by: Sandy Fraser

CARRIED

14. Flood Plain Mapping Report

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 27/16: THAT, the Flood Plain Mapping Report be received.

Moved by: Janice Maynard

Seconded by: Paul Carr

CARRIED

15. Forest Management Report

Discussion: Staff identified that of the 30,000 acres that Quinte Conservation owns, approximately 25,000 are under a Management Forest Agreement (MFA). The existing agreements need to be updated in 2017. There has been a program approved to hire two forest technicians to collect detailed information on Quinte Conservation forested lands. The data that will be collected will be used to develop forest management prescriptions and to update the Quinte Conservation forest management plans. The completed plans will be for the period of January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2037.

Staff reported that if Quinte Conservation is not successful in recruiting two forest technicians to collect the data staff will have to apply for funding to have a consultant do it or complete the data collection in house in order to complete the required new agreement.

Staff indicated that this project was not in the budget however QC should proceed with the completion of updating the agreements in order to prevent a loss in tax reductions on these properties. The cost could be as much as \$60,000; however staff are applying for assistance. This project will be a special levy item in 2017 budget if necessary.

MOTION QC 28/16: THAT, the Forest Management Report be approved.

Moved by: Sandy Fraser

Seconded by: John Hirsch

CARRIED

16. Frink Centre Report

Discussion: Staff announced that Quinte Conservation will be hosting a grand opening for the Miller Wetland Ecology Boardwalk at the HR Frink Conservation Area and Outdoor Education Centre on Thursday, April 28, at 10:30am and it was recommended that a number of board members be present.

Staff also gave an update on the Building Proposal and it was identified that the original commitment of funds is no longer available and that the donated portion will sit until a final decision of the future of the project is made.

MOTION QC 29/16: THAT, the Frink Centre Report be received.

Moved by: Tom Livingston

Seconded by: John Wise

CARRIED

17. Vanderwater Land Ownership Report

Discussion: Staff reported that it was discovered a few years ago that a sliver of property amounting to approximately 400 feet of waterfront at Vanderwater Conservation Area was not legally owned by Quinte Conservation.

Staff noted the actual owner of the property informed Quinte Conservation at the time they had become aware of this situation and as of last couple of years have asserted their ownership. At this point the owners are allowing dog walkers and other members of the public to continue using it. The Scouts have up to this point been using this location for their annual Jamborees and the owner with some persuasion is going to continue to let this activity continue.

Quinte Conservation staff will continue to communicate with legal representation to figure out what the best solution for this situation could be.

It was noted that Quinte Conservation could possibly purchase the property and also that the property portion that is not owned by Quinte Conservation is not accessible without going through QC owned property.

MOTION QC 30/16: THAT, the Vanderwater Land Ownership Report be received.

Moved by: Irene Martin

Seconded by: Dale Grant

CARRIED

18. Conservation Ontario Report

Discussion: Staff identified that the Monday April 11 meeting for Conservation Ontario was an all-around good meeting and that Quinte Conservation's General Manager is a member of two Provincial Committees which are the Lake Ontario Group and the Waterpower Association Group.

A Board Member that attended the meeting identified that the work and the lobbying that continues to take place across the province is very impressive.

MOTION QC 31/16: THAT, the Conservation Ontario Report be received.

Moved by: Carrie Smith

Seconded by: Paul Carr

CARRIED

19a. Preparing for the Future Report

Discussion: Staff referred to the report that had been submitted in the package and further identified that the current revenues in the 2016 budget are very much needed in order to accommodate the a balanced budget and that all of the points made in the report work together in ensuring that a short and long term plan are in place.

Staff indicated that with revenues being lower than predicted and a 0% increase in levy when the cost of living was 1.5% staff is predicting a deficit this year.

MOTION QC 32/16: THAT, the Preparing for the Future Report be received.

Moved by: Steven Everhardus

Seconded by: John Hirsch

CARRIED

19b. Preparing for the Future Recommended Motion

Discussion: There were no delegations.

MOTION QC 33/16: THAT, the Strategic Planning Committee (consisting of Chairs and Vice Chairs of Watershed Advisory Boards) as well as John Hirsch and Ray Hobson be directed to meet with staff and report back to the board with recommendations on a five year budget forecast, a review of programs, office and storage needs, and a succession plan.

Moved by: Henry Hogg

Seconded by: Janice Maynard

CARRIED

20a. Other Business – Speed Limit on Highway 2

Discussion: Staff reported that from the lights at the corner of Wallbridge Loyalist Road and Hwy #2 to the office entrance the speed limit is 80 km/hr and that when staff go to turn into the office that they almost get hit.

A Board member asked what the distance that Quinte Conservation is asking for the speed limit to be changed.

The staff member identified that will be up to the municipality.

MOTION QC 34/16: THAT, the staff be directed to communicate with the City of Quinte West regarding reducing the speed limit on Highway 2 at Potter’s Creek Conservation Area to 60 kilometres per hour.

Moved by: Janice Maynard

Seconded by: John Wise

CARRIED

20b. Other Business

There were no items under Other Business.

21. Date and time of next meeting

June 16, 2016 at 3:30 pm or earlier at the call of the Chair.

20. Adjournment

MOTION QC 35/16: THAT, the meeting be adjourned.

Moved by: Mitch Panciuk

Seconded by: Carrie Smith

Time: 5:10 pm

CARRIED

Jackie Denyes, Chair

John Wise, Vice-Chair

Terry Murphy, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer