



Muskoka

WATERSHED COUNCIL

Minutes

Friday, January 24, 2014

1:00 pm

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

Present

Patricia Arney
George Crawford
Jack Hepworth
Leeanne Leduc
Geoff Ross
Ian Turnbull

Wil Brunner
Patsy Cross
Piret Hurrell
Rob Milligan
Peter Sale
Norm Yan

Angie Corson
Lou Guerriero
Caroline Konarzewski
Michael Peppard
Peter Seybold

Regrets

Scott Aitchison
Lola Bratty
Louise Cragg
Richard Lammers
Brian McElwain
Ruth Nishikawa
Debbie Vernon

Shane Baker
Margaret Casey
Gord Henderson
Anna Mallin
Don McVittie
Al Shaw
Paul Wiancko

Nic Bell
John Cooper
Steve Inniss
Jan McDonnell
Steve Munro
Paul Stueck
Scott Young

Staff

Judi Brouse

Rebecca Willison

Samantha Hastings

Guests

Lyndsie McGregor

Marg French (until 2:00 pm)

Melissa Halford (until 2:00 pm)

Welcome

Patricia Arney called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. Greg Mierle and Neil Hutchinson have retired from MWC. Angie Corson, Leanne Leduc, Wil Brunner and Norm Yan were welcomed as new members.

Confirmation of Minutes

MOTION by George Crawford, seconded by Jack Hepworth

THAT the minutes of the Muskoka Watershed Council meeting dated November 22, 2013 be approved.

CARRIED

Correspondence

- Thank you card from former MWC member Ken Riley
- Letter from Trillium re: Application 125242

Election of Officers

Judi Brouse replaced Patricia as Chair for the purpose of electing the new Chair.

- Election of Chair

MOTION by Rob Milligan, seconded by Jack Hepworth
THAT Peter Sale be nominated for the position of Chair.

CARRIED

MOTION by Lou Guerriero, seconded by Norm Yan
THAT nominations for the position of Chair be closed.

CARRIED

Peter Sale was elected as Chair by acclamation.

Peter took over as Chair following the election.

- Election of Vice-chair

MOTION by Rob Milligan, seconded by Norm Yan
THAT Lou Guerriero be nominated for the position of Vice-chair.

CARRIED

MOTION by Geoff Ross, seconded by Piret Hurrell
THAT nominations for the position of Vice-chair be closed.

CARRIED

Lou Guerriero was elected as Vice-chair by acclamation.

Recognition of Outgoing Chair

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

Committee Chairs

Geoff Ross will take over as Chair of the Policy & Research Committee. Lou Guerriero will continue to serve as Chair of the Strategic Directions Committee, and Steve Inniss will remain as Chair of the Communications Committee.

Presentations

[2014 Second Home Study](#) – Melissa Halford, Manager of Planning Projects, District of Muskoka

Peter thanked Melissa for her presentation.

[Climate Change Science 2013: Haiku](#) – shared by Patricia Arney, Muskoka Watershed Council

Chair's Items

Peter Sale discussed his [vision for MWC for the next two years](#). Once the Report Card, Summit and Planning for the Environment Handbook have concluded this spring, he would like to focus on Climate Change.

Activity Report

- *January 2014 Activity Report* – was distributed with the agenda and reviewed at the meeting.
 - Executive Committee – The structure of the Committee was discussed – who sits on the Committee and who has voting rights. Sponsorship was discussed, particularly as it relates to the Summit and the Report Card.
 - Policy & Research – Geoff Ross reported that Quinn Michell gave an excellent presentation on the District's [waste management program](#) to the committee as part of the Lifecycle of Packaging Project. The Planning for the Environment Handbook is out for expert review. The Committee continues to draft a definition of sustainability. The Forest Health paper was also discussed.
 - Strategic Directions – Judi Brouse gave a presentation on the [format of the 2014 Report Card](#). The Council watched a video that demonstrated how the [digital Report Card](#) will be created.

Updates and New Business

- [Muskoka River X](#) – The organizers of the Muskoka River X will be donating \$1,000 to MWC from the paddling race held last September. Registration for the 2014 MRX and Big East X is now open.
- Member Organizations Update
 - District Municipality of Muskoka – The [Services Review Report](#) went to District Council on January 20th. Overall, the consultants found that the District operates well.
 - Friends of the Muskoka Watershed – FMW continues to look into acquiring charitable status. Strategic planning is still underway, and an AGM is being planned for the spring. FMW will be developing its subcommittee structure and are looking for more Directors to sit on the Board.
 - Muskoka Summit on the Environment – Registration is now open at www.muskokasummit.org.

Next MWC Meeting

Friday, February 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 3:10 pm.