



Agenda

Friday, November 26, 2021
1:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 897 8922 5331 Passcode: 268297

1. **Welcome and Opening Remarks** – *Chair Geoff Ross (5 min)*

- 1.1. Indigenous Land Acknowledgement
- 1.2. Approval of Minutes (by consent)

THAT the Minutes of the Muskoka Watershed Council meeting dated October 29, 2021 be approved.

2. **Presentation** (45 min)

2.1. **Ontario's Species at Risk: How COSSARO assesses and lists species to be protected** – *Tom Hilditch, Chair of COSSARO*

Tom Hilditch is the President & CEO of Colucent Environmental Inc. and Chair of the Committee on the Status of Species at Risk in Ontario (COSSARO). During his 40-year career as an ecologist, Tom has worked principally in the areas of impact assessment, mitigation planning and ecological planning and design. He has developed specialized expertise with international, national and provincial Species at Risk legislation, policies, guidelines and permitting processes.

Tom has served as the Chair of COSSARO since 2015. Between 2008 and 2014 he served on the Species at Risk Program Advisory Committee (SARPAC), COSSARO's sister committee. He also currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Anishinabek/Ontario Fisheries Resources Centre. His first book, *Becoming an Enlightened Consultant*, is being published by Friesen Press in December this year.

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

- 3.1. Community Roundtable Update – *Kevin Trimble*
- 3.2. MWC Strategic Plan – *Karen Maxwell*
- 3.3. Official Plan Responses – *Karen Maxwell*
- 3.4. MWC Communications – *Pete LeMoine*

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

- 4.1. Government Updates – *Open to elected municipal representatives and staff*
- 4.2. Partner Updates (e.g., Province, Health Unit, Lake Associations, Community Organizations) – *Open to All*

5. **New Business**

6. **Adjournment**

Upcoming Meetings

- **Working Group:** Thursday, December 2nd at 2:00 pm through Zoom.
- **Muskoka Watershed Council:** Friday, January 28th at 1 pm through Zoom.
 - This meeting will include a presentation by Hanna Fredrick, the Committee Chair of Water Keepers of Moose Deer Point First Nation.