



Minutes

Friday, June 17, 2016

1:00 pm

Muskoka Discovery Centre
275 Steamship Bay Road, Gravenhurst

Present

Lou Guerriero (Chair)	Patricia Arney	Shane Baker
Margarete Cameron	Louise Cragg	Jack Hepworth
Mara Kerry	Caroline Konarzewski	Anna Mallin
Victoria McDonald	Jan McDonnell	Michael Peppard
Kevin Trimble (Vice Chair)	Debbie Vernon	Scott Young

Staff

Christy Doyle	Rebecca Willison	Samantha Hastings
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Guests

Sharon Pattinson	Christopher Cragg
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Welcome

Chair Lou Guerriero called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm by welcoming everyone to the newly re-named Muskoka Discovery Centre. Lou provided a review of some of the major projects MWC has undertaken over the past year, including the *Planning for Climate Change in Muskoka* report, the Power Generation paper, and the production and release of the Phagmites card. Lou addressed some of the changes anticipated with respect to MWC's organization.

Reflections on 2015/2016

MWC Vice-Chair Kevin Trimble confirmed that MWC's Working Group and Sub-committees will continue to meet and work over the summer. Kevin reviewed the major Sub-committees that have been formed, including those related to Forestry, Algae, and the 2018 Report Card, with the Communications Committee will be working closely with each initiatives. Other projects, including those related to Hydrology and Planning/Development matters will continue to be scoped.

Confirmation of Minutes

MOTION by Jack Hepworth, seconded by Debbie Vernon

THAT the minutes of the Muskoka Watershed Council meeting dated May 20, 2016 be approved.

CARRIED

Presentation

[District Water Quality Model Review](#) – Christy Doyle, District Municipality of Muskoka

Christy presented the results of the [Revised Water Quality Model and Lake System Health Program Final Report](#) undertaken by Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Limited over the past several years. Christy has presented this information to municipal councils throughout Muskoka over the past few weeks, and she outlined the plan for continued community engagement over the summer months.

Christy addressed questions regarding consistency of policy application across Muskoka and enforcement of municipal site plan control.

Visit <http://www.muskoka.on.ca/en/work-and-invest/Water-Quality-Model-and-Policy-Review.aspx> for more information about the Water Quality Model and Policy Review process.

Muskoka Discovery Centre 'Water Exhibit'

Ann Curley provided an introduction to the new Water Exhibit developed by the Muskoka Discovery Centre followed by a tour of the exhibit. MWC and FMW have been assisting with the development of the exhibit. The Waterscapes component of the exhibit will be available in its entirety on June 28th.

Next MWC Meeting

Friday, September 16, 2016 at 1:00 pm in the Council Chambers at the District of Muskoka administration building, 70 Pine Street in Bracebridge.

Adjournment

Lou Guerriero adjourned the meeting at 2:45 pm.