



Muskoka

WATERSHED COUNCIL

Minutes

Friday, October 18, 2013

1:00 pm

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

Present

Patricia Arney (Chair)	Shane Baker	Margaret Casey
George Crawford	Patsy Cross	Lou Guerriero
Jack Hepworth	Piret Hurrell	Caroline Konarzewski
Richard Lammers	Leeanne Leduc	Anna Mallin
Michael Peppard	Geoff Ross	Peter Sale
Debbie Vernon	Scott Young	

Regrets

Scott Aitchison	Nic Bell	Lola Bratty
John Cooper	Louise Cragg	Gord Henderson
Neil Hutchinson	Steve Inniss	Jan McDonnell
Brian McElwain	Don McVittie	Greg Mierle
Rob Milligan	Steve Munro	Ruth Nishikawa
Peter Seybold	Al Shaw	Paul Stueck
Ian Turnbull	Paul Wiancko	

Staff

Judi Brouse	Rebecca Willison	Samantha Hastings
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Guests

Angie Corson	Kim Laframboise
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Welcome

Patricia Arney called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm with roundtable introductions. She introduced Leanne Leduc, who is the new Ministry of Natural Resources representative on MWC.

Confirmation of Minutes

MOTION by Jack Hepworth, seconded by Lou Guerriero

THAT the minutes of the Muskoka Watershed Council meeting dated September 20, 2013 be approved.

CARRIED

Correspondence

- Thank you email from the Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Children's Water Festival. MWC should send out a request for volunteers to help with the festival next year.

Presentation

[Muskoka Road 48 Ecopassage: 1 Year Later](#) – Kimberly Laframboise, Michalski Nielsen Associates Limited

Patricia thanked Kim for her presentation.

Chair's Items

- Office grand opening – November 7th from 3-5 pm, ribbon-cutting ceremony at 4 pm at 16 Robert J Boyer Lane in Bracebridge.
- MWC membership – send bios and photos to Rebecca. Members will be asked to reaffirm their interest in continuing on MWC in January.
- [Promotional video](#) on YouTube.

Activity Report

- *September 2013 Activity Report* – was distributed with the agenda and reviewed at the meeting.
 - Policy & Research – Peter Sale reported that the Committee discussed the review of the Power Generation Position Paper at its October meeting as well as other ongoing projects, including the Planning for the Environment Handbook, a position paper on Forest Health, review of the Golf Course BMP document, and an Industrial Stressors project. Peter invited ideas from the Council on what other topics the Committee should be looking at.
 - Strategic Directions – Lou Guerriero reported that the Committee continues to focus on the development of the Report Card. Judi Brouse gave a presentation on the land component of the Report Card.

Judi highlighted that the land indicators are Large Natural Areas, Road Density, and Change in Development. Strategic Directions had requested that road density consider the various widths of road by road type (private, township, District, and provincial). Those changes will be made and reviewed by Strategic Directions.

- Communications Committee
MOTION by Lou Guerriero, seconded by Geoff Ross
THAT Muskoka Watershed Council request \$1,000 from Seguin Township to assist in developing the 2014 Watershed Report Card.

CARRIED

Updates and New Business

- [Great Muskoka Paddling Experience](#) – Rebecca Willison reported that 2013 was another successful year with 157 paddlers in 114 boats. This is more than twice the number that participated in the first race in 2011.
- [Muskoka Summit on the Environment](#) – Peter Sale reported that MSE will take place May 8-9, 2014. The theme is Environment vs Economy: Resolving the Dichotomy. Speakers have been lined up, with Robert Bateman as the keynote. The organizing committee is now looking to attract sponsors and promote the event in Muskoka and beyond. The Town of Bracebridge and Nipissing University are two major organizing partners for the event.
- Nipissing lectures
 - October 24th – “Environmental sensitivity of trees killed during insect outbreaks in south-central Alaska revealed by tree-ring isotope chronologies”
 - November 21st – “Museum Specimens in the Service of Science and Empire”
- Member Organizations Update
 - FMW – the FMW board is holding a strategic planning retreat October 19th to establish structure and vision for the organization.
 - DMM – Scott Young reported that a new CAO has been hired and he will start later this month. The vision developed by DMM has been appealed to the Ontario

Municipal Board. The Growth Strategy is being updated and taken to PED Committee in October and the Second Home Study will be taken to PED Committee in November.

- [Georgian Bay Forever](#) – Patsy Cross talked about the Vital Signs Conference.
- MNR – Leeanne Leduc talked about some of the changes that are going on at MNR right now.

Next MWC Meeting

Friday, November 22, 2013 beginning at 1:00 pm in the Council Chambers at the District of Muskoka Administration Building.

Adjournment

Patricia Arney adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm.