

MINUTES
INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION
Executive Meeting
Great Lakes Regional Office
October 10-11, 2018

The International Joint Commission met at the Great Lakes Regional Office in Windsor on October 10 from 8:30- 5:00 p.m. EDT and on October 11 from 8:30 am to 12:30p.m. EDT, chaired by Gordon Walker.

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APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

1. Commissioners approved the agenda with the addition of several items under Other Business.

BRING FORWARD

2. Commissioners reviewed the Bring Forward list of correspondence.

ACTION ITEM LIST, COMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITIES CALENDAR, AND COORDINATED SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

3. Commissioners reviewed the latest Action Item list, and received a detailed briefing on the state of the IM-IT system and agreed to the proposed way forward. Commissioners requested that the issue of transboundary water quality be raised again with governments. Commissioners also reviewed the Communications Activities calendar and the Coordinated Schedule of Meetings and heard an overview on the public response to the Commissions social media initiatives.

IJC HUMAN RESOURCES

4. Commissioners received an update on human resources staffing developments in the section offices and regional office.

IJC WEBSITE MODERNIZATION

5. Commissioners received a demonstration of the new website and an update of plans for the launch, which is scheduled for October 25, 2018.

GREAT LAKES TRIENNIAL ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS REPORT

6. A) TAP Workshop

Commissioners reviewed the preparatory material for the October 23, 2018, TAP workshop to be held with the TAP Study Board. Commissioners expressed support for the Study Board's priority topics resulting from its initial discussions, including the identification of current and potential emerging issues that could be further studied and included as part of the TAP 2020. Commissioners agreed that, at the conclusion of the workshop, they will provide IJC staff with guidance on issues to be addressed in the next

TAP, as well as notional timelines for its development and completion. Commissioners requested that following the workshop staff prepare a preliminary draft outline of the TAP report.

B) Format of the TAP 2020 Report

Commissioners reviewed options for the format of the TAP 2020 report and approved the two volume approach. Volume 1 will fulfil the IJC's responsibilities under 7(k)(i) and (ii) of the Agreement by providing a review of the Progress Report of the Parties (PROP) and a summary of public input on the PROP. Volume 2 will fulfil the IJC's responsibilities under 7(k)(iii)-(v) by assessing the extent to which programs and other measures are achieving the Agreement's objectives, considering the State of the Great Lakes report, and providing other advice and recommendations. Commissioners expressed a preference that Volume 1 include a focus on Annexes, and Volume 2 include a focus on a blend of General Objectives and Annexes in relation to the priority topics

C) Public Meetings on the Progress Report of the Parties (PROP)

Commissioners approved advisors' recommendations regarding the timing, locations and structure for public meetings in 2019 to receive comments on the PROP. Advisors will further define specific meetings and their agendas and provide an update of organization progress at the December Executive meeting

LAKE CHAMPLAIN-MISSISQUOI BAY AND LAKE MEMPHREMAGOG WATER QUALITY STUDY

7. Commissioners received an update on activities underway in the Lake Champlain-Missisquoi Bay and Lake Memphremagog systems under the water quality reference and approved the summary slide presentation to inform the governments on the state of progress. Commissioners recognized that there will be a one month delay in the submission of the interim reports for the two studies and that governments will be so informed.

INTERNATIONAL WATERSHED INITIATIVE (IWI)

8. Commissioners received a summary of the outcomes of the August 27-28, 2018, IWI staff workshop and considered next steps in the development of the IWI plan. Commissioners approved the posting of the updated design of the *Climate Change Guidance: Framework a Highlights Report* to the website. Commissioners also approved the IWI staff's proposed way forward regarding revision steps for the draft IWI plan.

GREAT LAKES SPARROW MAPS

9. Commissioners received an update regarding the U.S. Geological Survey-National Research Council of Canada (USGS-NRC) data that, once released, could be used to support Great Lakes SPARROW maps and their potential use as public information tools

on the sources of nutrients in the Great Lakes.

IJC GUIDING PRINCIPLES

10. Commissioners reviewed the revised draft guiding principles and approved the draft, as amended, for translation and posting on the web site.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING WITH GOVERNMENTS

11. Commissioners reviewed the proposed agenda for the October 26th Government-IJC meeting and discussed issues to be raise with the governments under the various agenda items.

BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION

12. Commissioners discussed a suggestion that the Commission consider recognizing members of the Commission's boards deserving of special mention and requested that staff develop options for board member recognition for consideration as soon as possible.

OTHER BUSINESS

13. **A) Minutes of the September 13, 2018, Commissioner Conference Call**
Commissioners approved the minutes, as amended, of the September 13, 2018, Commissioner conference call.

B) AquaHacking

Commissioners received an oral update of possible ways the IJC might be involved in the AquaHacking enterprise and encouraged communications staff to return with options on how the Commission may wish to collaborate including how the IJC might highlight on its website those themes which are most relevant to the Commission.

C) Meeting with Treaty #3 Grand Chief

Commissioners reviewed a request from the Grand Chief of Treaty #3 to meet with Commissioners, and they agreed to meet on the morning of Monday October 22nd during the Semi-Annual meeting.

DECISIONS TAKEN VIA POLLING

Great Lakes Water Quality Board

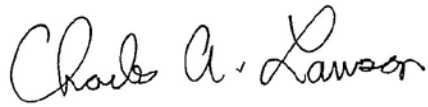
On October 11, 2018, Commissioners approved the appointment of Mr. Stephen Galarneau to be a U.S. member of the board for a three-year term, effective from October 1, 2018, to September 30, 2021.

Great Lakes Science Advisory Board Research Coordination Committee

On October 5, 2018, Commissioners approved the appointment of Dr. Rebecca Rooney to be a binational member of the Research Coordination Committee for a three-year term, effective from October 15, 2018, to October 14, 2021.

International Red River Board

On September 28, 2018, Commissioners approved the appointment of Ms. Johanna Miller to be a U.S. member of the board for a three-year term, effective from September 24, 2018, to September 23, 2021, and the reappointment of Ms. Nicole Armstrong as a Canadian member of the board for a three-year term, effective from August 14, 2018, to August 13, 2021.



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