



Minutes

Friday, September 21, 2012
1:00 pm

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

Present

Patricia Arney (Chair)	Allyn Abbott	Ben Boivin
Margaret Casey	Lou Guerriero	Isobel Heathcote
Gord Henderson	Jack Hepworth	Piret Hurrell
Steve Inniss	Caroline Konarzewski	Mary McCulley
Geoff Ross	Peter Seybold	Ian Turnbull
Debbie Vernon	Scott Young	

Regrets

Scott Aitchison	Shane Baker	Nic Bell
Lola Bratty	Louise Cragg	Patsy Cross
Neil Hutchinson	Richard Lammers	Anna Mallin
Jan McDonnell	Don McVittie	Greg Mierle
Rob Milligan	Steve Munro	Ruth Nishikawa
Michael Peppard	Ken Riley	Peter Sale
Al Shaw	Paul Stueck	Paul Wiancko

Staff

Judi Brouse	Rebecca Willison
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Guests

Kim Good	James Gilmore	Steve Fahner
Derrick Hammond		

Welcome

Patricia Arney called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm with roundtable introductions. Patricia thanked Ruth Nishikawa for hosting the June meeting in Muskoka Lakes and Geoff Ross for giving a presentation on the Skeleton Lake Plan.

Confirmation of Minutes

MOTION by Steve Inniss, seconded by Lou Guerriero

THAT the minutes of the Muskoka Watershed Council meeting dated June 22, 2012 be approved.

CARRIED

Correspondence

- Letter from the MNR in response to MWC's letter about Stewardship Councils
- Memo from the District of Muskoka re: public meetings for OPA 41 (Secondary Dwelling Units) and OPA 42 (Vision)
- Article re: Dr. Norm Yan being awarded the Royal Society of Canada
- Rouge Valley insert in the Toronto Star

Chair's Items

- Memo re: [MWC membership](#)

MWC Program Updates

Biodiversity Workshop – Ian Turnbull and Judi Brouse

Ian led MWC through a workshop that will be undertaken with community members in 5 areas throughout Muskoka to get people talking about biodiversity. Council members discussed the wording of the questions posed. It was suggested that the questions be more specific and that examples of actions be provided. It was also suggested that more photos be used in the presentation.

MOTION by Ian Turnbull, seconded by Peter Seybold

THAT the Muskoka Watershed Council report titled "Muskoka's Biodiversity: Understanding our Past to Protect our Future" dated 2012 be approved.

CARRIED

MWC Videos – Steve Inniss

Two Muskoka Minute videos and one Muskoka Moment video have been uploaded to the [MWC You Tube channel](#).

Shoreline Inventory Project – Judi Brouse

Judi Brouse summarized the provincial shoreline inventory project that MWC and DMM are involved in. A pilot project was undertaken on Leonard Lake last summer in cooperation with the lake association. Votes are needed for the '[Love Your Lake](#)' project in the Shell Fuelling Change funding program in order to secure more funding for the Muskoka program.

MWC Website – Rebecca Willison

Postponed.

Muskoka Summit on the Environment – Patricia Arney

Postponed to next meeting.

Updates and New Business

- *September 2012 Activity Report* – was distributed with the agenda and reviewed at the meeting.
 - Policy & Research Committee – Two student projects are being undertaken by University of Guelph students, one on road salts and the other on Over Threshold lakes.
 - Strategic Directions Committee – A workshop is scheduled for November 5th on water indicators for the Report Card.
- [Great Muskoka Paddling Experience](#) – October 6th in Bracebridge

Member Organization Updates

- Debbie Vernon – The Muskoka and Haliburton Association of Realtors has joined with the Orillia and District Real Estate Board and are now called the REALTORS Association of Ontario Lakelands.

Next MWC Meeting

Friday, October 19, 2012 in the Council Chambers at the District Municipality of Muskoka Administration Building.

Adjournment

Patricia Arney adjourned the meeting at 3:10 pm.