



Minutes

Friday, January 16, 2009

1:00 p.m.

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

Present:

Ian Turnbull (Chair)	Patricia Arney	Ken Black
Ben Boivin	Margaret Casey	Karen Flood
Lou Guerriero	Steve Inniss	Anne Lindsay
Juliet Litschko	Anna Mallin (phone)	Mary McCulley
Rob Milligan	Peter Seybold	Scott Young

Regrets:

Dan Brooks	Fran Coleman	Richard Corcelli
Deb Cumming	Diane Griffin	Trevor Griffin
Michael Lawley	Eleanor Lewis	Don MacKay
Don McVittie	Steve Munro	Ross Raymond
Nathan Richer	Al Shaw	Brian Sturgeon
Brian Tapley	Jim Walden	Rick Wright

Staff:

Judi Brouse	Rebecca Willison
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Guests:

Alicia Tyson (SMDHU)	Sally Smith	Mike Walsh (PSMSN)
Jake Good	Kim Good	

Welcome

Ian Turnbull called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. with roundtable introductions.

Confirmation of Minutes

MOTION by Ken Black, seconded by Peter Seybold

THAT the minutes of the Muskoka Watershed Council meeting dated November 28, 2008 be approved.

CARRIED

Council Biographies

Muskoka Watershed Council members Lou Guerriero, Mary McCulley and Rob Milligan provided brief verbal autobiographies for the Council.

Presentations

- [Private Land Forests: Challenges and Opportunities](#) – Mike Walsh, *Stewardship Coordinator for the Parry Sound-Muskoka Stewardship Network*
- [Muskoka Watershed Council Orientation](#) – Judi Brouse, *Director of Watershed Programs*

Committee Reports

See the attached "[Update on Committee Activities.](#)"

MOTION by Rob Milligan, seconded by Ben Boivin

THAT the MWC "Update on Committee Activities" report dated January 9, 2009 be approved.

CARRIED

Progress Report Card

Judi Brouse provided an overview of the 2009 Progress Report Card developed by the Strategic Directions Committee. The document reports on the progress municipalities have made based on the key messages contained in the 2007 Watersheds Report Card. The Council discussed the content of the background report and provided comments. It is anticipated that a one-page summary of the Progress Report Card will be distributed in newspapers for the May long weekend. Additional comments on the Progress Report Card can be submitted to Judi at jbrouse@muskokaheritage.org.

Updates & New Business

- Ian Turnbull and Judi Brouse have made presentations to two area municipal councils on MWC activities. Presentations to the remaining councils will occur in the next few weeks.

Correspondence

- Letter from the MNR RE: Phase 1: Stage Five – Inspection of MNR-Approved Forest Management Plan for the French Severn Forest Management Unit.
- Letter from the Ontario Municipal Board RE: Road Closure – Local Road Allowance at Highway 400 and Muskoka Road No. 33.

Next Meeting

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

Adjournment

Ian Turnbull adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.



Muskoka

WATERSHED COUNCIL

To: **Muskoka Watershed Council**
From: **Committee Chairs**
Date: **January 9, 2009**
Re: **Update on Committee Activities**

Strategic Directions Committee – *next meeting: Friday, February 6th at 10:00 am in the Birch Room*

The Environmental Lecture Series will be coordinated by the Communications Committee. A scoping document for Low Impact Development has been drafted and continues to be refined before being submitted to the Executive Committee for allocation. The Progress Report on Municipal Planning continues to be revised for an anticipated release date in May 2009. The report will be brought to MWC on January 16th for discussion. A response to DMM's Growth Strategy Phase 2 Report has been drafted for discussion at the committee level. A work plan for the coming year is being developed.

Policy & Research Committee – *next meeting: Friday, February 20th at 10:00 am in the Birch Room*

The Committee continues to refine the draft position paper on power generation and a position paper on air quality and the environment is in development. The opportunity to assist with the development of a rain garden in Gravenhurst is being investigated, and the Committee is also developing a work plan for the coming year.

Communications Committee – *next meeting: TBA*

Committee Chair Dan Brooks presented for review a draft Communications Committee Operating Policy and Guidelines document. The Executive Committee has suggested minor revisions to the policy. Dan will be recruiting members to the Committee and developing a work plan.

Executive Committee – *next meeting: Friday, February 6th at 1:00 pm in the Birch Room*

A submission is being developed on the Muskoka Envirocredits Program for the G8 Committee. MWC Chair Ian Turnbull will be giving an annual update on MWC activities to each watershed municipality in January and February, and the Committee continues to seek funding for various MWC initiatives. The February 6th meeting will focus on reviewing the scoping document for Low Impact Development (LID), allocate the work to committees and set timeframes for the work to be done.