Minutes
Friday, February 21, 2014
1:00 pm
Council Chambers – District Municipality of Muskoka
70 Pine Street, Bracebridge

Present
Peter Sale (Chair) Patricia Arney Shane Baker
Angie Corson Jack Hepworth Piret Hurrell
Anna Mallin Jan McDonnell Rob Milligan
Ruth Nishikawa Geoff Ross Ian Turnbull
Debbie Vernon

Regrets
Scott Aitchison Nic Bell Lola Bratty
Wil Brunner Margaret Casey John Cooper
Louise Cragg George Crawford Patsy Cross
Lou Guerriero Gord Henderson Steve Inniss
Caroline Konarzewski Richard Lammers Leeanne Leduc
Brian McElwain Don McMittle Steve Munro
Michael Peppard Peter Seybold Al Shaw
Paul Stueck Paul Wiancko Norm Yan
Scott Young

Staff
Samantha Hastings Rebecca Willison

Guests
Quinn Michell Chris Marshall

Welcome
Peter Sale called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

Confirmation of Minutes
MOTION by Rob Milligan, seconded by Jack Hepworth
THAT the minutes of the Muskoka Watershed Council meeting dated January 24, 2014 be approved.
CARRIED

Correspondence
• Delegation Thank You Letter from the Township of Lake of Bays

Presentations
Muskoka’s Blue Box Recycling Program – Quinn Michell, District Municipality of Muskoka
Quinn provided an overview of the District of Muskoka’s waste diversion program. Mandatory sorting of recyclables begins this spring. She also discussed the proposed Waste Reduction Act (Bill 91).
Peter thanked Quinn for her very informative presentation.

**Lifecycle of Packaging** – Geoff Ross, Muskoka Watershed Council  
Geoff discussed the concept of the Lifecycle of Packaging project that the Policy & Research Committee has been developing.

**Planning for the Environment Handbook** – Rebecca Willison, Muskoka Watershed Council  
Rebecca reviewed the contents of the Handbook being developed by the Policy & Research Committee.

**Chair’s Items**  
Peter has developed a document based on his vision for the next two years which will go to the Committees and MWC for input.

**Activity Report**  
- *February 2014 Activity Report* – was distributed with the agenda and reviewed at the meeting.  
  o Executive Committee – Nothing to report.  
  o Policy & Research – P&R met with Frances Carmichael from Safe Quiet Lakes to discuss how we can work together.  
  o Strategic Directions – Production of the Report Card is proceeding well.

**Updates and New Business**  
- Member Organizations Update  
  o District Municipality of Muskoka – Samantha Hastings reported that the District budget was passed and DMM continues to work on the recommendations of the services review report.  
  o Friends of the Muskoka Watershed – Rob Milligan reported that FMW held a second Strategic Planning meeting and will be holding another one soon. The plan is expected to be ready for the AGM in late spring/early summer. Lou Guerriero will sit on the FMW board as Vice-chair of MWC. FMW will continue to assist with raising funds for MSE and Lyndsie McGregor will be launching a crowdfunding campaign for the Report Card. FMW has struck a Development Committee (membership & fundraising) and Operations Committee (to deal with day to day operations).  
  o Muskoka Summit on the Environment – Registration is open at [www.muskokasummit.org](http://www.muskokasummit.org). Participants who register before April 15th will be entered into a draw to win a 1-year family membership to the ROM.

**Next MWC Meeting**  
Friday, March 21, 2014 beginning at 1:00 pm in the Council Chambers at the District of Muskoka Administration Building.

**Adjournment**  
Peter Sale adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm.