



**Minutes of the meeting of the
Quinte Conservation Executive Board Meeting**

Date: March 15, 2018 at 3:30 pm
Location: Quinte Conservation - Joe Eberwein Board Room
2061 Old Highway 2
Belleville ON

Members Present Carrie Smith (Township of Madoc), Dale Grant (Stirling-Rawdon Township), Heather Lang (Tyendinaga Township), Henry Hogg (Addington Highlands Township), Irene Martin (Tudor and Cashel Townships), John Wise (Stone Mills Township), Mitch Panciuk (City of Belleville), Norm Roberts (Township of South Frontenac), Ray Hobson (County of Prince Edward), Roger Cole (Town of Greater Napanee), Steven Everhardus (Town of Deseronto), Tom Livingston (County of Prince Edward), Paul Carr (City of Belleville), James Flieler (Municipality of Tweed), Phillip Smith (Township of Central Frontenac), John Hirsch (County of Prince Edward)

Members Absent: Penny Porter (Loyalist Township), Jamie Forrester (County of Prince Edward), Jim Dunlop (County of Prince Edward), Janice Maynard (County of Prince Edward), Jackie Denyes (City of Belleville), Jamie Forrester (County of Prince Edward), Mike Kerby (Centre Hastings Municipality), Sandy Fraser (Marmora and Lake Municipality),

Also Present: Terry Murphy (General Manager), Christine McClure (Water Resources Manager), Christine Jennings (Regulations Technician), Kirsten Geisler (Communications Coordinator), Tammy Smith (Corporate Services Manager), Amy Dickens (SWP Project Coordinator), Sharlene Richardson (Regulation Officer), Tim Trustham (Ecologist and Planner), Paul McCoy (Planning and Regulations Manager)

1. Call to Order

John Wise (Vice Chair), acting as Chair on behalf of Janice Maynard (Board Chair), called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

a. **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.

b. **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 the Agenda

There was no discussion.

MOTION QC-18-13

Moved By: Ray Hobson (County of Prince Edward)

Seconded By: Norm Roberts (Township of South Frontenac)

THAT, the agenda for March 15, 2018 be approved.

CARRIED

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Quinte Conservation Executive Board meeting of January 25, 2018

There was no discussion.

MOTION QC-18-14

Moved By: Henry Hogg (Addington Highlands Township)

Seconded By: Irene Martin (Tudor and Cashel Townships)

THAT, the minutes of the Quinte Conservation Executive Board meeting of January 25, 2018 be approved.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

A board member asked if they had been removed as a mover from agenda item 10 in the January's minutes.

Staff informed them that they had been removed and amended minutes have been created.

5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interests

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

6. Delegations

There were no delegations.

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

There was no discussion.

MOTION QC-18-15

Moved By: Paul Carr (City of Belleville)

Seconded By: Roger Cole (Town of Greater Napanee)

THAT, the Section 28 Regulations and Permits be approved.

CARRIED

8. Plan Review Summary

There was no discussion.

MOTION QC-18-16

Moved By: Phillip Smith (Township of Central Frontenac)

Seconded By: Tom Livingston (County of Prince Edward)

THAT, Plan Review Summary be approved.

9. Media Releases and Communications Reports

There was no discussion.

MOTION QC-18-17

Moved By: Heather Lang (Tyendinaga Township)

Seconded By: Ray Hobson (County of Prince Edward)

THAT, the Media Releases and Communications Reports be received.

CARRIED

10. Insurance on McLeod Hydro Production

Staff gave a brief history to the board about the loss of revenue from the McLeod hydro dam during the 2016 drought.

Staff commented that because of the loss of revenue, money was taken from overdraft to pay for the mortgage.

Staff explained the financial complications of this and commented that the authority has been working with an insurance company on creating a premium, so that in future drought situations the authority can be protected financially.

Staff mentioned that there are no other known cases where organizations have had insurance to cover the loss of revenue from dams due to climate change and that they are looking for guidance from the board and would like to open the topic up for discussion.

A board member asked how the insurance company would generate a premium.

Staff responded by saying that the insurance company was provided with historical documentation on flows and revenue since the hydro project was first established and that the premium was based on the information received.

Staff offered having a representative (from the insurance company) present to the board and that a list of questions should be generated before the meeting.

A board member suggested setting aside the amount of a premium and using it for emergencies rather than paying it to an insurance company.

A board member asked if changes had been made to the dam.

Staff mentioned that the mortgage company holds a fairly significant amount of fees in case the mortgage can't be paid.

A board member asked if that money was being used as collateral and if there is a concern for a drought happening this year.

Staff commented that the reason this topic is being discussed is so that the board understands the issues the authority is facing.

A board member suggested finding a contingency plan as it would make more sense than paying a premium with insurance.

Staff explained that they aren't sure where the money for a contingency plan would come from.

A board member suggested borrowing our own money and paying the interest to ourselves.

MOTION QC-18-18

Moved By: Dale Grant (Stirling-Rawdon Township)

Seconded By: Heather Lang (Tyendinaga Township)

THAT, the insurance report on McLeod hydro production be received, that staff be directed to get more information from the insurance company, and that a representative from the insurance company present to the board.

