



Muskoka

WATERSHED COUNCIL

Minutes

Friday, February 20, 2015

1:00 pm

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

Present

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| Peter Sale (Chair) | Patricia Arney | Shane Baker |
| George Crawford | Patsy Cross | Don Furniss |
| Lou Guerriero | Piret Hurrell | Steve Inniss |
| Caroline Konarzewski | Richard Lammers | Victoria McDonald |
| Geoff Ross | Al Shaw | Don Smith |
| Ian Turnbull | Norman Yan | |

Staff

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| Christy Doyle | Rebecca Willison |
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Guests

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| Katie Paroschy | Paul Norris | Chris Litschko |
| Lisa Noonan | Lyndsie McGregor | |

Welcome

Peter Sale called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm.

Confirmation of Minutes

MOTION by Lou Guerriero, seconded by Norman Yan

THAT the minutes of the Muskoka Watershed Council meeting dated January 16, 2015 be approved.

CARRIED

Correspondence

- MWC Quarterly Activity Report (distributed to DMM and FMW)
- Letter of support for The Land Between shoreline renaturalization project
- Letter to DMM re: Hydro One request to use herbicides

Chair's Items

Peter introduced Christy Doyle, the new Director of Environmental and Watershed Programs for The District Municipality of Muskoka and Muskoka Watershed Council. Christy provided a brief background of her experience and interests.

Peter reported on the workshop he and Christy attended in Waterloo hosted by the Canadian Water Network. All six national research nodes were represented and it was a good opportunity to exchange information and discuss best practices for watershed management approaches. The CWN project concludes in April.

Presentation

[The Power of Water](#) – Paul Norris, President, [Ontario Waterpower Association](#)

Paul answered questions about increasing efficiencies in power generation plants. Paul noted that the technology has not changed much in the past 100 years, but changes can be made to increase the amount of power generated using similar equipment.

Christy thanked Paul for his informative presentation.

Activity Report

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

- Executive Committee – Nothing to report.
- Policy & Research – Geoff Ross reported on the activities of the Committee. Many projects are proceeding as scheduled, with a number of papers being updated.
- Strategic Directions
 - Impact of Climate Change – Peter Sale reported on the progress of the subcommittee. An expected climate for the middle of the century has been determined and the subcommittee is now looking at specific impacts on water, land and lifestyle. Volunteers with specific expertise are being sought out to assist with this portion of the project.
 - Community Expectations – Ian Turnbull has been speaking to the Planning Department to look at lot lines and what the future development potential is in Muskoka. Ian wants to incorporate this information into the community presentation.
- Communications – Steve Inniss reported that many new videos have been posted on the YouTube channel. He encouraged everyone to subscribe to the channel and direct people to watch the videos. Lyndsie McGregor reported that Muskoka Magazine will be doing a review of the handbook. The handbook has been distributed to all Area Municipalities and will be for sale at local chambers of commerce. Displays will be held in the Huntsville Place Mall for Canada Water Week and also at the Cottage Life Show in March. Peter and Lyndsie will be giving an educational workshop for The Lakelands Association of REALTORS® in April.

Updates and New Business

- FMW – Norm Yan reported that Scott Young has joined the FMW board and will sit on the MWC Executive Committee as an FMW representative. Charitable status is still being sought. FMW is looking for a new secretary for next year. Gift membership cards are now available.
- MSE – Speakers are being sought and confirmed to support the theme: "Solutions for a Warming World".

Next MWC Meeting

Friday, March 20, 2015 in the Council Chambers at the District of Muskoka administration building.

Adjournment

Peter Sale adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm.