



## Minutes

Friday, April 20, 2018

1:00 pm

Pine Room – District Municipality of Muskoka  
70 Pine Street, Bracebridge

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### Present

Kevin Trimble (Chair)	Brenda Armstrong	Patricia Arney
Rob Attfield	Margaret Casey	John Cooper
Paul Dinner	Don Furniss	Lou Guerriero
Jack Hepworth	Piret Hurrell	Caroline Konarzewski
Richard Lammers	Pete LeMoine	Michael Peppard
Geoff Ross	Don Smith	

### Staff

Christy Doyle	Rebecca Willison	Cassie Weston
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### Speakers

Victoria Ervick (Sustainable Severn Sound)	Tracy Roxborough (Sustainable Severn Sound)
Chris McLaughlin (North Simcoe Community Futures Development Corporation)	Morgan Levison (Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit)

### Community

Melissa Halford	John Klinck	Will Towns
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### Welcome

Kevin Trimble called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. He thanked all of the MWC volunteers in recognition of national volunteer week. District Chair John Klinck also offered remarks thanking community volunteers for their efforts, particularly the efforts of MWC volunteers to preserve and protect Muskoka's watersheds.

Kevin called on three MWC members to introduce themselves: Margaret Casey, Paul Dinner and Don Furniss. Each of these members received an MWC lapel pin.

### Confirmation of Minutes

**MOTION** by Pete LeMoine, seconded by Jack Hepworth

THAT the minutes of the Muskoka Watershed Council meeting dated March 23, 2018 be approved.

**CARRIED**

### Correspondence

MWC submitted comments on the EBR posting on the Watershed Planning Guidance.

## Presentation

[Local Climate Change Action Plan](#) – Victoria Ervick and Tracy Roxborough, [Sustainable Severn Sound](#)

Sustainable Severn Sound is working with their municipal partners and the larger community to develop a Local Climate Change Action Plan (LCCAP). The Action Plan will include both a corporate and community inventory of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, identify a GHG reduction target, and prioritize actions to reduce municipal and community contributions to climate change.

One of the hardest obstacles to overcome with municipal councils is to show a product/benefit to their community in order to change councillors' attitudes. You need to make the list of actions tangible and realistic.

SSS is a project of the North Simcoe Community Futures Development Corporation. It is not incorporated as a non-profit.

Kevin thanked Victoria and Tracy for their excellent presentation.

## MWC Working Group Initiatives

Working Group Co-chairs Pete LeMoine and Geoff Ross noted that the next meeting is on April 26<sup>th</sup> and will focus on the Report Card.

- **Overview** - Some highlights of the meeting held in March included an update on the Report Card indicators, updating the Clean & Green 13, and a potential road salt project with DMM. The hydrology project has been postponed until the fall.
- **2018 Muskoka Watershed Report Card** – Christy Doyle, Lou Guerriero and Cassie Weston provided a progress report on the development of the 2018 Muskoka Watershed Report Card, focussing on the Climate Change indicator. Cassie revealed the new logo for the Report Card.
  - Kevin Trimble reported on his visit with Cassie to two Grade 9 Geography classes at BMLSS. Lots of input was received about how to promote the Report Card, particularly through social media.

## Updates & New Business

- **DMM Update**
  - Environmental programs – Christy Doyle reported that the Water Quality students start April 30<sup>th</sup>, but they will not be able to start the monitoring until the ice goes off the lakes. Funding is pending for the Love Your Lake program and the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters invasive species outreach program.
  - University of Waterloo Valuing Muskoka's Natural Assets Project – District planner Will Towns presented on DMM's project with University of Waterloo planning students on valuing Muskoka's natural assets.
  - Engineering and Public Works – Fred Jahn reported that EPW is working to deal with landfill issues (especially legacy issues) and has stopped putting biosolids into the landfill. A study is underway to look at what to do with biosolids – composting and/power generation. All of the septic lagoons may be closed in the future as it is better to process waste through the treatment plants. EPW is in the process of decommissioning the Mountview treatment plant. Their invasive species program is being rolled out to the Area Municipalities and the MTO to ensure a coordinated approach. EPW will be undertaking a road salt program and would like MWC to be involved in developing a working group consisting of PW operational people as well as environmental experts.

**Next MWC Meeting**

Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 pm at the Vankoughnet Community Centre ("The Village Square"), following a volunteer appreciation lunch. The meeting will feature a sneak peek of the 2018 Muskoka Watershed Report Card.

**Adjournment**

Kevin Trimble adjourned the meeting at 3:10 pm.