



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

Date: September 20, 2018
Location: Quinte Conservation - Joe Eberwein Board Room
2061 Old Highway 2
Belleville ON

Members Present: **Carrie Smith** (Township of Madoc), **Heather Lang** (Tyendinaga Township), **Henry Hogg** (Addington Highlands Township), **Irene Martin** (Tudor and Cashel Townships), **James Flieler** (Municipality of Tweed), **Janice Maynard** (County of Prince Edward), **Jim Dunlop** (County of Prince Edward), **John Wise** (Stone Mills Township), **John Hirsch** (County of Prince Edward), **Paul Carr** (City of Belleville), **Ray Hobson** (County of Prince Edward), **Roger Cole** (Town of Greater Napanee), **Steven Everhardus** (Town of Deseronto), **Tom Livingston** (County of Prince Edward)

Members Absent: **Allan DeWitt** (City of Quinte West), **Dale Grant** (Stirling and Rawdon Township), **Jackie Denyes** (City of Belleville), **Jamie Forrester** (County of Prince Edward), **Mike Kerby** (Centre Hastings Municipality) **Penny Porter** (Loyalist Township), **Mitch Panciuk** (City of Belleville), **Norm Roberts** (Township of South Frontenac), **Phillip Smith** (Township of Central Frontenac), **Sandy Fraser** (Marmora and Lake Municipality),

Also Present: **Terry Murphy** (General Manager), **Tammy Smith** (Corporate Services Manager), **Lynette Lambert** (Water Monitoring Coordinator), **Tim Trustham** (Planner/ Ecologist), **Sharlene Richardson** (Regulations Officer), **Kirsten Geisler** (Communications Coordinator), **Darcy Clow** (Napanee Region Field Operations)

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:31 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-18-51

Moved By: Steven Everhardus (Town of Deseronto)

Seconded By: Ray Hobson (County of Prince Edward)

THAT, the agenda for June 21, 2018 be approved.

CARRIED

3. **Approval of the Minutes of the Quinte Conservation Executive Board meeting of June 21, 2018.**

There was no discussion.

MOTION QC-18-52

Moved By: Roger Cole (Town of Greater Napanee)

Seconded By: Paul Carr (City of Belleville)

THAT, the minutes of the Quinte Conservation Executive Board meeting of June 21, 2018 be approved.

CARRIED

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

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-18-53

Moved By: Henry Hogg (Addington Highlands Township)

Seconded By: Carrie Smith (Township of Madoc)

THAT, the Review and Approval of Section 28, Regulations and Permits be approved.

CARRIED

8. **Plan Review Summary**

There was no discussion.

MOTION QC-18-54

Moved By: Heather Lang (Tyendinaga Township)

Seconded By: Steven Everhardus (Town of Deseronto)

THAT, the Plan Review Summary be approved.

CARRIED

9. **Budget Control**

There was no discussion.

MOTION QC-18-55

Moved By: John Hirsch (County of Prince Edward)

Seconded By: James Flieler (Municipality of Tweed)

THAT, the Budget Control be approved.

CARRIED

10. **Hydro Report**

Staff commented that there was an increase in cost due to the generator being replaced as well as low river flows. Staff added that after reviewing the insurance proposal (loss of revenue due to weather), it wouldn't make a difference to the situation.

MOTION QC-18-56

Moved By: Irene Martin (Tudor and Cashel Townships)

Seconded By: Henry Hogg (Addington Highlands Township)

THAT, the Hydro Report be approved.

CARRIED

11. Media Releases and Communications Reports

There was no discussion.

MOTION QC-18-57

Moved By: Jim Dunlop (County of Prince Edward)

Seconded By: Heather Lang (Tyendinaga Township)

THAT, the Media Releases and Communications Reports be received.

CARRIED

12. Summer Student Program: Update (Verbal Report)

Staff updated the board on the success of this year's summer student program, stating that there were a total of 17 students hired.

Watershed Monitoring Technicians = 5
Depot Lakes Camp ground attendant = 4
Depot Lakes Park Tech = 1
Field Stewardship Assistant = 2
Assistant GIS Technician = 1
Corporate Services Assistant = 1
Deerock Boat launch Attendant = 1
O'Hara Students = 2

Staff finished by stating that the summer student program offers valuable employment opportunities and experience for students.

MOTION QC-18-58

Moved By: James Flieler (Municipality of Tweed)

Seconded By: Irene Martin (Tudor and Cashel Townships)

THAT, the summer student program report be received.

CARRIED

13. Low Water Update

Staff briefed board members on the last low water response team meeting. It was decided during the meeting (held via conference call), that the Quinte Conservation watershed would move into a Level 2 Low Water condition, with a recommendation to cut back on non-essential water usage by 20 percent. Staff added that if a level 3 is declared, the authority will ask the municipalities to put in place a mandatory restriction.

A board member asked if all waterbodies within the watershed were at the same level.

Staff said that it varies depending on the region, but the highest level right now is a level 2.

MOTION QC-18-59

Moved By: Tom Livingston (County of Prince Edward)

Seconded By: John Wise (Stone Mills Township)

THAT, the low water update be received.

