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

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.