



Minutes

Friday, November 22, 2013

1:00 pm

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

Present

Patricia Arney (Chair)	Shane Baker	Margaret Casey
George Crawford	Patsy Cross	Gord Henderson
Jack Hepworth	Piret Hurrell	Leeanne Leduc
Jan McDonnell	Greg Mierle	Steve Munro
Geoff Ross	Peter Sale	Debbie Vernon
Scott Young		

Regrets

Scott Aitchison	Nic Bell	Lola Bratty
John Cooper	Louise Cragg	Lou Guerriero
Neil Hutchinson	Steve Inniss	Caroline Konarzewski
Richard Lammers	Anna Mallin	Brian McElwain
Don McVittie	Rob Milligan	Ruth Nishikawa
Michael Peppard	Peter Seybold	Al Shaw
Paul Stueck	Ian Turnbull	Paul Wiancko

Staff

Judi Brouse	Rebecca Willison	Derrick Hammond
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Guests

Francis Carmichael	Sandy Currie
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Welcome

Patricia Arney called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm.

Confirmation of Minutes

MOTION by Jack Hepworth, seconded by Debbie Vernon

THAT the minutes of the Muskoka Watershed Council meeting dated October 18, 2013 be approved.

CARRIED

Correspondence

- [Great Lakes Enews](#)

Presentation

[Safe Quiet Lakes](#) – Francis Carmichael & Sandy Currie, *Safe Quiet Lakes*

Ms. Carmichael gave an overview of the [Safe Quiet Lakes](#) organization as well as the results of the boating survey conducted during the summer of 2013. They plan to develop a position paper on wake in 2014. MWC may be able to assist with this.

When asked how MWC can work with Safe Quiet Lake, it was suggested that MWC members forward locations of public boat launches appropriate for installation of Boater's Code signs to Sandy. MWC can also help promote the Safe Quiet Lakes organization throughout Muskoka.

Patricia thanked Francis and Sandy for their presentation.

[Climate Change Update](#) – Dr. Peter F Sale, Muskoka Watershed Council

Patricia thanked Peter for his presentation.

Chair's Items

- Patricia thanked Debbie Vernon for organizing a very successful Grand Opening of the new FMW and MWC office.
- MWC membership renewal – Patricia reminded everyone that there will be a more formal membership renewal process. She also encouraged people to join one of the committees.

Activity Report

- *November 2013 Activity Report* – was distributed with the agenda and reviewed at the meeting.

- Executive Committee

MOTION by Peter Sale, seconded by Jack Hepworth

THAT the Muskoka Watershed Council Operating Procedures dated October 2003 and Revised November 2013 be approved.

CARRIED

MOTION by Margaret Casey, seconded by Scott Young

THAT the 2014 Work Program be approved and circulated to Friends of the Muskoka Watershed and The District Municipality of Muskoka.

CARRIED

- Policy & Research – Peter Sale reported on the activities of the Committee. The 2nd draft of the Planning for the Environment Handbook was reviewed by the Committee. Outside reviewers will be sought to proof specific sections of the handbook based on expertise to ensure accuracy.
- Strategic Directions – Judi Brouse gave a presentation on the [Stewardship section and Riparian Areas section](#) of the Report Card. She also reviewed the presentation on [climate change](#) given by Jason Kerr at the April 2013 CWN meeting.

Updates and New Business

- [Great Muskoka Paddling Experience](#) – A cheque for \$3,500 was donated to MWC at the Grand Opening of the MWC office on November 7th by the organizers of the GMPE.
- Member Organizations Update
 - FMW – Debbie Vernon reported on the activities of FMW, including the Grand Opening on November 7th, a strategic planning workshop, the job posting for a 1-year FedNor Intern, and the membership drive. A new Treasurer and Bookkeeper have been retained, and the board is looking for new members.

- MSE – Speaker Abstracts are posted on the [website](#) and the agenda has been set. Registration will open soon.
- Jan McDonnell reported that former MWC member [Bill Dickinson](#) received a Pioneer Award at the Latonell Symposium.

Next MWC Meeting

Friday, January 24, 2014 beginning at 1:00 pm in the Council Chambers at the District of Muskoka Administration Building.

Adjournment

Patricia Arney adjourned the meeting at 3:05 pm.