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**Minutes** of the meeting of the Quinte Conservation Executive Committee held on **October 20, 2016 at 3:30 pm** in the Joe Eberwein Room.

**Members Present:** Jackie Denyes, City of Belleville; Mitch Panciuk, City of Belleville; Sandy Fraser, Marmora and Lake; James Flieler, Municipality of Tweed; Dale Grant, Stirling Rawdon Township; Carrie Smith, Township of Madoc; Irene Martin, Tudor and Cashel Township; Phillip Smith, Central Frontenac Township; Norm Roberts, South Frontenac Township; Steven Everhardus, Town of Deseronto; Roger Cole, Town of Greater Napanee; Heather Lang, Tyendinaga Township; Janice Maynard, County of Prince Edward; Jim Dunlop, County of Prince Edward; John Hirsch, County of Prince Edward; Ray Hobson, County of Prince Edward; Tom Livingston, County of Prince Edward.

**Members Absent:** Henry Hogg, Addington Highlands Township; Mike Kerby, Centre Hastings; Paul Carr, City of Belleville; Allan DeWitt, City of Quinte West; John Wise, Stone Mills Township; Jamie Forrester, County of Prince Edward; Peter Keizer, County of Prince Edward.

**Also Present:** Bob Putzlocker, Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change; Terry Murphy, General Manager; Jennifer May-Anderson, Communications Manager; Brad McNevin, Watershed Science and Monitoring Manager; Tim Trustham, Ecologist and Planner; Paul McCoy, Planning and Regulations Manager; Christine McClure, Water Resources Manager; Tammy Smith, Corporate Services Manager; Liping Kong, Accounting Clerk; Catherine Sinclair, Regulations Officer.

## **1. Call to Order**

Chair, Jackie Denyes, called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

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## **2. Approval of Agenda**

**Discussion:** Through consensus it was decided to switch the positions of items 11 and 12.

**MOTION QC 71/16:** THAT, the Agenda for October 20, 2016 be approved.

**Moved by:** Jim Dunlop

**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 September 29, 2016**

**Discussion:** A board member noted that there was no seconder for the adjournment motion.

Staff replied that none is required for that motion.

**MOTION QC 72/16:** THAT, the Minutes of the Quinte Conservation Executive Committee meeting of June 16, 2016 be approved.

**Moved by:** Heather Lang

**Seconded by:** John Hirsch

CARRIED

## **5. Business Arising from the Minutes**

The Chair noted that Robert's Rules of Order do not require a seconder on an adjournment motion.

## **6. Delegations**

There were no delegations.

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

**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

**MOTION QC 73/16:** THAT, the Section 28 Regulations and Permits be approved.

**Moved by:** Steven Evarhardus

**Seconded by:** Sandy Fraser

CARRIED

**8. Plan Review Summary**

**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

**MOTION QC 74/16:** THAT, Plan Review Summary be approved.

**Moved by:** Carrie Smith

**Seconded by:** Dale Grant

CARRIED

**9. Budget Control**

**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

**MOTION QC 75/16:** THAT, the Budget Control be approved.

**Moved by:** Roger Cole

**Seconded by:** Norm Roberts

CARRIED

**10. Media Releases and Communications Reports**

**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

**MOTION QC 76/16:** THAT, the media releases and communications reports be received.

**Moved by:** Irene Martin

**Seconded by:** Ray Hobson

CARRIED

## **11. Report on Picton Terminals**

- Discussion:** Staff gave a report on the ongoing development at the Picton Terminals site including:
- The owner has applied, and been approved for, permits to do shoreline work
  - The owner is currently applying for rezoning of the property
  - Some interest groups are opposed to the development and use of the property
  - Quinte Conservation staff are working closely with the Belleville office of the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change

A board member asked who designed the shoreline project.

Staff replied that engineers at the Picton Terminals organization are doing the design.

A board member asked where the owners of the Picton Terminal site are with their Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change approvals.

Staff replied that this is unknown at this time.

There was general discussion on the Picton Terminals development and concerns that have been raised by the public.

**MOTION QC 77/16:** THAT, the Picton Terminals Report be received.

**Moved by:** James Flieler

**Seconded by:** Tom Livingston

CARRIED

## **12. Report on Deloro**

- Discussion:** A representative from the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change gave a report on the cleanup project at the Deloro Mine Site to date including:
- There is over 100 years of industrial use on the site including mining and smelting
  - The contaminants on the site are from decades of production
  - Before the cleanup over 50 kilograms of arsenic was entering the Moira River every day; remediation efforts have reduced that significantly
  - Clean up at the tailings site have been completed, cleanup of the industrial and mining area are almost done, and progress is being made at cleaning up the Young's Creek area

A board member asked if this type of contamination would be able to happen again under current regulations.

The Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change said current regulations would not allow it but there are still many contaminated sites across Ontario that need to be cleaned up.

A board member asked how long the liners containing the contaminants will last.

The Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change representative said they are similar to

those used in municipal landfills and are supposed to last 100-150 years, but they have not been tested beyond 30 years at this point as they are a relatively new technology.

A board member asked if there will forever be arsenic going into the Moira River.

The Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change representative said that arsenic going into the Moira River has been reduced by 80%, but it is still significant and sometimes drinking water advisories need to be issued for people near the area as the amounts of arsenic at times exceed the allowable levels for drinking water.

A staff member asked how much the project has cost.

The Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change representative said it has been over one hundred million dollars to date and the total cost will likely be one hundred and fifty million dollars.

**MOTION QC 78/16:** THAT, the Deloro Report be received.

**Moved by:** John Hirsch

**Seconded by:** Mike Kerby

CARRIED

### **13a. Report on Invasive Species**

**Discussion:** Staff gave a presentation highlighting invasive species in the local area including:

- Emerald Ash Borer
- Giant Hogweed
- Water Soldier
- European Water Chestnut
- Mute Swan
- Wild Parsnip

Staff noted that Water Soldier is currently sold in nurseries and pet stores.

A board member inquired about invasive pathogens.

Staff said that these are viruses or fungi that kill trees and other wildlife such as Butternut Canker.

**MOTION QC 79/16:** THAT, Invasive Species Report be received.

**Moved by:** Carrie Smith

**Seconded by:** James Flieler

CARRIED

### **13b. Water Soldier Ban Support Letter**

**Discussion:** Staff reported that the Bay of Quinte Restoration Council has written a letter to the provincial government asking that the sale of Water Soldier be banned on Ontario and suggested it might be wise for Quinte Conservation to write a similar letter.

**MOTION QC 79/16:** THAT, staff be directed to write a letter of support to the Bay of Quinte Restoration Council's request that the sale of Water Soldier be banned in Ontario.

**Moved by:** Heather Lang

**Seconded by:** Dale Grant

CARRIED

### **14. Other Business**

Staff reported that the Quine hydro production group, consisting of the City of Belleville, Peterborough Utilities, and Veridian, will be putting in a FITT application for hydro production on three dams in Belleville and the application will be submitted in November.

Staff reported that during the current low water crisis some interest groups have been suggesting that Quinte Conservation is not managing dam operations correctly as not all logs have been removed from all dams.

Staff noted that recent rainfall has improved streamflow somewhat and some groundwater monitoring wells are responding to the rain.

A board member asked which monitoring wells are showing improvement.

Staff replied that wells north of Highway 7 are recovering somewhat but those south of Highway 7 have not yet shown improvement.

Staff noted that the Quinte watersheds have received 200 millimetres less rain since April than would normally have fallen.

Staff reported that presentations encouraging low water and drought preparedness have been made to the Hastings County Emergency Management group and the Loyalist Sector Emergency Management group and a presentation will be made to Hastings County Council in the next week.

A board member asked if the McLeod Dam is now able to generate power.

Staff replied that water levels are still too low for power production.

### **15. Date and time of next meeting**

December 8, 2016 or earlier at the call of the Chair.

**16. Adjournment**

**MOTION QC 80/16:** THAT, the meeting be adjourned.

**Moved by:** Ray Hobson

**Seconded by:**

**Time:** 5:03 pm

CARRIED

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Jackie Denyes, Chair

Janice Maynard, Vice-Chair

Terry Murphy, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer