



Minutes

Friday, June 19, 2009

12:30 p.m.

**Muskoka Boat & Heritage Centre – Grace & Speed
Gravenhurst Wharf**

Present:

Ian Turnbull	Patricia Arney	Margaret Casey
Fran Coleman	Deb Cumming	Tonia Di Sabatino
Karen Flood	Lou Guerriero	Eleanor Lewis
Anna Mallin	Mary McCulley	Jan McDonnell
Rob Milligan	Steve Munro	Peter Seybold
Al Shaw	Brian Sturgeon	Scott Young

Regrets:

Ken Black	Ben Boivin	Dan Brooks
Diane Griffin	Don MacKay	Don McVittie
Brian Tapley	Alicia Tyson	Jim Walden
Rick Wright		

Staff:

Judi Brouse	Rebecca Willison
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Tour of Gravenhurst

Gravenhurst Mayor John Klinck and Manager of Development Services Nick Popovich led a tour of four sites in Gravenhurst to demonstrate some of the environmental considerations that have been incorporated into new developments. The first area of interest was the Gravenhurst Wharf, where dark-sky light fixtures with LED bulbs have been installed. Other improvements in the area include extending municipal services along Hwy 169 to reduce the number of private septic systems, removing approximately 8,000 tonnes of contaminated soil, renaturalizing a portion of the shoreline, replacing a culvert with fish spawning habitat, and installing stormceptors to filter contaminants out of the stormwater before it reaches the bay.

Participants then proceeded to Muskoka Bay Golf Club where they viewed an example of wetland preservation in the golf course. Muskoka Bay is applying for certification through the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses. An old municipal landfill on the property has been revegetated. The third stop on the tour was at the Granite Trail Condominiums, where site designers worked with the landscape to preserve a ravine and coldwater stream.

The tour concluded at Gateway Fibreworks, where Gail Stiver led a tour highlighting the low impact development features incorporated into the building, including a rainwater collection system, a living wall and a graywater recycling system. Gail plans on installing a green roof, rain gardens, and permeable pavement in the future.

Welcome

Ian Turnbull called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m. by thanking Lou Guerriero and the Town of Gravenhurst for providing lunch and organizing the tour.

Confirmation of Minutes

MOTION by Anna Mallin, seconded by Jan McDonnell

THAT the minutes of the Muskoka Watershed Council meeting dated May 15, 2009 be approved.

CARRIED

Activity Report

MOTION by Patricia Arney, seconded by Anna Mallin

THAT the Activity Report for June 2009 be approved.

CARRIED

Council Biographies

Muskoka Watershed Council members Jan McDonnell and Eleanor Lewis provided brief verbal autobiographies for the Council.

Updates & New Business

- 2009 Environmental Lecture Series – the second lecture is scheduled for July 23rd at the Port Carling Community Centre and will feature Dr. Andrew Paterson speaking about [Algae & Our Lakes](#).
- Muskoka Lakes Association is holding an [information seminar](#) on July 18th at 9:30 am in the Port Carling Community Centre.
- Muskoka Envirocredits will officially launch on Tuesday, June 30th at 9:30 am at Deerhurst Resort in Huntsville.

Correspondence

- Letter from Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty re: the Green Energy and Green Economy Act
- Letter from DMM re: Muskoka Growth Strategy – Draft Phase 2 Report
- Letter from CAISN re: Midpoint Report

Committee Meetings

- Communications – Monday, August 17th at 1:30 pm in the Birch Room at the District of Muskoka
- Policy & Research – Friday, August 28th at 10:00 am in the Birch Room at the District of Muskoka
- Strategic Directions – Friday, August 21st at 10:00 am in the Birch Room at the District of Muskoka
- Executive – Friday, August 21st at 1:00 pm in the Birch Room at the District of Muskoka

Next Meeting

Friday, August 28, 2009 at 1:00 pm in the Council Chambers at the District of Muskoka.

Adjournment

Ian Turnbull adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.