



## Annual General Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 22, 2021  
1:00 pm  
Zoom Online Meeting

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### Present

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| Geoff Ross (Chair)         | Nancy Alcock    | Patricia Arney  |
| Margaret Casey             | John Cooper     | Chris Cragg     |
| Louise Cragg               | Allen Edwards   | Piret Hurrell   |
| Caroline Konarzewski       | Richard Lammers | Pete LeMoine    |
| Karen Maxwell              | Daryle Moffatt  | Michael Peppard |
| Aaron Rusak (@ 2 pm)       | Peter Sale      | Kevin Trimble   |
| Sarah Warren (SMDHU proxy) |                 |                 |

### Staff

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| Christy Doyle     | Rebecca Willison | Samantha Hastings |
| Rochelle Jeffries | Cassie Weston    | Craig Little      |

### Presenter

Rebecca Gasman  
*York University*

### Guests

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| Caleb Timmermann | Diane Crocker | Steve von Buttlar |
| Robert Bellicoso | Glenn Vickery | Wendy Somerville  |
| Jo-Anne Goodwin  | Peter Dawson  | Regan Augustine   |
| Gary Donald      | John Klinck   | Cydney Campbell   |

1. The meeting began at 1:05 pm.

### 2. Presentation

[A pan-Canadian comparison of provincial cyanobacteria bloom management policies, programs, and practices](#) – Rebecca Gasman, Masters candidate, York University

Ms. Gasman discussed the preliminary findings from her work identifying and comparing current cyanobacteria bloom management strategies for lakes from five provinces in Canada – Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, and Nova Scotia – and highlighted knowledge gaps.

Following her presentation, Ms. Gasman responded to questions. Geoff Ross thanked Ms. Gasman for her presentation.

3. **MWC Annual General Meeting Call to Order** – *Chair Geoff Ross*

- 3.1. Welcome – Chair Ross welcomed everyone to the first Annual General Meeting of the Muskoka Watershed Council and introduced the members of the Executive Committee (DMM Reps: Nancy Alcock, Allen Edwards, Michael Peppard and Paul Wiancko; Community Reps (and Directors): Geoff Ross, Peter Sale, Kevin Trimble and Karen Maxwell). He reviewed the protocol for voting on resolutions.
- 3.2. Approval of Minutes – Chair Ross noted that, as this is the first AGM for the Muskoka Watershed Council, there are no minutes from the previous AGM to approve.

4. **Chair's Annual Report** – *Geoff Ross*

The [Chair's Annual Report](#) was distributed with the agenda. Chair Ross reviewed some of the many projects undertaken by MWC staff and volunteers in 2020 and highlighted some of the upcoming initiatives planned for 2021. He noted a significant donation MWC received from the estate of Douglas Cross late in 2020.

3.1. **MOTION**

Moved by Pete LeMoine, seconded by Mike Peppard

THAT the Chair's Annual Report dated January 15, 2021 be approved.

**CARRIED**

5. **Treasurer's Annual Report** – *Peter Sale*

MWC Treasurer Peter Sale reviewed the Treasurer's Annual Report and MWC financial statements that were distributed prior to the AGM.

5.1. **MOTION**

Moved by Chris Cragg, seconded by Kevin Trimble

THAT the MWC financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2020 be approved.

**CARRIED**

5.2. **MOTION**

Moved by Karen Maxwell, seconded by Nancy Alcock

THAT the requirement that the financial statements be audited for the 2021 fiscal year be waived.

**CARRIED**

5.3. **MOTION**

Moved by Patricia Arney, seconded by Caroline Konarzewski

THAT the firm Gilbert & Larkin LLP be retained for the fiscal year 2021 to provide accounting services for MWC as needed.

**CARRIED**

Chair Ross thanked Peter for acting as Treasurer for MWC.

6. **Appointment of Directors** – *Christy Doyle*

6.1. **MOTION**

Moved by Piret Hurrell, seconded by Allen Edwards

THAT Geoff Ross, Kevin Trimble, Peter Sale, Daryle Moffatt and Karen Maxwell be appointed as Directors for the Muskoka Watershed Council for 2021.

**CARRIED**

7. **General Business** – *Open to All MWC Members*

- Councillor Daryle Moffatt announced that the Toronto Star ran an article on ICECAP on the weekend ([5 quotes from Seguin council on achieving Milestone 1 of climate change initiative](#)).
- Pete LeMoine announced that he is recruiting a co-chair for the Working Group.
- Kevin Trimble reported that the Muskoka Watershed Management and Conservation Initiative is still progressing with the MECP.
- District Chair John Klinck thanked MWC on behalf of District Council and the community for the work MWC does to promote watershed health. He reiterated the District's commitment to MWC and thanked DMM councillors on MWC as well as DMM staff for supporting MWC initiatives. He highlighted a few of the MWC initiatives that support DMM programs, including the Planning Advisory Committee and participation in the Official Plan reviews at the Townships of Seguin and Muskoka Lakes.

8. **Adjournment**

8.1. **MOTION**

Moved by Allen Edwards, seconded by Kevin Trimble

THAT the first Annual General Meeting of the Muskoka Watershed Council be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.