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New Chair for MWC

Muskoka Watershed Council elected a new Chair and Vice-chair at the MWC meeting held in January. Rob Milligan served as Vice-chair of MWC for the past two years and will take over the reigns from Ian Turnbull, who will remain on the Council as Past-chair and will continue to promote the objectives and programs of MWC.

Long-time MWC member Patricia Arney steps into the role as Vice-chair.



Incoming MWC Chair Rob Milligan (right) thanks outgoing Chair Ian Turnbull for his commitment and dedication to MWC.

Muskoka Stewardship Program

The [Muskoka Heritage Foundation](http://www.muskokaheritage.org) and the [Muskoka Watershed Council](http://www.muskokawatershedcouncil.org) have collaborated to restart the Muskoka Stewardship Program after nearly 15 years, with funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.



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The Muskoka Stewardship Program enlists the support of hundreds of private landowners throughout Muskoka in the protection of natural areas. The past program was very successful and by 1996 there were 341 landowners voluntarily protecting more than 30,000 acres of diverse Muskoka landscape, including 53 miles of natural shoreline.

The new Muskoka Stewardship Program aims to re-build the program to improve the ecological integrity of Muskoka's private lands, through the implementation of various site-specific conservation practices, public and landowner education, and recognition initiatives. Participation in the program is voluntary.

To find out more about the Muskoka Stewardship Program, contact Rebecca Francis, Stewardship Coordinator, at 705-645-7393 or by email at stewardship@muskokaheritage.org.

2010 Freshwater Summit: Register Now!

Registration is now open for the 2010 Freshwater Summit, which will be held June 1st and 2nd at the Rene M Caisse Memorial Theatre in Bracebridge. Details about the Summit, including a draft program and list of speakers, is available on the 2010 Freshwater Summit website at www.2010freshwatersummit.org.

The purpose of the Summit will be to identify issues and stresses on inland lakes and rivers and develop a position on the management of this valuable resource that can be presented to the Canadian contingent at the G8. The target audience includes the general public; local high school, college and university students; and professionals from academia, government and the private sector.

Space is limited so register now online at www.2010freshwatersummit.org.

