



Minutes

Friday, May 15, 2009

1:00 p.m.

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

Present:

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| Ian Turnbull (by Skype) | Patricia Arney | Ken Black |
| Dan Brooks | Margaret Casey | Deb Cumming |
| Tonia Di Sabatino | Karen Flood | Anna Mallin |
| Mary McCulley | Don McVittie | Rob Milligan (Acting Chair) |
| Peter Seybold | Al Shaw | Brian Sturgeon |
| Alicia Tyson | Scott Young | |

Regrets:

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| Ben Boivin | Fran Coleman | Diane Griffin |
| Lou Guerriero | Eleanor Lewis | Anne Lindsay |
| Don MacKay | Jan McDonnell | Steve Munro |
| Al Shaw | Sally Smith | Brian Tapley |
| Jim Walden | Rick Wright | |

Staff:

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| Judi Brouse | Marg French |
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Welcome

Ron Milligan called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. and noted that Ian Turnbull was attending by Skype as he had broken his leg so was immobile at this time. Introductions were made around the table.

Confirmation of Minutes

MOTION by Deb Cumming, seconded by Margaret Casey

THAT the minutes of the Muskoka Watershed Council meeting dated April 17, 2009 be approved.

CARRIED

Activity Report

MOTION by Margaret Casey, seconded by Ken Black

THAT the Activity Report for May 2009 be approved.

CARRIED

Council Biographies

Muskoka Watershed Council members Peter Seybold and Brian Sturgeon provided brief verbal autobiographies for the Council.

Presentations

Judi provided a series of presentations on programs being undertaken or facilitated by MWC. She noted that the work of MWC was not limited to the work done by Committee and reviewed by Council. Council recognized that it does not have the manpower to undertake a lot of hands-on projects and that its strength is to encourage and facilitate existing grassroots organization in undertaking these programs. Over the last five years MWC has been very successful in initiating and overseeing programs. Judi made the following presentations.

1. [Well Aware](#) – a private landowner well awareness program undertaken in conjunction with MHF and Green Communities.
2. [EcoDriver](#) – a public education program to improve driver awareness of their carbon emissions and provide tools to reduce impact. Undertaken in conjunction with MHF, Green Communities, and Bracebridge Muskoka Lakes Secondary School.
3. [Muskoka Watershed Inventory](#) – A GIS tool to assist in landscape level ecological planning. Undertaken in conjunction with MHF, MHT, MNR, DFO, and DMM.
4. [Wetland Inventory Project](#) – A wetland inventory of the Bala Wetland. Undertaken in conjunction with Ducks Unlimited and MHF.

Updates & New Business

- Active Transportation was approved for submission to the District of Muskoka
MOTION by Alicia Tyson, seconded by Deb Cumming

THAT the document *Muskoka Watershed Council Response to the District Municipality of Muskoka's Discussion Paper: Muskoka Transportation Strategy* be adopted and submitted to the District Municipality of Muskoka.

CARRIED

- Year-to-Date activity report was presented and no questions were asked.
- 2009 Environmental Lecture Series – the first lecture will occur in June and will be a panel discussion on ecotourism and the G8.

Correspondence

- Letter to Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty re: the Green Energy and Green Economy Act

Next Meeting

Friday, June 19, 2009 in the Town of Gravenhurst Council Chambers.

Adjournment

Rob Milligan adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.