

Minutes of the meeting of the

Quinte Conservation Executive Board Meeting

Date:

November 21, 2024 3:30pm

Location:

Joe Eberwein Boardroom (Quinte Conservation)

Members Present:

Bob Norrie (Town of Greater Napanee), Chris Malette (City of Belleville), Dave Ogden (Tyendinaga Township), Don Kuntze (City of Quinte West), Don Stewart (Stirling and Rawdon Township), James Flieler (Municipality of Tweed), Jamie Zieman (Town of Deseronto), Janice Maynard (County of Prince Edward), John Hirsch (County of Prince Edward), Kathryn Brown (City of Belleville), Kirby Thompson (Addington Highlands Township), Krysta-Lee Woodcock (Stone Mills Township), Lynn Klages (Township of Central Frontenac), Mike Kerby (Centre Hastings Municipality), Mike Stevens (Marmora and Lake Municipality), Norm Roberts (Township of South Frontenac), Paul Carr

(City of Belleville)

Members Absent:

Brent Taylor (Twp of Tudor and Cashel), Carrie West (Township of

Madoc), Nathan Townend (Loyalist Township)

Staff Present:

Brad McNevin (CAO), Amy Dickens (Source Water Protection Coordinator), Catherine Sinclair (Regulations Officer), Christine Phillibert (Water Resources Manager), Kirsten Geisler (Communications Specialist), Kristina Hamilton (Corporate Services Assistant), Mary Gunning (Aquatic Science Coordinator), Paul McCoy (Planning and Regulations Manager), Samantha Carney (Planning Technician), Sharlene Richardson (Regulations Officer), Tammy Smith (Corporate Services Manager), Taylor Hermiston (Communications Coordinator), Tim Trustham (Lands Operations Coordinator)

1. Chair called the meeting to order at 5:20 pm.

a. Land Acknowledgement

I would like to begin this meeting by acknowledging the lands where we conduct business and find ourselves on today are located on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe (ah-nish-i-NAH-bee), Haudenosaunee (hoh-DEE-noh-SHoh-nee), Mississaugas, Huron-Wendat (hyur-aan – wawn-dat) peoples.

b. Notice Regarding Cell Phones

Cell phones 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.

c. 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

MOTION QC-24-099

Moved By: Dave Ogden Seconded By: John Hirsch

THAT, the Agenda, as amended for November 21, 2024 Executive Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

ITEM 12 has been removed from the agenda to allow for a review from our insurance provider and legal advisor

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Quinte Conservation Executive Board meeting of October 17, 2024.

MOTION QC-24-100

Moved By: James Flieler Seconded By: Paul Carr

THAT, the Minutes from the October 17, 2024 Quinte Conservation Executive Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

N/A

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

N/A

6. Delegations

N/A

7. Budget Control (Motion to Approve)

MOTION QC-24-101

Moved By: Mike Kerby
Seconded By: Mike Stevens

THAT, the Budget Control, be approved

CARRIED

8. Monthly Permits Summary (Motion to Approve)

MOTION QC-24-102

Moved By: Kirby Thompson Seconded By: Dave Ogden

THAT, the monthly permits summary for the month of October 2024 be approved.

CARRIED

9. Monthly Planning Summary (Motion to Receive)

MOTION QC-24-103

Moved By: Norm Roberts Seconded By: Lynn Klages

THAT, the monthly permit summary for the month of October 2024 be received.

CARRIED

10. Monthly Source Water Program Update (Motion to Receive)

MOTION QC-24-104

Moved By: Mike Kerby Seconded By: Norm Roberts

THAT, the Source Water monthly report be received.

CARRIED

11. Foundation Distribution Board Bank Account

MOTION QC-24-105

Moved By: Kathryn Brown Seconded By: Dave Ogden

THAT, Staff be directed to establish a new bank account under Quinte Conservation, designated for the Foundation Distribution Board, specifically for the purpose of managing the net revenue generated from the Carbon Offset funds received from ANEW; and

FURTHER THAT Staff be directed to transfer the net revenue into this account, with the net amount calculated as gross Carbon Offset revenue, less HST and any budgeted operational or staffing costs related to the Carbon Offset projects; and

FURTHER THAT the Foundation Distribution Board will oversee the management and distribution of these funds in accordance with its terms of reference and established evaluation processes be approved.

CARRIED

Board- How much money – staff not sure, will be substantial, so far \$255,000.

Board- Is this money in jeopardy if the government changes rules on carbon offset?

Staff- Anything is possible however the Voluntary market is very strong, very encouraged by offset and see no decline, with the political fall out in the states it may make the offset market promising

Board- will the terms of reference come back to the board?

Staff- a meeting is scheduled after this board meeting to discuss the foundation, nothing has been approved yet, this is just the groundwork to get things started.

Staff- we are looking to use the interest from the carbon offset money to fund projects

Board – who is on this board, staff clarified.

Board- who is handling the investment portion

Staff- our own banker, portfolio manager

Board- RBC is the current banker but questions still need to be answered

Board - will all that come back to the board for approval?

Staff- no, the intent is that it will be a Foundation Board with its own entity, however it will be reported to the board similar to McLeod dam, with representation from the Quinte Conservation Executive Board sitting on the Foundation Board

12, QC MQU with PEC for Bloomfield (Motion to Receive)

13. 2024 Watershed Monitoring Summary (with Presentation) (Motion to Receive)

MOTION QC-24-106

Moved By: John Hirsch Seconded By: James Flieler

THAT, the 2024 Watershed Monitoring Summary by Presentation be received.

CARRIED

14. Other Business

Fee Comparison based on review of fees listed on websites of our surrounding CAs (2024):

Cataraqui: \$200 - \$1685

Crowe Valley - \$275 - \$2770

Ganaraska River CA - \$250 - \$5000

Lower Trent: \$220 - \$1100

Mississippi Valley CA - \$280 - \$2050 Rideau Valley CA - \$280 - \$5365 South Nations: \$280- \$2685

Quinte: \$250 - \$1840

Board- Can staff comment on current water levels? Related to dam activity?

Staff- In low water level 1 stage, we continue to monitor conditions.

Staff - letters have been sent to municipalities for budget review, which has been postponed to December to allow for full 30-day review as required.

15. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The date and time of next meeting is December 19, 2024, or earlier at the call of the chair.

16. Adjournment (Motion to approve)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.

MOTION QC-24-107

Chris Malette, Chair

Moved By: Kirby Thompson **Seconded By:** Mike Stevens

THAT, the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED