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Minutes of the meeting of the Quinte Conservation Executive Committee held on **November 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; 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; Roger Cole, Town of Greater Napanee; Allan DeWitt, City of Quinte West; Heather Lang, Tyendinaga Township; Janice Maynard, County of Prince Edward; Jim Dunlop, County of Prince Edward; Ray Hobson, County of Prince Edward.

Members Absent: Phillip Smith, Central Frontenac Township; William Robinson, South Frontenac Township; Jamie Forrester, County of Prince Edward; John Hirsch, County of Prince Edward; Peter Keizer, County of Prince Edward; Tom Livingston, County of Prince Edward.

Also Present: Rob McRae, Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority; Jack Evans, Reporter; Tammy Smith, Corporate Services Manager; Mark Boone, Hydrogeologist; Paul McCoy, Planning and Regulations Manager; Terry Murphy, General Manager; Jennifer May-Anderson, Communications Manager; Amy Dickes, GIS Database Specialist; Curtis Vance, GIS Technician; Mary Gunning, Technical Administrative Assistant; Brad McNevin, Regulations Officer and Fisheries Biologist; Catherine Sinclair, Regulations Officer; Christine McClure, Water Resources Manager.

1. Call to Order

Chair, Jackie Denyes, called the meeting to order at 3:30 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 105/15: THAT, the Agenda for November 19, 2015 be approved.

Moved by: Irene Martin

Seconded by: John Wise

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 October 15, 2015

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 106/15: THAT, the Minutes of the Quinte Conservation Executive Committee meeting of October 15, 2015 be approved.

Moved by: Ray Hobson

Seconded by: Henry Hogg

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

Staff reported that a decision has not been received from the Mining and Lands Commissioner regarding the matter from last month's meeting.

6. Delegations

There were no delegations.

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

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 107/15: THAT, the Section 28 Regulations and Permits be approved.

Moved by: Roger Cole

Seconded by: Steven Everhardus

CARRIED

8. Plan Review Summary

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 108/15: THAT, Plan Review Summary be approved.

Moved by: Heather Lang

Seconded by: Henry Hogg

CARRIED

9. Budget Control

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 109/15: THAT, the Budget Control be approved.

Moved by: Mike Kerby

Seconded by: Ray Hobson

CARRIED

10. Hydro Report

Discussion: Staff reported that a recently received report from the lender on the operation of the dam is positive and shows the dam is working efficiently.

MOTION QC 110/15: THAT, the Hydro Report be received.

Moved by: Dale Grant

Seconded by: Paul Carr

CARRIED

11. Media Releases and Communications Reports

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 111/15: THAT, the media releases and communications reports be received.

Moved by: Jim Dunlop

Seconded by: Roger Cole

CARRIED

12. Correspondence

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 112/15: THAT, the correspondence be received.

Moved by: Ray Hobson

Seconded by: Mike Kerby

CARRIED

13. 2016 Budget

Discussion: A board member asked if the budget had been brought down to a 0% increase because it appears as though it is 1.93%.

Staff replied that while the levy as a whole was at 0% the provincial funding formula, based on assessments, means that some municipalities will see a slight increase and some will see a slight decrease.

A board member asked for a summary of the areas that have been reduced.

Staff reported that reductions were made in Flood Forecasting and Warning for a reduced phone plan and cell phone upgrades, health and safety was reduced to the 2015 level, Watersehed Data Management and Reporting was reduced as well as technical upgrades.

Staff noted that the amount transferred from reserves was increased.

A board member asked what the impact of the cuts would be on the operation and in terms of health and safety.

Staff said that the health and safety program won't be reduced but optional training will not be undertaken and that training and development in other areas will also be reduced.

A board member noted that the areas that had been reduced would be important in the future for dealing with climate change.

A board member asked how sustainable it would be for Quinte Conservation's budget to stay at a 0% increase year after year.

Staff noted that a 0% increase is actually a step backward as it means the budget is not keeping up with the cost of living and so it will not be possible to keep the budget increase to 0% every year.

A board member asked where the assessment values are obtained.

Staff replied that the values come from MPAC.

A board member asked where the transfer from reserves comes from.

