Minutes

Friday, February 19, 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  Mary McCulley
Jan McDonnell  Don McVittie  Greg Mierle
Ken Riley  Mary Robertson Lacroix  Peter Sale
Peter Seybold  Al Shaw  Brian Sturgeon
Ian Turnbull  Alicia Tyson  Gloria Woodside

Regrets:
Ben Boivin  Dan Brooks  Fran Coleman
Tonia Di Sabatino  Diane Griffin  Isobel Heathcote
Don MacKay  Anna Mallin  Steve Munro
Susan Pond  Brian Tapley  Jim Walden
Scott Young

Staff:
Judi Brouse  Rebecca Willison  Marg French

Guests:
Paul Stueck (LOBA)  Melissa Halford (DMM)  Summer Valentine (DMM)
Eleanor Lewis (MLA)

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

Confirmation of Minutes
MOTION by Peter Seybold, seconded by Ken Black

THAT the minutes of the Muskoka Watershed Council meeting dated January 29, 2010 be approved.

CARRIED
Activity Report

MOTION by Ken Black, seconded by Peter Seybold

THAT the Activity Report for February 2010 be approved.

Presentation


2010 Report Card

Key Messages – Presentation by Rob Milligan

Council reviewed and endorsed the key messages for the Report Card.

Communications Strategy – Presentation by Judi Brouse

Judi presented an overview of the Communication Strategy for the Report Card and emphasized that the process will go quickly and if people want to be involved they should let Judi know (jbrouse@muskokaheritage.org).

CAISN Letter of Support

MOTION by Ken Black, seconded by Margaret Casey

THAT Muskoka Watershed Council provide a letter of support to the Canadian Aquatic Invasive Species Network.

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Updates & New Business

- 2010 Freshwater Summit - website is online and registration is ongoing. All MWC members are encouraged to attend.

Correspondence & Articles

- Letter from MWC to Minister of the Environment John Gerretsen re: Adapting to Climate Change in Ontario report.
- Canadian Aquatic Invasive Species Network (CAISN) 2009 Midpoint Report
- Environmental Film Festival – March 2nd.
- Canadian Water Summit
Next Meeting
Friday, March 26, 2010 at 1:00 pm in the Council Chambers at The District Municipality of Muskoka administration building. A presentation will be given by Gary Nielsen, Climate Change Coordinator for the Ministry of Natural Resources, about the impact of climate change on natural values.

Adjournment
Rob Milligan adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.