Minutes

Friday, August 28, 2009
1:00 p.m.

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

Present:
Ian Turnbull
Ben Boivin
Anna Mallin
Don McVittie
Alicia Tyson

Patricia Arney
Margaret Casey
Mary McCulley
Rob Milligan

Ken Black
Eleanor Lewis
Jan McDonnell
Brian Sturgeon

Regrets:
Dan Brooks
Tonia Di Sabatino
Lou Guerierio
Peter Seybold
Jim Walden

Fran Coleman
Karen Flood
Don MacKay
Al Shaw
Rick Wright

Deb Cumming
Diane Griffin
Steve Munro
Brian Tapley
Scott Young

Staff:
Judi Brouse

Rebecca Willison
Marg French

Guests:
Peter Sale

Welcome
Ian Turnbull called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. by welcoming everyone to the late summer meeting. Peter Sale introduced himself and provided a brief biography as a prospective member of MWC.

Confirmation of Minutes
MOTION by Anna Mallin, seconded by Patricia Arney

THAT the minutes of the Muskoka Watershed Council meeting dated June 19, 2009 be approved.

CARRIED

Activity Report
MOTION by Rob Milligan, seconded by Anna Mallin

THAT the Activity Report for August 2009 be approved.

CARRIED
Presentation


2010 Report Card Discussion

Judi Brouse gave a presentation highlighting the Land Section of the 2010 Report Card and received input from Council members.

The approximate timeline for the next few meetings is as follows:
- September – wetlands
- October – water and communications strategy
- November – overview and emerging issues
- March – final draft of Report Card

Updates & New Business

- **Atmospheric Deposition Background Paper**
  
  **MOTION** by Anna Mallin, seconded by Patricia Arney

  THAT Muskoka Watershed Council receives the *Atmospheric Deposition Background Paper* dated August 2009 as background information for the 2010 Muskoka Watersheds Report Card.

  CARRIED

- **2009 Muskoka Lakes Mayors Golf Tournament** – proceeds to the Muskoka Heritage Foundation
- **Torrance Barrens Dark Sky Reserve 10th Anniversary Celebration**

Correspondence & Articles

- **AMO Alert** – [Green Energy Act Planning Approval Regulation Consultations](#)
- **Letter from DMM re**: MWC comments submitted on the Muskoka Active Transportation Strategy: Discussion paper
- **MNR report**: [A Fisheries Management Review for Fairy, Mary, Peninsula and Vernon Lakes](#)
- **Letter from J Shaw re**: foaming of surface waters on Lake Muskoka and response from J Brouse
- **Letter to the Editor** re: proposed Bala Falls hydro generating facility; references MWC’s Power Generation Position Paper
- **Notice of Study Commencement** from Stantec for the Highway 11 Access Review from Muskoka Road 117/Cedar Lane, northerly 6.3 kilometres
- **First issue of** [Biosphere News](#), the [Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve](#) newsletter
- **Letter to MHF from BLPOA re**: donation and MWC involvement

Next Meeting

Friday, September 18, 2009 at 12:30 pm at the Rosseau Memorial Hall. Lunch will be provided **prior** to the meeting courtesy of the Township of Seguin. Mayor Conn will discuss Seguin’s water quality programs and provide a tour of the Rosseau waterfront. The report card discussion will focus on wetlands.

Adjournment

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