



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
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Guests:

Jeremy Rouse	Rob Wilson
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Welcome

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

Presentation

- [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.