



Minutes

Friday May 20, 2011
1:00 pm

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

Present

Rob Milligan (Chair)	Patricia Arney	Shane Baker
Lola Bratty	Margaret Casey	Louise Cragg
Patsy Cross	Lou Guerriero	Isobel Heathcote
Jack Hepworth	Piret Hurrell	Steve Inniss
Anna Mallin	Mary McCulley	Tracey Rast
Peter Sale	Al Shaw	Lyle Steep
Paul Stueck	Paul Wiancko	

Regrets

Scott Aitchison	Ben Boivin	Dan Brooks
Gord Henderson	Neil Hutchinson	Don MacKay
Jan McDonnell	Don McVittie	Greg Mierle
Steve Munro	Ruth Nishikawa	Ken Riley
Mary Robertson-Lacroix	Peter Seybold	Ian Turnbull
Alicia Tyson	Debbie Vernon	Scott Young

Staff

Judi Brouse	Rebecca Willison
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Guests

Rosemarie Hinzmann	Eric Miller
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Welcome

Rob Milligan called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm by welcoming members and guests.

Confirmation of Minutes

MOTION by Lou Guerriero, seconded by Jack Hepworth

THAT the minutes of the Muskoka Watershed Council meeting dated [April 15, 2011](#) be approved.

CARRIED

Correspondence

- Letter from the Township of Lake of Bays re: MWC Annual Update presentation

Chair's Items

- [Proposed Invasive Species Strategy](#) – MWC will submit comments to the MNR on the strategy through the Executive Committee.
- 2011 [Ontario Small Urban Municipalities](#) (OSUM) Conference was held earlier in May. The 2012 OSUM conference will be held at Deerhurst Resort in Huntsville.

- The 2011 [Canadian Water Summit](#) will take place on June 14th at the International Centre in Toronto.

Presentations

[Revealing Nature's Hidden Economic Benefits](#) – Eric Miller, Socio-Economic Analysis Coordinator, Ministry of Natural Resources

- MNR report: [Estimating Ecosystem Services in Southern Ontario](#)

[Aquatic Invasive Species](#) – Patricia Arney, MWC member

MOTION by Margaret Casey, seconded by Lola Bratty

THAT Muskoka Watershed Council approve the "[Aquatic Invasive Species](#)" paper dated March 2010.

CARRIED

Updates and New Business

- *May 2011 Activity Report* – was distributed with the agenda.
- *Quarterly Activity Report* – was distributed with the agenda. The report will be submitted to MHF and DMM for their information.

Member Organization Updates

- Lyle Steep – MHF plant sale was a success. The Well Aware and Muskoka Stewardship programs are underway. Summer Tour is July 5th. Golf tournament is August 22nd at Muskoka Highlands. BMLSS Water Run is May 28th.
- Judi Brouse – Water Festival in Huntsville at River Mill Park on August 13th.

Next MWC Meeting

Friday, June 17, 2011 in Dorset.

12:00 pm – lunch at the Fiery Grill (treat yourself)

1:00 to 1:45 pm – walking tour of Dorset

2:00 to 2:45 pm – MWC business meeting at the Dorset Seniors' Centre

3:00 to 3:45 pm – Tour of the Dorset Environmental Science Centre

Adjournment

Rob Milligan adjourned the meeting at 2:40 pm.