



Minutes

Friday, October 14, 2016

1:00 pm

Pine Room – District Municipality of Muskoka
70 Pine Street, Bracebridge

Present

Lou Guerriero (Chair)	Patricia Arney	Shane Baker
Louise Cragg	Patsy Cross	Gord Henderson
Jack Hepworth	Piret Hurrell	Brian Lynch
Anna Mallin	Karen Maxwell	Rob Milligan
Michael Peppard	Kevin Trimble (Vice Chair)	

Staff

Christy Doyle	Rebecca Willison	Samantha Hastings
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Guests

Mary Beth Hartill

Welcome

Chair Lou Guerriero called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

Confirmation of Minutes

MOTION by Gord Henderson, seconded by Louise Cragg

THAT the minutes of the Muskoka Watershed Council meeting dated September 16, 2016 be approved.

CARRIED

News from the Chair

Lou notified the Council that the Executive Committee held a meeting the previous day to formalize the separation between MWC and Friends of the Muskoka Watershed (FMW). MWC's Operating Procedures, which can be found at <http://www.muskokawatershed.org/wp-content/uploads/OperatingProcedures-Oct2016-2.pdf>, have been modified to reflect both the evolving interests and activities of Friends of the Muskoka Watershed, as discussed over the past several months jointly between our two organizations, as well as MWC's increasing autonomy. MWC will now be responsible for establishing and managing its own financial accounts.

On behalf of Muskoka Watershed Council, Lou expressed his appreciation for the efforts of Friends of the Muskoka Watershed over the past three years. MWC anticipates establishing a new, mutually supportive relationship with FMW and envisions that the research initiatives being pursued by FMW may inform MWC's Report Card and other key MWC initiatives. MWC also wishes to support the emerging

activities of FMW – and other community organizations – by continuing to seek opportunities to collaborate on new projects and to coordinate efforts on environmental issues respecting Muskoka's watershed health.

Presentations

[Preserving the Past, in the Present, for the Future](#) – Rob Milligan, Past Chair of MWC and current Chair of the Lake of Bays Heritage Foundation

[Lake of Bays Heritage Foundation](#) is a not-for-profit charitable organization committed to a Lake of Bays community that is engaged in the protection of its natural, built and cultural legacy for the enjoyment and benefit of current and future generations. It was created in 1985 and has 350 members and 50 active volunteers.

Lou thanked Rob for his presentation.

[Healthy Shorelines for Healthy Lakes: Muskoka's Love Your Lake Program](#) – Rebecca Willison, Muskoka Watershed Council

MWC has been the regional delivery agent for the [Love Your Lake](#) program in Muskoka since 2013 with the support of the District of Muskoka. The Love Your Lake program is managed by Watersheds Canada and the Canadian Wildlife Federation. To date, six lakes have participated in the program and eight shoreline renaturalizations have been carried out, with another three scheduled for this fall on Lake of Bays.

Lou thanked Rebecca for her presentation.

Updates & New Business

- MWC Working Group – Kevin Trimble
Kevin provided an overview of the activities of the Working Group, focussing on the Sub-committees.
 - Kevin is looking for some discussion from Council members on the frequency, date and time of the Working Group meetings.

- Member Organizations Update
 - DMM – Christy Doyle reported that a public meeting is being held for the recreational water quality model review on October 20th. Related staff reports and the amendment is available for review on the DMM website at <http://www.muskoka.on.ca/en/work-and-invest/WQ-Draft-Policy.aspx>. Peter Sale and Al Shaw are developing comments on behalf of MWC.
 - GMPE – It was reported by MWC members who attended the [Great Muskoka Paddling Experience](#) on October 8th that the event had almost 300 paddlers, more than ever before.

Next MWC Meeting

Friday, November 18, 2016 at 1:00 pm in the Council Chambers at the District of Muskoka administration building, located at 70 Pine Street in Bracebridge. The meeting will feature two presentations:

- 1) Predicting algae bloom dynamics in a changing climate; and
- 2) An update on the Muskoka Official Plan.

Adjournment

Lou Guerriero adjourned the meeting at 2:40 pm.