



# *Muskoka*

## WATERSHED COUNCIL

### Minutes

Friday, January 20, 2023  
1:00 pm  
Pine Room (District of Muskoka) & Zoom

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#### Present (In-person)

Peter Sale (Chair)  
Peter Johnston  
Michael Peppard  
Don Smith

Nancy Alcock  
Daryle Moffatt  
Geoff Ross  
Kevin Trimble

Andrew Fyfe  
David Parsons  
Aaron Rusak

#### Present (Zoom)

Patricia Arney  
Sabrina Richards

John Cooper  
Bet Smith

Richard Lammers

#### MWC Staff

Rebecca Willison

#### DMM Staff

Christiane Masters  
Stuart Paul \*

Christy Doyle \*  
Glenn Cunningham

Alana Perez \*

#### Guests

Forrest Pengra (Seguin Twp) \*  
Vicki Hammond (CWN) \*  
Caroline Konarzewski \*  
Julie Cayley (SSEA) \*

Rupert Kindersley (GBA) \*  
Sandy Cairns  
Joanne Smith \*  
Stephen Fahner \*

Sandra Cooke (CWN) \*  
Christine Condy  
Greg Padulo \*

\* Attended by Zoom

#### Welcome

MWC Chair Peter Sale called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. MWC Vice-chair Aaron Rusak provided an Indigenous Land Acknowledgement. Peter noted that the minutes of the MWC meeting held on November 18, 2022 will be approved at the February MWC meeting.

#### Presentation

[A Review of Successful IWM Approaches Around North America](#) – Sandra Cooke, Canadian Water Network

Through funding obtained from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, a team from CWN led by Sandra Cooke was retained by MWC in 2022 to study different models for watershed-scale governance that could be used to inform the development of a system of Integrated

Watershed Management (IWM) for the Muskoka River Watershed. Sandra provided an overview of the findings of the [Governance Study](#).

Following her presentation, Sandra responded to questions. Peter Sale thanked her and her team for the incredible amount of work that went into the governance report as well as for her presentation.

### **Project Updates**

- **IWM Community Roundtable** – Kevin Trimble provided an update on the current status of IWM in Muskoka and the next steps for the CRT. With the governance study, the CRT is now poised to plot a course forward, giving consideration to encouraging municipal involvement and collaboration in the process, processing the information coming out of the 12 District projects, and developing an action plan to create a watershed plan for implementation by municipalities and others. The CRT will continue to meet monthly on the second Wednesday of the month. Kevin noted the current composition of the CRT.
- **Strategic Planning** – Geoff Ross provided an update on the strategic planning process, which was started in 2019, initially led by former MWC member Karen Maxwell. Two full-day strategic planning workshops were held in September and December, which were incredibly helpful and provided a wealth of information that Geoff and Pete LeMoine are synthesizing into a first draft/outline. The draft will be coming to MWC for input at beginning of February. He thanked Kate Monk for helping with the process before her resignation from MWC.

### **Next MWC Meeting**

MWC's next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the Pine Room at the District of Muskoka administration building, located at 70 Pine Street in Bracebridge, and through Zoom.

### **Adjournment**

Peter Sale adjourned the meeting at 1:55 pm.

**MWC's Annual General Meeting commenced at the close of the regular MWC meeting.**