



Minutes

Friday, March 22, 2013

1:00 pm

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

Present

Patricia Arney (Chair)
George Crawford
Gord Henderson
Mary McCulley
Rob Milligan
Scott Young

Shane Baker
Patsy Cross
Richard Lammers
Don McVittie
Michael Peppard

Tom Clark
Lou Guerriero
Anna Mallin
Greg Mierle
Ian Turnbull

Regrets

Allyn Abbott
Lola Bratty
Isobel Heathcote
Neil Hutchinson
Jan McDonnell
Ruth Nishikawa
Peter Seybold
Debbie Vernon

Scott Aitchison
Margaret Casey
Jack Hepworth
Steve Inniss
Brian McElwain
Geoff Ross
Al Shaw
Paul Wiancko

Nic Bell
Louise Cragg
Piret Hurrell
Caroline Konarzewski
Steve Munro
Peter Sale
Paul Stueck

Staff

Judi Brouse

Rebecca Willison

Marg French

Guests

Bev Clark

Norm Yan

Welcome

Patricia Arney called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. Patricia congratulated Don McVittie on receiving an Ontario Heritage Award.

She introduced Norm Yan, who will be presenting, and Bev Clark, a new MWC member.

Confirmation of Minutes

MOTION by Lou Guerriero, seconded by Shane Baker

THAT the minutes of the Muskoka Watershed Council meeting dated February 15, 2013 be approved.

CARRIED

Correspondence

- None

Presentation

[Emerging issues for northern lakes: the increasing threat of multiple stressors at a time of reduced government engagement](#) – Dr. Norman Yan, York University

- The need to educate youth was discussed. [Learning for a Sustainable Future](#) is trying to transform Canada's education system through innovative programs that empower youth and educators to create more sustainable communities.

Patricia Arney thanked Norm for his presentation.

Chair's Items

- Member biographies and photos for the website should be sent to Rebecca at rwillison@muskokawatershed.org. The biographies received to date are available at <http://www.muskokawatershed.org/about-us/council-committees/muskoka-watershed-council/>.
- Canada Water Week – March 18-24
- World Water Day – March 22
- Earth Hour – March 23 (7:30-8:30 pm)
- International Year of Water Cooperation - 2013
- Topic for the 2014 Muskoka Summit on the Environment – Send ideas to Judi Brouse at jbrouse@muskokawatershed.org. Once a topic has been chosen, suggestions for speakers will be needed.

Friends of the Muskoka Watershed

[Fostering Our Environment and Economy: Sustaining the Muskoka Watershed Council](#)

Norm Yan, inaugural chair of Friends of the Muskoka Watershed, gave a presentation on the new organization and how it can replace the Muskoka Conservancy as the NGO in the MWC model.

The change awaits approval by District Council.

Activity Report

- *March 2013 Activity Report* – was distributed with the agenda and reviewed at the meeting.
 - **Policy & Research Committee** – Judi Brouse provided a brief summary of the [Shoreline Vegetative Buffers](#) paper.
MOTION by George Crawford, seconded by Mary McCulley
THAT the paper titled "[Shoreline Vegetative Buffers](#)" dated January 2013 be approved.

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Updates and New Business

- [Muskoka Stewardship Conference](#) – April 27th at Nipissing University in Bracebridge. Theme: What Are You Watching?
- Marg French will be retiring this spring from the District of Muskoka.
- The District of Muskoka's 2012 water quality data has been posted on the [Muskoka Water Web](#).
- The District of Muskoka [Visioning statement](#) was approved at District Council in March.

- Don McVittie reported that the Parry Sound-Muskoka Stewardship Network will continue to operate without a coordinator and suggested that MWC seek funding from them as the need arises.

Next MWC Meeting

Friday, April 19, 2013 in the Council Chambers at the District Municipality of Muskoka Administration Building.

Adjournment

Patricia Arney adjourned the meeting at 2:50 pm.