



Minutes

Friday, August 28, 2009

1:00 p.m.

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

Present:

Ian Turnbull	Patricia Arney	Ken Black
Ben Boivin	Margaret Casey	Eleanor Lewis
Anna Mallin	Mary McCulley	Jan McDonnell
Don McVittie	Rob Milligan	Brian Sturgeon
Alicia Tyson		

Regrets:

Dan Brooks	Fran Coleman	Deb Cumming
Tonia Di Sabatino	Karen Flood	Diane Griffin
Lou Guerriero	Don MacKay	Steve Munro
Peter Seybold	Al Shaw	Brian Tapley
Jim Walden	Rick Wright	Scott Young

Staff:

Judi Brouse	Rebecca Willison	Marg French
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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

[Natural Heritage Reference Manual for the Provincial Policy Statement](#) – Jan McDonnell, Wildlife Biologist for the Ministry of Natural Resources.

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.