CARRIED

11. A) Potential Property Sales

Staff presented the board with an option to sell off one of authorities properties that isn't in use. The property is located in the Oak Hills and has the potential to be severed into two building lots.

Staff mentioned that the value of the property is unknown at this time and if the decision to sell is approved, the revenue could be used towards a new storage =facility to house the authority's scientific monitoring equipment.

A board member commented that the authority invest the time to figure out the technicalities and get the property ready for sale.

MOTION QC-18-19 A

Moved By: Ray Hobson (County of Prince Edward)

Seconded By: Heather Lang (Tyendinaga Township)

THAT, the report on potential property be received, and THAT, staff research the property's value.

CARRIED

11 B)

Staff reported to the board that there are three conservation areas in the Napanee Watershed where the authority owns the lands and pays fees to the municipality to provide maintenance services.

Staff continued to say that the reason these became conservation areas is so that the authority had access to the dams.

Staff then asked to turn over the ownership of the areas to the municipality.

MOTION QC-18-19 B

Moved By: Steven Everhardus (Town of Deseronto)

Seconded By: Norm Roberts (Township of South Frontenac)

THAT, the authority turn ownership of the properties over to Stone Mills Township. The properties are Colebrook, Camden East, and Newburgh.

CARRIED

12. Update on Spring Run-Off

Staff gave an oral report on spring run-off and commented that there were no reports of property damage. Staff went on to say that there were some instances of ice jamming on the Salmon River and that there is a functioning structure for ice control which helped to control the situation. Staff commented that the municipal staff communicated quickly and were responsive and co-operative to the situation.

A board member asked about ice on the Moira River and if there is a concern.

Staff responded by saying that the flows on the Moira River have been dated back to 1914 and that this year has been the 9th lowest peak ever experienced.

MOTION QC-18-21

Moved By: Phillip Smith (Township of Central Frontenac)

Seconded By: Henry Hogg (Addington Highlands Township)

THAT, the update on spring run-off be received.

CARRIED

13. Flood Forecasting Gauges and Service Agreements

Staff explained to the board that the gauges used throughout the watershed are owned by Environment Canada and the authority has been informally monitoring the equipment. Staff continued to explain that Environment Canada doesn't use the gauges as often as the authority does and if there is ever an issue to fix a gauge, that it might not be a priority for Environment Canada.

Staff asked the board to make a motion to approve the signing of a service agreement for the authority to maintain the gauges.

MOTION QC-18-22

Moved By: Ray Hobson (County of Prince Edward)

Seconded By: James Flieler (Municipality of Tweed)

THAT, the flood forecasting gauges and service agreements be received and that the motion to sign the service agreement be approved.

CARRIED

14. Request to Province for Funding for Capital Projects

Staff asked for a motion of support from the board regarding applying for funding for capital projects through provincial grant applications

MOTION QC-18-23

Moved By: John Hirsch (County of Prince Edward)

Seconded By: Tom Livingston (County of Prince Edward)

THAT, the request to the province for funding of capital projects be received, and THAT, staff apply for capital projects through provincial grant applications

CARRIED

15. Review of Per Diem and Mileage

Staff asked the board for a discussion on Per Diem and Mileage.

A board member asked if the mileage is applied to staff who use their own vehicle.

Staff commented that for liability reasons, staff are strongly encouraged to use the fleet vehicles and not their own.

A board member commented that they are in support of .55 rates for mileage and asked for more information on 2017's per diem and mileage costs.

A board member motioned to stay at 45.

MOTION QC-18-24

Moved By: Mitch Panciuk (City of Belleville)

Seconded By: Ray Hobson (County of Prince Edward)

THAT, the 2018 Per Diem remain at \$45.00 per meeting and THAT, the mileage follow the CRA standard of 55 cents per kilometre.

CARRIED

16. Update on Macaulay Mountain Property

Staff updated the board on Macaulay Mountain Conservation Area and the property's buildings.

Staff commented that the building formally used as the office for the Prince Edward Region Conservation Authority is being rented out to the cadets. The cadets plan to update the building and have not yet approached the authority for financial assistance.

Staff mentioned that the cadets pay a dollar a month to rent the facility and that they currently pay for their own water and electricity costs.

A board member asked how the remote control club was holding their meetings in the space.

Staff responded by saying they would have permission from the cadets to use the space.

Staff commented bird house city is still a popular tourist destination even though the bird houses are deteriorating. They mentioned that staff have slowly been naturalizing the area.

Staff mentioned that the state of the work shed is in a desperate state, is a liability, and might just have to be taken down.

MOTION QC-18-25

Moved By: Tom Livingston (County of Prince Edward)

Seconded By: James Flieler (Municipality of Tweed)

THAT, the update on Macaulay Mountain be approved.

CARRIED

17. Other Business

There was no other business.

18. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The date and the time of the next meeting is April 19, 2018, or earlier at the call of the chair.

19. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm

MOTION QC-18-26

Moved By: Steven Everhardus (Town of Deseronto)

Seconded By: Dale Grant (Stirling-Rawdon Township)

THAT, the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Janice Maynard, Chair