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Minutes of the meeting of the Quinte Conservation Executive Committee held on **April 16, 2015 at 3:30 pm** in the Joe Eberwein Room.

Members Present: Henry Hogg, Addington Highlands Township; Jackie Denyes, City of Belleville; James Flieler, Municipality of Tweed; Dale Grant, Stirling Rawdon Township; Carrie Smith, Township of Madoc; Irene Martic, Tudor and Cashel Township; John Wise, Stone Mills Township; Steven Everhardus, Town of Deseronto; Roger Cole, Town of Greater Napanee; Heather Lang, Tyendinaga Township; John Hirsch, County of Prince Edward; Ray Hobson, County of Prince Edward; Tom Livingston, County of Prince Edward; Sandy Fraser, Marmora and Lake Municipality.

Members Absent: Mike Kerby, Centre Hastings Municipality; Paul Carr, City of Belleville; Mitch Panciuk, City of Belleville; Allan DeWitt, City of Quinte West, Phillip Smith, Central Frontenac Township; William Robinson, South Frontenac Township; Janice Maynard, County of Prince Edward; Jim Dunlop, County of Prince Edward; Jamie Forrester, County of Prince Edward; Peter Kiezer, County of Prince Edward.

Also Present: Catherine Sinclair, Regulations Officer; Samantha Carney, Technical Administrative Assistant; Terry Murphy, General Manager; Jennifer May-Anderson, Communications Manager; Bryon Keene, Water Resources Manager; Mark Boone, Hydrogeologist; Keith Taylor, Source Water Protection Manager; Brady Osmond, Loyalist College Intern.

1. Call to Order

Chair, Jackie Denyes, called the meeting to order at _____

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 31/15: THAT, the Agenda for April 16, 2015 be approved.

Moved by: Ray Hobson

Seconded by: James Flieler

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 March 19, 2014

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 32/15: THAT, the Minutes of the Quinte Conservation Executive Committee meeting of March 19, 2015 be approved.

Moved by: Heather Lang

Seconded by: Ray Hobson

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 33/15: THAT, the Section 28 Regulations and Permits be approved.

Moved by: Roger Cole

Seconded by: Henry Hogg

CARRIED

8. Plan Review Summary

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 34/15: THAT, Plan Review Summary be approved.

Moved by: Ray Hobson

Seconded by: John Wise

CARRIED

9. Budget Control

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 35/15: THAT, the Budget Control be approved.

Moved by: Sandy Fraser

Seconded by: Dale Grant

CARRIED

10. Media Releases and Communications Reports

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 36/15: THAT, the media releases and communications reports be received.

Moved by: Tom Livingston

Seconded by: James Flieler

CARRIED

11. Correspondence

Discussion: Staff reported that in addition to the correspondence included in the package an email complaint regarding the Pooch Path was also received.

MOTION QC 37/15: THAT, the correspondence be received.

Moved by: Steven Everhardus

Seconded by: Henry Hogg

CARRIED

12. Source Protection Program Report

Discussion: Staff reported that the budget from the Ministry of the Environment was approved and that the program is also receiving money from the implementation funds of the municipalities.

Staff reported the following:

- Work on Risk Management Plans has started
- Staff are trying to establish a voluntary Risk Management Plan with Hydro One regarding pesticide spraying
- There will be a mail out to 5,000 people with an update on the program
- The new website is up and running
- There will be reviews of changes to the Intake Protection Zones (due to development in those areas) with the Source Protection Committee.

A board member asked how the amount of the invoices to the municipalities is figured out.

Staff replied that it is know how much each municipality receives from the province in funding and this is charged back to the municipality and use in Risk Management Plans, education and outreach.

A board member asked how staff is notified of development in the Intake Protection Zones.

Staff replied that the Risk Management Officials have to be notified of building permits and zoning changes in each municipality.

MOTION QC 38/15: THAT, the Source Protection Program Report be received.

Moved by: Ray Hobson

Seconded by: Dale Grant

CARRIED

13. Capital Projects Report

Discussion: Staff reported that most capital projects are for dams for either repairs or studies and that some projects that did not receive funding last year will be on the list to apply for funding this year.

Staff said that last year design plans for repairs to the Colebrook Dam were completed and there are \$400,000 of repairs to be completed in 2015.

Staff reported that the 3rd Depot Lake Dam has been studied for the past few years and needs an upgrade. Staff noted the design was completed last year and approvals will be sought in 2015 and the repairs will be done in 2016.

Staff said that the Demorestville Dam has a small leak through the embankment and will require approximately \$20,000 in repairs and that staff are waiting on an approval for this project.

Staff reported that there are approximately \$60,000 worth of repairs being done at the Harry Smith Dam. Staff noted that work has started and should be complete in July.

