



Agenda

Friday, November 27, 2015
1:00 pm

Council Chambers – District Municipality of Muskoka
70 Pine Street, Bracebridge

1. Welcome and Introductions – Peter Sale

2. Consent Agenda Items – Peter Sale

- 2.1. THAT the Minutes of the Muskoka Watershed Council meeting dated October 16, 2015 be approved.

3. Correspondence

- 3.1. Letter to DMM EPW Committee re: Phragmites
3.2. Letter to Province re: Proposed Wetland Management Strategy (posted on the EBR)

4. Presentation

- 4.1. Navigating Through the Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve, *David Bywater, State of the Bay Program Coordinator*, [Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve](#)

Designated by UNESCO in 2004, the Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve (GBBR) is an area of 347,000 hectares that stretches 200 km along the eastern coast from Port Severn to the French River, in the world's largest freshwater archipelago, also known as the 30,000 Islands. Following the mandate of UNESCO World Biosphere Reserves, the GBBR is to be an international model of sustainability for eastern Georgian Bay, while protecting the ecological values of the region. The GBBR model aims to integrate core protected areas (such as provincial and national parks), surrounding buffer areas (mostly Crown Lands) and an outer transition area of communities that support sustainable development.

David will outline several key GBBR initiatives and discuss its Coordinated Nutrient Monitoring Strategy for Eastern Georgian Bay. One of the key objectives of the program is to conserve critical aquatic habitats and species, as well as to reduce pollution.

5. Committee Updates

- 5.1. Upcoming Projects (Policy & Research Committee) – Geoff Ross
5.2. Community Engagement Project (Strategic Directions Committee) – Ian Turnbull

6. Updates and New Business

- 6.1. Mike Peppard, MWC Member and Host of Hunter's Bay Radio's Green Tapestry Program
6.2. Member Organizations Update

- 6.2.1. DMM – Samantha Hastings
- 6.2.2. FMW – Norman Yan/Paul Grinnell - **Raffle Draw**
- 6.2.3. MSE – Peter Sale
- 6.2.4. Others

7. Committee Meetings – *All MWC members are welcome to attend.*

- 7.1. Strategic Directions – Friday, December 4, 2015, 10:00 am, Birch Room
- 7.2. Policy & Research – Friday, January 22, 2016, 10:00 am, Birch Room
- 7.3. Executive – Friday, January 8, 2015, 10:00 am, Birch Room

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 22, 2015 at 1:00 pm in the Council Chambers at the District of Muskoka administration building.

9. Adjournment