



Minutes

Friday, October 17, 2014

1:00 pm

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

Present

Peter Sale (Chair)
George Crawford
Piret Hurrell
Jan McDonnell
Steve Munro
Al Shaw

Patricia Arney
Lou Guerriero
Richard Lammers
Brian McElwain
Michael Peppard
Ian Turnbull

Shane Baker
Jack Hepworth
Leeanne Leduc
Rob Milligan
Geoff Ross

Staff

Judi Brouse

Samantha Hastings

Rebecca Willison

Guests

Summer Valentine

Victoria McDonald

Karen Maxwell

Welcome

Peter Sale called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm with approval of the agenda. He asked for additional members to join the Communications Committee.

Confirmation of Minutes

MOTION by Lou Guerriero, seconded by Jack Hepworth

THAT the minutes of the Muskoka Watershed Council meeting dated September 26, 2014 be approved.

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Correspondence

None

Presentation

[Factors Impacting Growth in Muskoka](#) – Summer Valentine, District of Muskoka Planning and Economic Development Department

Following some questions, Peter thanked Summer for her very informative presentation.

Chair's Items

Peter recognized MWC members Gord Henderson and Scott Young, two municipal representatives that aren't running in the municipal election and will not continue to be municipal representatives on MWC. Shane Baker, Paul Wiancko and Jack Hepworth were all acclaimed to their position.

Impact of Development Project Outline – Rob Milligan

A project outline was distributed with the agenda. Rob will be heading up a sub-committee to look at what future development should and could look like in Muskoka. How can growth be directed? Should municipalities do something to stimulate growth? How can growth occur without impacting the environment? Is sustainable development possible? What tools do municipalities need to monitor the impact of growth? What do we want Muskoka to look like in 30 years?

The sub-committee will hold an initial meeting on October 27th at 1:00 pm in the Tamarack Room at the District of Muskoka administration building.

Activity Report

The October 2014 Activity Report was distributed with the agenda and reviewed at the meeting.

- Executive Committee – Nothing to report.
- Policy & Research – Geoff Ross reported that the Committee has been discussing how MWC can use the information in the “How Much Disturbance is Too Much?” document as well as reviewing the draft Forest Health paper. The Salt Management Plan paper is up for review and volunteers are needed to undertake this review. Shane Baker requested that P&R keep the issue of prescription drugs in the water in mind.
- Strategic Directions – Lou Guerriero reported that the Committee has four big projects underway, including the 2018 Report Card. Ian Turnbull will bring forward at the next MWC meeting a report on what the public thinks Muskoka will look like in the future based on a survey he is conducting.
- Communications – More committee members are needed. Please contact Rebecca (rwillison@muskokawatershed.org) if you are interested in sitting on this committee.

Updates and New Business

- A retirement party for Judi Brouse will be held on November 13th. Tickets are available from Rebecca at the MWC office (cash only).
- DMM – Samantha Hastings looks forward to working together on some of the MWC projects that are of interest to both organizations. Scott Young reminded MWC that there is an election going on and encouraged members to ask candidates about watershed issues.
- FMW – Brian McElwain reported that FMW is focussing on its membership drive, getting donations and sponsorships over the next couple of months. A marketing and communications plan is being developed and should be completed soon.
- MSE – the Speakers Committee has begun discussing possible speakers.

Next MWC Meeting

Friday, November 28, 2014 in the Council Chambers at the District of Muskoka administration building.

Adjournment

Peter Sale adjourned the meeting at 2:50 pm.