A board member asked when the 3rd Depot Lake Dam was built.

Staff said the first phase of the dam was built in the 1960s and the final phase was done in the 1970s.

A board member asked what the reasoning was for upgrading the height of the dam now.

Staff reported that the provincial hazard classification now shows the dam as a high hazard dam and it needs to be upgraded to handle the probable maximum flood instead of the 100 year flood.

A board member asked how much the dam height was being increased.

Staff replied the dam will be raised about a meter.

There was general discussion the 3rd Depot Lake Dam design plans and the reasons for them.

A board member asked if the repairs to the 3rd Depot Lake Dam would be paid for by the Napanee Region municipalities.

Staff replied that the Napanee Region municipalities would be paying for the repairs to the 3rd Depot Lake Dam.

MOTION QC 39/15: THAT, the Capital Projects Report be received.

Moved by: Tom Livingston

Seconded by: Heather Lang

CARRIED

14. Climate Change Project Report

Discussion: Staff gave a report on the topic of Climate Change and the Climate Change projects at Quinte Conservation.

The report included:

- Definitions of climate, climate change and weather
- An overview of traditional normal conditions
- Average temperatures for our area were 7.3 Celsius in 1961 and 8.1 Celsius in 2010 and average precipitation is higher as well

Staff noted that plans are to create a Climate Change Strategy for Quinte Conservation this year which would include topics such as:

- Planning and adapting Quinte Conservation programs
- How to mitigate climate change
- How to help residents adapt to climate change

There was general discussion on the presentation and the topic of climate change.

MOTION QC 40/15: THAT, the Climate Change Project Report be received.

Moved by: Steven Everhardus

Seconded by: James Flieler

CARRIED

15. Solar Power Position Discussion

Discussion: Staff reported that many new solar projects are underway in the watershed and trees are being cut down so that solar panel farms can be built. Staff noted that it would not be ideal to see the watershed clear cut for solar farms and that a report is being prepared for the board.

A board member inquired on the status of the planned hydro projects for the Moira River.

Staff replied that funding was denied last year but that applications will be prepared again if funding comes open.

A board member requested that excerpts from the Ontario Green Energy Policy be included in the report.

MOTION QC 41/15: THAT, staff prepare a report on Quinte Conservation's position on solar power and green energy for the next board meeting.

Moved by: Ray Hobson

Seconded by: Sandy Fraser

CARRIED

16. Conservation Ontario Report

Discussion: Staff gave an update on items from the last Conservation Ontario meeting.

MOTION QC 42/15: THAT, the Conservation Ontario Report be received.

Moved by: Heather Lang

Seconded by: Roger Cole

CARRIED

17a. Other Business

Staff reported that a representative from the insurance company came to discuss liability issues regarding activities on Conservation Authority land such as hunting and mountain biking. Staff noted that a report will be prepared for the next board meeting.

Staff said that the Pooch Path (an off-leash trail at the Potter's Creek Conservation Area) was created a number of years ago and has resulted in a number of complaints of vicious dogs and irresponsible owners. Staff noted the insurance representative said the trail should either be fenced or made into an on-leash trail.

Staff reported that conversations with a security company indicate that it would be affordable and beneficial to hire a security company to enforce rules and regulations at Conservation Areas such as off-leash dogs, improper use, and littering.

17a. Verbal Reports made during Other Business

Discussion: Discussion is noted under the "Other Business" heading.

MOTION QC 43/15: THAT, the verbal reports made under "Other Business" be received.

Moved by: Henry Hogg

Seconded by: Ray Hobson

CARRIED

17b. Pooch Path

Discussion: Discussion is noted under the “Other Business” heading.

MOTION QC 42/15: THAT, the Pooch Path be made into an on-leash trail.

Moved by: Ray Hobson

Seconded by: John Hirsch

CARRIED

17c. Security Company

Discussion: Discussion is noted under the “Other Business” heading.

A board member asked how the Conservation Authority would pay for the security company.

Staff replied that it would come from the maintenance budget.

MOTION QC 42/15: THAT, staff be authorized to obtain three quotes from security companies for the purposes of enforcing Section 29 regulations of the Conservation Authorities Act and further that the successful firm and their staff be appointed as Provincial Offences Officers for Quinte Conservation.

Moved by: Heather Lang

Seconded by: James Flieler

CARRIED

18. Date and time of next meeting

June 18, 2015 at 3:30 pm or earlier at the call of the chair

20. Adjournment

MOTION QC 43/15: THAT, the meeting be adjourned.

Moved by: Ray Hobson

Seconded by: Tom Livingston

Time: 5:12 PM

CARRIED

Jackie Denyes, Chair

Janice Maynard, Vice-Chair

Terry Murphy, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer