



Muskoka

WATERSHED COUNCIL

Minutes

Friday, February 21, 2014

1:00 pm

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

Present

Peter Sale (Chair)
Angie Corson
Anna Mallin
Ruth Nishikawa
Debbie Vernon

Patricia Arney
Jack Hepworth
Jan McDonnell
Geoff Ross

Shane Baker
Piret Hurrell
Rob Milligan
Ian Turnbull

Regrets

Scott Aitchison
Wil Brunner
Louise Cragg
Lou Guerriero
Caroline Konarzewski
Brian McElwain
Michael Peppard
Paul Stueck
Scott Young

Nic Bell
Margaret Casey
George Crawford
Gord Henderson
Richard Lammers
Don McVittie
Peter Seybold
Paul Wiancko

Lola Bratty
John Cooper
Patsy Cross
Steve Inniss
Leeanne Leduc
Steve Munro
Al Shaw
Norm Yan

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.
 - Executive Committee – Nothing to report.
 - Policy & Research – P&R met with Frances Carmichael from Safe Quiet Lakes to discuss how we can work together.
 - Strategic Directions – Production of the Report Card is proceeding well.

Updates and New Business

- Member Organizations Update
 - 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.
 - 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).
 - Muskoka Summit on the Environment – Registration is open at 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.