



Minutes

Friday, September 18, 2015
2:30 pm

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

Present

Peter Sale	Shane Baker	Louise Cragg
Lou Guerriero	Caroline Konarzewski	Victoria McDonald
Geoff Ross	Al Shaw	Don Smith
Kevin Trimble	Debbie Vernon (@3:30 pm)	

Staff

Christy Doyle	Rebecca Willison	Paul Grinnell
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Guests

Darrelle Moffat	Kelsey Crawford
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Welcome

Peter Sale called the meeting to order at 2:45 pm.

Confirmation of Minutes

MOTION by Lou Guerriero, seconded by Geoff Ross

THAT the minutes of the Muskoka Watershed Council meeting dated June 19, 2015 be approved.

CARRIED

Correspondence

- None

Chair's Items

- Peter welcomed Paul Grinnell as FMW's new Development Officer. Paul provided a summary of his experience.
- FMW raffle tickets are available for sale. MWC members are also encouraged to take tickets to sell in the community.
- Environmental Lecture Series – A lecture on biomonitoring was held on September 17th in Huntsville. The next talk is on October 26th in Gravenhurst. The topic will be how Muskoka can save the world when it comes to water quality monitoring.
- The [Great Muskoka Paddling Experience](#) is taking place on Saturday, October 10th.

Presentations

- START Turtle Project Update – Kelsey Crawford & Darrelle Moffat, [Scales Nature Park](#)

The Georgian Bay Turtle Hospital will be up and running next spring. The START Turtle Program is currently the largest such program in Ontario.

Peter thanked Kelsey and Darrelle for the update on the program.

- [Spring Survey Update](#) – Lou Guerriero, Muskoka Watershed Council

Lou presented the results of the survey he conducted during the May 22nd MWC meeting regarding MWC activities.

Activity Report

The September 2015 Activity Report was distributed with the agenda and reviewed at the meeting.

- Upcoming Projects (Policy & Research Committee) – Geoff Ross reported that P&R discussed the Disposition of Crown Land paper and the Stormwater Management paper. The Committee also discussed authorship of MWC papers.
- Climate Change Impacts Project (Strategic Directions Committee) – Peter Sale reported that the Subcommittee is reviewing the first draft of the technical paper and providing input. The draft paper will also be reviewed by the SD & P&R Committees to assist with the development of recommendations. A finished document will likely be released early in 2016.
- Community Expectations Project and Associated Survey (Strategic Directions Committee) – Peter Sale reported that a number of community input sessions have been held during the past four months and more are planned in the coming weeks. A summary of the input received will be brought to MWC late fall.

Updates and New Business

- DMM – Christy Doyle reported that the water quality monitoring program field season has concluded successfully, with student presentations held in August. The Year End report is being drafted this fall. Christy will be giving a presentation later in the month to the Planning Commissioners of Ontario about Muskoka Watershed Council. Christy also reported that DMM is considering the Phragmites issue.
- FMW – Peter Sale reported that FMW has hired a new Development Officer Paul Grinnell, a raffle is underway, and the application for charitable status has been submitted. Debbie Vernon encourage MWC members to help sell raffle tickets. The FMW membership fee will be rising to \$40.
- MSE – Peter Sale reported on the progress of finalizing speakers. Elizabeth May has confirmed, Naomi Klein is almost confirmed.
- Karen Maxwell expressed concern about the increase in dumping fees when having a septic tank pumped. Will this lead to people not pumping their systems? Debbie Vernon reported that the Town of Bracebridge is carrying out a review of all septic systems without documentation and they must be inspected by a consultant.

Next MWC Meeting

Friday, October 16, 2015 in the Council Chambers at the District of Muskoka administration office, 70 Pine Street in Bracebridge beginning at 1:00 pm.

Adjournment

Peter Sale adjourned the meeting at 4:10 pm.