Minutes
Friday, February 20, 2009
1:00 p.m.
Council Chambers – District Municipality of Muskoka
70 Pine Street, Bracebridge

Present:
- Ian Turnbull (Chair)
- Patricia Arney
- Ken Black
- Dan Brooks
- Margaret Casey
- Karen Flood
- Lou Guerriero
- Eleanor Lewis
- Anna Mallin
- Mary McCulley
- Rob Milligan
- Al Shaw
- Brian Sturgeon
- Alicia Tyson
- Scott Young

Regrets:
- Ben Boivin
- Fran Coleman
- Richard Corcelli
- Deb Cumming
- Diane Griffin
- Trevor Griffin
- Steve Inniss
- Michael Lawley
- Anne Lindsay
- Juliet Litschko
- Don MacKay
- Don McVittie
- Steve Munro
- Ross Raymond
- Nathan Richer
- Peter Seybold
- Brian Tapley
- Jim Walden
- Rick Wright

Staff:
- Rebecca Willison
- Marg French

Guests:
- Jeremy Rouse
- Rob Wilson

Welcome
Ian Turnbull called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Presentation
- [Ontario Endangered Species Act](https://www.ontario.ca/.../Ontario_Endangered_Species_Act) – Jeremy Rouse, Species at Risk Biologist for the Ministry of Natural Resources

Confirmation of Minutes
MOTION by Rob Milligan, seconded by Ken Black

THAT the minutes of the Muskoka Watershed Council meeting dated January 16, 2009 be approved.

CARRIED
Council Biographies
Muskoka Watershed Council members Al Shaw, Anna Mallin and Ian Turnbull provided brief verbal autobiographies for the Council.

Activity Report
MOTION by Rob Milligan, seconded by Lou Guerriero

THAT the Activity Report for February 2009 be approved. CARRIED

Power Generation Position Paper
Policy & Research Committee Chair Patricia Arney presented an overview of the Power Generation Position Paper.

MOTION by Patricia Arney, seconded by Anna Mallin

THAT the Muskoka Watershed Council report titled “Power Generation Position Paper” dated February 2009 be approved. CARRIED

Updates & New Business
- Rob Milligan provided a summary of the MWC comments submitted to DMM on Phase 2 of the Growth Management Strategy.
- Scott Young provided an update on the progress of the DMM Tree-cutting By-law. A focus group meeting is scheduled for March 10th and includes a representative from MWC.
- Lou Guerriero reported that the Town of Gravenhurst has formed an Environmental Advisory Committee that recently held its first meeting.
- The MWC meeting scheduled for June 19th will be held in Gravenhurst.

Correspondence
- Letter from the Muskoka Lakes Association to the District of Muskoka re: Proposed Tree-cutting By-law
- Letter from Seguin Township appointing Brian Sturgeon as their representative
- Letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to DMM re: protecting Canada’s freshwater resources.

Next Meeting
The next meeting of the Muskoka Watershed Council is scheduled for Friday March 20, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the District’s Administration Building.

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