CARRIED

14. Update on Gallivon Property Sale (Verbal Report)

Staff updated the board on a small parcel of land that the authority has considered selling. Staff decided to postpone the idea of having the property re-zoned to sell until a more comprehensive review of the property is complete.

A board member asked if anyone had expressed interest in purchasing the property.

Staff responded by saying that one person had been in contact about purchasing the property. Staff also mentioned that a neighbouring farmer had expressed concerns about the property interfering with their operations if it were to sell. Staff also commented that the property isn't really worth the staff time required to get the property ready for sale and to possibly reconsider options.

A board member asked if the property went to Quinte West and if it was deferred.

Staff said it was deferred and commented that the public would oppose.

A board member asked why we would own the property if it's not in our watershed.

Staff said that the south side of the property is in the Quinte watershed and that it is split by a natural land severance.

A board member asked what the approximate value of the land is worth.

Staff commented that its value is estimated at \$180,000.00

MOTION QC-18-60

Moved By: Heather Lang (Tyendinaga Township)

Seconded By: James Flieler (Municipality of Tweed)

THAT, the update on the Gallivon Property Sale be received.

CARRIED

15. Update on Storage Building

Staff updated the board on the progress of the new storage building, explaining that the process is moving along and that a site plan will be completed soon. A company will be overseeing the

project on behalf of Quinte Conservation. The building will be built at the end of the parking lot and will be large enough to house all the authority's equipment, including 3 boats, canoes and kayaks, as well as a small heated storage room for items that cannot be kept in cold temperatures.

Once the storage unit is up, the barn will need to be removed and the parking lot will be expanded.

Staff is anticipating that there will be opposition from community members to the barn being removed, however there is a plan to keep the east and north stone wall and have a monument to the barn there.

The building is estimated to cost approximately \$250,000.00, money remaining will be used to expand parking and create a designated staff parking area.

A board member inquired about left over barn materials.

Staff commented that an ad will go out for individuals to purchase materials.

MOTION QC-18-61

Moved By: Tom Livingston (County of Prince Edward)

Seconded By: Irene Martin (Tudor and Cashel Townships)

THAT, the update on the storage building be received.

CARRIED

16. Conservation Authorities Reporting to New Ministry (Verbal Report)

Staff commented that since the last boarding meeting in June, there has been a name change to the ministry that conservation authorities belong to. The new ministry name is the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. Staff and a board member had a meeting with MPP Todd Smith where they discussed concerns about not receiving any information regarding this name change and are unsure of where the authority stands within the ministry. It was also commented that the authority works closely with the MNRF and are concerned about the role technical staff will have.

One of the biggest concerns is not having a clear understanding of the new relationship

Staff commented that they attended a meeting with all 36 conservation authorities, and everyone reported that they took their concerns to their MPP and that all are similar in not feeling targeted by financial restrictions. The general feeling is that everyone is feeling good, feeling supported.

Staff mentioned that moving forward, it would be beneficial for CAs to be involved so they can talk about their programs.

A board member asked if the changes were initiated by the new government.

Staff confirmed.

MOTION QC-18-62

Moved By: Tom Livingston (County of Prince Edward)

Seconded By: Irene Martin (Tudor and Cashel Townships)

THAT, the report on conservation authorities reporting to new ministry be approved.

CARRIED

17. Deliberations (in camera)

The meeting moved into camera at 4:00 pm

MOTION QC-18-63

Moved By: Carrie Smith (Township of Madoc)

Seconded By: Henry Hogg (Addington Highlands Township)

THAT, the meeting move into In Camera.

CARRIED

18. Deliberations (out of camera)

The meeting moved out of camera at 4:10 pm

MOTION QC-18-64

Moved By: Carrie Smith (Township of Madoc)

Seconded By: Henry Hogg (Addington Highlands Township)

THAT, the meeting move out of Camera

CARRIED

19. General Manager Replacement

MOTION QC-18-65

Moved By: Jim Dunlop (County of Prince Edward)

Seconded By: Heather Lang (Tyendinaga Township)

THAT, the recommendation of the hiring committee be approved.

CARRIED

20. Other Business (Park and Pay Update)

Staff updated the board on park and pay. They stated that in the 1st week since launching the campaign, over \$2,000 was generated from parking. To date there has been \$3,600 in parking fees collected. The Hastings and Prince Edward Health Unit have purchased 50

passes for libraries to lend out. Staff are hopeful that over the course of time there will be continued support from local businesses who may wish to purchase passes for their employees as a part of health and fitness awareness.

A board member asked what the MacKay Pay rate was for collecting payment.

Staff confirmed that it was .38 cents.

Staff commented on vandalism at Macaulay, Vanderwater and McFarland where the signs were removed from the ground and/or stolen with the posts. Staff mentioned that trail cameras will be installed.

MOTION QC-18-65

Moved By: Steven Everhardus (Town of Deseronto)

Seconded By: Irene Martin (Tudor and Cashel Townships)

THAT, the update on park and pay be received.

CARRIED

21. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The date and time of the next meeting is October 25, 2018 at 3:30 pm, or earlier at the call of the chair.

22. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.

MOTION QC-18-66

Moved By: John Wise (Stone Mills Township)

Seconded By: Tom Livingston (County of Prince Edward)

THAT, the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Janice Maynard, Chair