



MUSKOKA WATERSHED COUNCIL

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Agenda

Date: **Friday, March 22, 2024**
Time: **1:00 – 3:00 pm**
In-person: **Council Chambers – District of Muskoka**
70 Pine Street, Bracebridge, ON P1L 1N3
Online: **Zoom**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85030421630?pwd=Q0pFNFFOTGhyeTIRdTY5cldoVXIxUT09>

1. **Welcome and Opening Remarks** – Chair Aaron Rusak (15 min)

1.1. Indigenous Land Acknowledgement – David Parsons, MWC Director

1.2. Approval of Minutes

THAT the Minutes of the Muskoka Watershed Council meeting dated January 19, 2024 be approved.

THAT the Minutes of the Muskoka Watershed Council meeting dated February 23, 2024 be approved.

1.3. Business Arising from the Minutes

2. **Presentation**

2.1. **The Muskoka Big Year** – Aaron Rusak (45 min)

Avid birder Aaron Rusak will talk about the local Big Year competition, where birders attempt to identify as many species of birds as possible by sight or sound, within a single calendar year and within a specific geographic area.

3. **Climate change updates including the introduction of the Community Energy & Emissions Reduction Plan** – Lauren Valliere, Climate Initiatives Coordinator, District of Muskoka (20 min)

4. **Committee Updates** (5 min each)

4.1. IWM Community Roundtable – Kevin Trimble

4.2. Communications Committee – Pete LeMoine

4.3. Fundraising Committee – Peter Sale

5. **Program Updates** (5 min each)

5.1. Algae Monitoring Program – Peter Sale

5.2. Love Your Lake Program – Rebecca Willison

6. **Partner Updates** (5 min each)

6.1. Government Updates – Open to elected municipal representatives and staff

6.2. Partner Updates (e.g., Province, Health Unit, Lake Associations, Community Organizations) – Open to All

7. **New Business**

7.1. World Water Day – Rebecca Willison

8. Adjournment

NEXT MWC MEETING: Friday, April 19th at 1 pm in the Council Chambers at the District of Muskoka administration building, located at 70 Pine Street in Bracebridge.