



Muskoka

WATERSHED COUNCIL

Minutes

Friday, January 22, 2016

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 |
| Margaret Casey | Patsy Cross | Gord Henderson |
| Jack Hepworth | Piret Hurrell | Mara Kerry |
| Caroline Konarzewski | Brian Lynch | Anna Mallin |
| Victoria McDonald | Michael Peppard | Geoff Ross |
| Kevin Trimble | Ian Turnbull | Norm Yan |

Staff

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| Samantha Hastings | Christy Doyle | Rebecca Willison |
| Paul Grinnell | | |

Guests

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| Margarete Cameron | Leslie Henderson | Steve Taylor |
| John Klinck | | |

Welcome

Peter Sale called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. Mara Kelly, the new partnership specialist with the MNRF, introduced herself.

Confirmation of Minutes

MOTION by Shane Baker, seconded by Jack Hepworth

THAT the minutes of the Muskoka Watershed Council meeting dated November 27, 2015 be approved.

CARRIED

Correspondence

- Letter to Province re: Ontario's Aggregates Resources Act Review (posted on the EBR)

Chair's Items

- None

Presentation

Planning for Climate Change in Muskoka – *Peter Sale, Lead Author*

The report is about the climate that Muskoka is likely to experience at mid-century and the likely impacts of that mid-century climate on our lakes and waterways, forests, built infrastructure, communities, and way of life. It includes recommendations for actions to address some of these impacts by provincial agencies, district and municipal governments, local businesses, community groups and individual Muskokans.

Margaret Casey suggested refining the wording on some of the recommendations to reflect what the current responsibilities are for the different organizations i.e. DMM does not have responsibility for managing water flows.

MOTION by Patsy Cross, seconded by Shane Baker

THAT Muskoka Watershed Council approve the report "[Planning for Climate Change in Muskoka](#)" dated January 2016.

CARRIED

Mara Kerry abstained from voting.

A series of brochures will be developed to make the report more palatable to the general public. Other methods of communication will also be undertaken, including a community lecture around Earth Day.

Christy Doyle thanked Peter and the Climate Change Impacts Subcommittee for all the work they did to develop the paper.

Recognition of Outgoing Chair

Christy and Patricia expressed their gratitude on behalf of MWC for the excellent job that Peter did over the last two years as Chair of MWC. A certificate of appreciation and small gift were presented to Peter by Patricia. Peter thanked everyone for their support and efforts over the past two years.

Election of Officers

Christy Doyle replaced Peter as Chair for the purpose of electing the new Chair.

- Election of Chair

MOTION by Shane Baker, seconded by Norm Yan

THAT Lou Gueriero be nominated for the position of Chair.

CARRIED

MOTION by Geoff Ross, seconded by Shane Baker

THAT nominations for the position of Chair be closed.

CARRIED

Lou Gueriero was elected as Chair by acclamation.

As Lou is currently unable to act as chair due to a health issue, Peter will continue to chair MWC in his place.

- Election of Vice-chair

MOTION by Gord Henderson, seconded by Shane Baker

THAT Kevin Trimble be nominated for the position of Vice-chair.

CARRIED

MOTION by Shane Baker, seconded by Anna Mallin
THAT nominations for the position of Vice-chair be closed.

CARRIED

Kevin Trimble was elected as Vice-chair by acclamation.

Activity Report

- Policy & Research Committee – Geoff Ross reported that the Committee reviewed a draft of the Endocrine Disrupting Compounds (EDCs) paper, which will be finalized by the spring. A number of new projects are being considered that stem from the Climate Change paper, which will be discussed at the February P&R meeting.
- Strategic Directions Committee – Ian Turnbull reported that the Community Expectations Project has concluded. A report has been drafted with the results of the community meetings.

Updates and New Business

- DMM – Samantha Hastings reported that DMM Council approved retaining a consultant for the OP review. The District Chair appreciated the MWC submission on aggregates and DMM plans to submit their own letter. The water quality model review is almost complete and the water quality year end report is going to the Planning & Economic Development Committee February 18th.
- FMW – Norman Yan and Paul Grinnell reported that FMW is also developing some project plans based on the climate change paper. MWC members were encouraged to join or renew their FMW membership. Charitable status is ongoing. A water exhibit for the Muskoka Discovery Centre is being developed with MWC and FMW.
- Muskoka Summit on the Environment – Peter Sale reported that registration is now open for the Summit.
- Michael Peppard – Would like to interview a number of people about environmental topics for the Hunter's Bay Radio Green Tapestry show that he hosts.
- Forests Ontario – Margaret Casey highlighted the upcoming conference February 5th. The theme is Regeneration.

Next MWC Meeting

Friday, February 19, 2016 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 2:50 pm.