Staff replied that it is a surplus from 2015 that has not yet been put in reserves.

A board member asked what the reserves are usually used for.

Staff replied that reserves are usually used for extra expenses in special circumstances such as floods.

MOTION QC 113/15: THAT, the draft 2016 Budget be approved.

Moved by: Paul Carr

Seconded by: Roger Cole

CARRIED

14. GIS Department Report

Discussion: Staff provided a report that covered an overview of GIS technology and how it is used at Quinte Conservation.

A board member asked if it would be necessary to go out with GPS units to update floodplain mapping.

Staff replied that the floodplain mapping would be updated from a variety of methods including air photos, GPS, and surveys.

A board member asked how long it would take to update the floodplain mapping.

Staff replied that it depends on funding received and indicated it was a time consuming process.

A board member asked if there is a requirement to share GIS data with municipalities.

Staff said that the sharing of GIS information with municipalities depends on the program. Staff noted that data sharing is required for the Source Water Protection program and that there are data sharing agreements for other programs.

A board member asked how the Drinking Water Protection Zone signs would be placed.

Staff replied that they would work with municipal staff.

MOTION QC 114/15: THAT, the GIS Department Report be received.

Moved by: Ray Hobson

Seconded by: Mike Kerby

CARRIED

15. **Climate Change Project Report**

Discussion: Staff reported that a Climate Change Strategy committee has been formed and is working on a strategy.

Staff noted that the average annual temperature has risen 1.5 degrees Celsius over the last forty years and there have been more extreme weather events.

Staff said that work to date has included writing a purpose for the strategy which is to help the watershed community understand climate change and inform them on adaptation and mitigation.

A board member said that education and public outreach will be critical as will the cooperation between agencies.

MOTION QC 115/15: THAT, the Climate Change Project Report be received.

Moved by: Heather Lang

Seconded by: Steven Everhardus.

CARRIED

16. 2015 Year in Review Report

Discussion: Staff gave a report on highlights of projects completed in 2015 which included:

- Welcoming new board members
- Belleville ice boom project (replacing wooden booms with metal ones)
- Completed East Lake Plan
- Repairs at Colebrook and Harry Smith Dams
- Education and outreach programs to 25, 000 individuals
- Big Island project
- Over 750 contacts with residents for planning and regulations

MOTION QC 116/15: THAT, the 2015 Year in Review Report be received.

Moved by: Janice Maynard

Seconded by: James Flieler

CARRIED

17. Other Business

Discussion: Staff reported that a new position of Stormwater Management Coordinator has been created and will be advertised for.

Staff noted there is funding already for this position and it won't affect the budget.

18. In Camera Session

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 117/15: THAT, the Quinte Conservation Executive Board go into an *in camera* session for discussions on a planning issue.

Moved by: John Wise

Seconded by: Irene Martin

CARRIED

19. Resume Regular Meeting

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 118/15: THAT, the Quinte Conservation Executive board resume its regular meeting.

Moved by: Ray Hobson

Seconded by: Irene Martin

CARRIED

20. Withdrawal of Motion QC 75/14

Discussion: There was no discussion.

MOTION QC 119/15: THAT, Motion QC 75/14 be withdrawn and further, THAT Quinte Conservation has no objections to the rezoning of 52 South Front Street, City of Belleville to a special 'C6 – Water Oriented Commercial' zone in order to permit a two-storey single detached dwelling.

Moved by: Ray Hobson

Seconded by: Sandy Fraser

CARRIED

21. Office Closure

Discussion: Staff reported that traditionally the office closed between Christmas and New Year and a motion is required.

MOTION QC 120/15: THAT, the Quinte Conservation office be closed on December 25, 2015 and re-open on January 4, 2016.

Moved by: Sandy Fraser

Seconded by: Heather Lang

CARRIED

22. Date and time of next meeting

February 18, 2016 at 3:30 pm or earlier at the call of the chair

23. Adjournment

MOTION QC 121/15: THAT, the meeting be adjourned.

Moved by: Carrie Smith

Seconded by: Mike Kerby

Time: 5:00 pm

CARRIED

Jackie Denyes, Chair

Janice Maynard, Vice-Chair

Terry Murphy, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer