



Minutes

Friday, April 23, 2010

1:00 p.m.

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

Present:

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

Regrets:

Ben Boivin	Dan Brooks	Fran Coleman
Tonia Di Sabatino	Diane Griffin	Isobel Heathcote
Don MacKay	Caroline Konarzewski	Don McVittie
Steve Munro	Ken Riley	Al Shaw
Brian Sturgeon	Brian Tapley	Jim Walden

Staff:

Judi Brouse	Rebecca Willison	Marg French
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Guests:

Samantha Hastings	Summer Valentine	Tom Clarke
Eric McIntyre	Patsy Cross	Gary Neilsen
Eleanor Lewis		

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 Muskoka. 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

- Peter Seybold – Muskoka Lakes Association – [2009 Water Quality Reports](#) now available online. A Stewardship Program is underway for 2010.
- 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.