



# MUSKOKA WATERSHED COUNCIL

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## Agenda

Date: **Friday, March 24, 2023**  
Time: **1:00 – 3:00 pm**  
In-person: **Pine Room** – District of Muskoka Administration Building  
70 Pine Street, Bracebridge  
Online: **Zoom**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84254518220?pwd=SjRxKzIFNUMwZk8yZkJGMIF1TFJjUT09>

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1. **Welcome and Opening Remarks** – Chair Peter Sale (15 min)

- 1.1. Indigenous Land Acknowledgement – Councillor Peter Johnston
- 1.2. Approval of Minutes  
THAT the Minutes of the Muskoka Watershed Council meeting dated February 17, 2023 be approved.
- 1.3. Business Arising from the Minutes
- 1.4. Report from the Board of Directors Meeting

2. **Presentation** (20 min)

2.1. **Revising the Fisheries Management Regulations** – Steve Scholten, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

The management plan for Fisheries Management Zone 15 (FMZ 15) outlines the status of the fisheries in the zone, describes management objectives, and provides direction for management actions. Since 2016, the MNRF has been working on revising the management plan and an advisory council was formed in 2017 to assist with this. Proposed changes to the fishing regulations in this zone were posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario in 2022 for comment and a draft management plan has been developed to ensure sustainable fisheries management while helping to protect, preserve, and recover specific fish populations. It is anticipated that the FMZ 15 Management Plan will be finalized and implemented in 2024.

3. **Integrated Watershed Management** – Kevin Trimble & Geoff Ross (20 min)

4. **Project Updates** (10 min each)

- 4.1. 2023 Muskoka Watershed Report Card – Peter Sale
- 4.2. Communications – Rebecca Willison

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

5.1. Government Updates – *Open to elected municipal representatives and staff*

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

6. **New Business**

7. **Adjournment**

**NEXT MWC MEETING:** Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 1 pm in the Pine Room at the District of Muskoka administration building, located at 70 Pine Street in Bracebridge, and through Zoom.