



Muskoka

WATERSHED COUNCIL

Minutes

Friday, May 27, 2022

1:00 pm

Lake of Bays Community Centre

10 University Street, Baysville

Present

Peter Sale (Chair)

Andrew Fyfe

Cathy Oakden

Kevin Trimble

Nancy Alcock

Kathleen Hedley

David Parsons

Patricia Arney

Rob Milligan

Michael Peppard

MWC Staff

Christy Doyle

Glenn Cunnington

Rebecca Willison

DMM Staff

Christiane Masters

Alana Perez

Presenters

Jacquie Godard

Guests

Caroline Konarzewski

Paul Arney

Nancy Parsons

Kieran Molony

A Volunteer Appreciation Lunch organized by David and Nancy Parsons was held prior to the start of the meeting.

Welcome

MWC Chair Peter Sale called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm and called on Rob Milligan to give an Indigenous Land Acknowledgement.

Confirmation of Minutes

MOTION

THAT the minutes of the Muskoka Watershed Council meeting dated May 27, 2022 be approved.

CARRIED (by Consent)

Presentation

Baysville, Then and Now – *Jacquie Godard*

David Parsons introduced Jacquie Godard, who is a councillor for McLean ward in the Township of Lake of Bays (LOB). Jacquie is a long-time Lake of Bays resident and has an interest in watershed health. She is a volunteer with the [Andrew Daniels Fish Stewardship Foundation](#) and the Lake of Bays Heritage Committee. Jacquie talked about the [Baysville Heritage Walking Tour](#) that is self-guided. She read a poem she wrote for Baysville 150th anniversary in 2021 that highlights Baysville's history. There is also a self-guided walking tour of the Baysville Cemetery "If Stones Could Talk". There are plans to do similar guides for all of the cemeteries in the municipality. She noted that the LOB Official Plan is scheduled to be reviewed in 2023, and that Sage Creek has a new nature reserve donated by Fowler Construction Services Ltd to the Muskoka Conservancy.

After answering some questions about Baysville, Jacquie was thanked by David for her engaging presentation.

Project Updates

- **Community Round Table** – Kevin Trimble reported that the CRT had a consultation with consultants for one of the 12 DMM projects at the last meeting as well as a presentation. Almost all municipalities that have received a presentation from MWC have agreed to have a councillor sit on the CRT. More educational talks are planned as well as public consultations for the District on a number of projects.
- **Algae Monitoring Program** – Peter Sale reported that the Algae Sub-committee met just after the last MWC meeting and decided on next steps. An email was sent this morning inviting lake associations to join that had previously expressed interest in participating. The 2021 annual report has been finalized and will be posted on the website soon.
- **Communications** – Peter Sale reported that Neil Hutchinson and Kevin Trimble are working on an article on the connections between Georgian Bay and the Muskoka River Watershed for the upcoming Georgian Bay Biosphere State of the Bay report. Peter noted that we need to be more efficient at our communications moving forward.

Partner Updates

- **District of Muskoka** – Christy Doyle reported that there will be some shifting of IWM staff through discussions with the Province and that there will be no additional matching funding available from the Province as previously announced.

New Business

- **Doug Cross Stewardship Recognition Program Recipient** – On behalf of MWC, Peter Sale recognized former MWC member Caroline Konarzewski as a good watershed steward and presented her with a certificate and gift card to Hidden Habitat to purchase native plants.

Peter thanked David and Nancy Parsons for organizing the event today, including the venue and food.

Next MWC Meeting

Friday, September 23rd at 1:00 pm.

Adjournment

Peter Sale adjourned the meeting at 2:55 pm.