Minutes

Friday, April 23, 2010
1:00 p.m.

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

Present:
Rob Milligan
Margaret Casey
Anna Mallin
Greg Mierle
Peter Seybold
Alicia Tyson
Scott Young
Patricia Arney
Lou Guerriero
Mary McCulley
Mary Robertson Lacroix
Paul Stueck
Debbie Vernon
Ken Black
Neil Hutchinson
Jan McDonnell
Peter Sale
Ian Turnbull
Paul Wiancko

Regrets:
Ben Boivin
Dan Brooks
Tonie Di Sabatino
Diane Griffin
Don MacKay
Caroline Konarzewski
Steve Munro
Ken Riley
Brian Sturgeon
Brian Tapley

Staff:
Judi Brouse
Rebecca Willison
Marg French

Guests:
Samantha Hastings
Summer Valentine
Eric McIntyre
Patsy Cross
Eleanor Lewis

Don McVittie
Al Shaw
Jim Walden

Welcome
Rob Milligan called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. by welcoming members and guests. Margaret Casey and Lou Guerriero provided brief autobiographies for the Council.

Confirmation of Minutes

MOTION by Ken Black, seconded by Margaret Casey
THAT the minutes of the Muskoka Watershed Council meeting dated March 26, 2010 be approved.

CARRIED
Activity Report

MOTION by Patricia Arney, seconded by Ken Black

THAT the Activity Report for April 2010 be approved.

CARRIED

Presentations

Climate Change, Biodiversity and Forest Cover in Southern Ontario – Gary Nielsen, MNR Climate Change Coordinator

Adapting to Climate Change in Ontario: Potential Impacts for Municipalities – Summer Valentine, DMM Manager of Planning Projects

Climate Change and Adaptation in Muskoka

Judi reviewed the content of the paper, noting that the final recommendation has been changed to read “THAT Muskoka Watershed Council establish a steering committee to design a process engaging all affected parties to assess the current vulnerability of Muskoka’s watersheds to changing climatic conditions, and to identify specific watershed-based strategies for adapting to climate change.” The reason for changing the recommendation is to shift focus from government-based to grassroots-based initiatives.

MOTION by Margaret Casey, seconded by Peter Seybold

THAT the Muskoka Watershed Council report titled “Climate Change and Adaptation in Muskoka” dated April 2010 be approved, with amendments;

AND THAT the report be submitted to The District Municipality of Muskoka, Area Municipalities, and relevant provincial ministries for their information.

CARRIED

2010 Muskoka Watershed Report Card

The report card layout has nearly been finalized. The text will undergo an edit and then the report card will be submitted to the publisher for printing next Friday. The report card will be distributed in What’s Up magazine as well as the long weekend edition of The Muskokan. The official release of the report card will occur on May 25th at the District Council meeting.

The four components of the 2010 Muskoka Watershed Report Card are:

- The overall Report Card
- The report card website (http://www.muskokaheritage.org/watershed/reportcard/home.htm)
- The complete Background Report
- Subwatershed Report Cards for all 20 subwatersheds
**Updates & New Business**


- Paul Wiancko – Georgian Bay Foundation – GBA has released a 10-year summary of their water quality monitoring program.

- Patricia Arney – Muskoka Heritage Foundation – Orders are being accepted for MHF’s annual native plant sale.

- Margaret Casey – A G8 tree planting event is occurring on April 24th at Etwell Road in Huntsville in conjunction with Muskoka Envirocredits.

- Judi Brouse – Registration is still open for the [2010 Freshwater Summit](#).

- Rebecca Willison – MNR [Lake Fact Sheets](#) containing fisheries information are now posted on the Muskoka Water Web site.

**Correspondence & Articles**

- Letter from Adele Hurley re: Model Act to Preserve Canada’s Water

- Notice from Bracebridge Generation re: completion of 2 environmental screening reports

**Next Meeting**

Friday, May 21, 2010 at 1:00 pm in the Council Chambers at The District Municipality of Muskoka administration building.

**Adjournment**

Rob Milligan adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.