



MUSKOKA WATERSHED COUNCIL

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Agenda

Date: **Friday, February 25, 2022**

Time: **1:00 – 3:00 pm**

Location: **Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89888634098?pwd=bmYycnplaVllQnA2cStmVFM2a2JkQT09> Meeting ID: 898 8863 4098 Passcode: 751174

1. **Welcome and Opening Remarks** – *Interim Chair Peter Sale (5 min)*

1.1. Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

1.2. Approval of Minutes (by consent)

THAT the Minutes of the Muskoka Watershed Council meeting dated January 28, 2022 be approved.

2. **Presentation (45 min)**

2.1. **Forest management planning of Muskoka's Crown forests** – *Javier Cappella, Westwind Forest Stewardship Inc.*

Forest Management Plans are a legal requirement under the Crown Forest Sustainability Act in Ontario to allow the following activities on Crown land forests: harvesting, road construction and maintenance, renewal activities such as planting and tending activities such as thinning. Without an approved plan, these activities cannot occur.

Forest management within the French/Severn Forest is currently being undertaken through the 2009-2019 Forest Management Plan (FMP) but the development of the next FMP (2019-2029) has already begun.

While a Forest Management Plan is written and certified by a Registered Professional Forester working for Westwind, the FMP is the product of an interdisciplinary planning team and is approved by the MNRF Regional Director.

3. **Member Participation and MWC Projects 2022** – *Interim Chair Peter Sale (15 min)*

4. **Communications** – *Interim Chair Peter Sale (10 min)*

5. **MWC Governance** – *Karen Maxwell (5 min)*

6. **Project Updates (3-5 min each)**

6.1. Community Roundtable Update – *Kevin Trimble*

6.2. Doug Cross Stewardship Recognition Program – *Rebecca Willison*

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

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

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

8. **New Business**

9. **Adjournment**

Upcoming Meetings

- **Working Group:** Thursday, March 3rd at 2:00 pm through Zoom.
- **Muskoka Watershed Council:** Friday, March 25th at 1 pm through Zoom.