Minutes

Friday, April 17, 2009
1:00 p.m.

Council Chambers – District Municipality of Muskoka
70 Pine Street, Bracebridge

Present:
Ian Turnbull (Chair) Patricia Arney Ken Black
Ben Boivin Margaret Casey Deb Cumming
Tonia Di Sabatino Lou Guerriero Anne Lindsay
Anna Mallin Mary McCulley Jan McDonnell
Don McVittie Rob Milligan Al Shaw
Alicia Tyson Scott Young

Regrets:
Dan Brooks Fran Coleman Karen Flood
Diane Griffin Michael Lawley Eleanor Lewis
Don MacKay Steve Munro Ross Raymond
Nathan Richer Peter Seybold Sally Smith
Brian Sturgeon Brian Tapley Jim Walden
Rick Wright

Staff:
Judi Brouse Rebecca Willison Marg French

Guests:
Samantha Hastings Rebecca Pollack Greg Mason

Welcome
Ian Turnbull called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Confirmation of Minutes
MOTION by Rob Milligan, seconded by Patricia Arney

THAT the minutes of the Muskoka Watershed Council meeting dated March 20, 2009 be approved.

CARRIED

Activity Report
MOTION by Rob Milligan, seconded by Patricia Arney

THAT the Activity Report for April 2009 be approved.

CARRIED
Council Biographies
Muskoka Watershed Council members Alicia Tyson, Scott Young and Don McVittie provided brief verbal autobiographies for the Council.

Presentation
Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve – Rebecca Pollack, Communications Manager for Georgian Bay Biosphere Inc.

Report Card Working Session
Indicators, Timelines and MWC Member Responsibilities – Judi Brouse, Director of Watershed Programs
  o Discussion about climate change – it was decided that it should remain in the report card, but presented in a different way.
  o Timeframe - Forests – August 28, 2009
    Wetlands – Sept 18, 2009
    Water – October 16, 2009
    Stewardship Activity – November 27, 2009
    Year 2 (2011) Report Card Outreach
    Year 3 (2012) Georgian Bay Report Card
    Year 4 (2013) Stewardship Report
    Year 1 (2014 Report Card

Updates & New Business
  ● MWC Member Survey Results – Memo distributed with agenda. Ian Turnbull will carry the project forward.
  ● Green Energy Act – Policy & Research Committee is developing comments based on the response released by AMO.
  ● 2009 Environmental Lecture Series – the first lecture will occur in June and be a panel discussion on ecotourism and the G8.

Correspondence
  ● Resignation notices from Steve Inniss and Juliette Litschko.

Next Meeting
The next meeting of the Muskoka Watershed Council is scheduled for Friday May 15, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the District’s Administration Building.

Adjournment
Ian Turnbull adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.