



Muskoka

WATERSHED COUNCIL

Minutes

Friday, October 21, 2011
1:00 pm

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

Present

Rob Milligan (Chair)	Patricia Arney	Shane Baker
Ben Boivin	Margaret Casey	Louise Cragg
Patsy Cross	Lou Guerriero	Jack Hepworth
Piret Hurrell	Steve Inniss	Anna Mallin
Mary McCulley	Jan McDonnell	Don McVittie
Greg Mierle	Tracey Rast	Ken Riley
Peter Sale	Peter Seybold	Al Shaw
Lyle Steep	Paul Stueck	Debbie Vernon
Scott Young	Bob Bergquist	

Regrets

Scott Aitchison	Lola Bratty	Dan Brooks
Isobel Heathcote	Gord Henderson	Neil Hutchinson
Don MacKay	Steve Munro	Ruth Nishikawa
Mary Robertson-Lacroix	Ian Turnbull	Paul Wiancko

Staff

Judi Brouse	Rebecca Willison	Marg French
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Guests

Chris Near	Dorte Koster	Chris Marshall
Natalie Dierx		

Welcome

Rob Milligan called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm following the cutting of MWC's 10th Anniversary cake. Roundtable introductions were made and Rob welcomed Bob Bergquist who joined MWC as a representative of Nipissing University.

Confirmation of Minutes

MOTION by Margaret Casey, seconded by Piret Hurrell

THAT the minutes of the Muskoka Watershed Council meeting dated September 23, 2011 be approved.

CARRIED

Correspondence

- Email received from the [Haliburton-Muskoka Children's Water Festival](#) thanking MWC for providing an activity centre.

Chair's Items

- [The Great Muskoka Paddling Experience](#), held on October 8th, was a great success and raised \$2,500 for MWC. The event was voted as "race of the year" at the [Ontario Marathon Canoe & Kayak Racing Association](#) AGM in October. The event will take place next year on October 6th.
- Creative Muskoka is hosting a series of workshops designed to promote leadership in developing a creative Muskoka. MWC would like a member to participate.

Presentations

The Global Environmental Crisis - Implications for Muskoka – Peter Sale, Assistant Director, [Institute for Water, Environment and Health](#), United Nations University

Updates and New Business

- *October 2011 Activity Report* – was distributed with the agenda. The Communications Committee is looking for volunteers to assist with social media, writing articles, and giving presentations.
- *Foodstock* – Debbie Vernon attended Foodstock on October 16th in Honeywood, Ontario. The event was held to raise awareness of the Mega Quarry planned in southern Ontario. Debbie encouraged everyone at the meeting to express their concerns about the quarry to Environment Minister Peter Kent.
- *Stewardship Guide* – The Stewardship Guide on Dealing with Beavers is now available.
- *MWC Anniversary Document* – a summary of MWC's accomplishments over the past 10 years is now available.
- *Muskoka Stewardship Conference* – will be held in April 28, 2012
- *Biodiversity Summit* – will be held in June 6-7, 2012

Next MWC Meeting

Friday, November 25, 2011 in the Pine Room at the District Municipality of Muskoka Administration Building.

Adjournment

Rob Milligan adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm.