



Minutes

Friday, February 28, 2020
1:00 pm

Pine Room – District Municipality of Muskoka
70 Pine Street, Bracebridge

Present

Geoff Ross (Chair)	Patricia Arney	Rob Attfield
John Cooper	Paul Dinner	Allen Edwards
Lou Guerriero	Richard Lammers	Karen Maxwell
Jan McDonnell	Daryle Moffatt	Peter Sale
Bet Smith	Kevin Trimble	

Staff

Christy Doyle	Christiane Masters	Carley Rennie
Kevin Boyle		

Presenters

Graham Good

Guests

Andy Metelka	Kelly Magnussan	Karen Kivilanti
Dave Near	Catherine Oakden	Pat Schofield

Welcome

Geoff Ross called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm with roundtable introductions.

Confirmation of Minutes

MOTION by Patricia Arney, seconded by Kevin Trimble

THAT the minutes of the Muskoka Watershed Council meeting dated January 31, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

Presentation

[Muskoka Flood Plain Mapping Project](#) – Christy Doyle, Kevin Boyle and Graham Good from The District Municipality of Muskoka

Christy Doyle introduced the flood plain mapping project and gave an update on the current status. She noted that this is a unique undertaking for a municipality as it is commonly done by conservation authorities in Ontario. This was a \$900,000 initiative funded by the federal government, through the National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP), and DMM.

Kevin Boyle provided an overview of the work completed by Hatch Ltd., the consultant retained to carry out the project, including the different methods and techniques Hatch used to collect and process the data. Kevin noted that the results take climate change into consideration.

Graham Good provided an overview on how the flood plain mapping information and data will be applied to the District flood plain mapping site. Static maps are currently available on the website for download and the plan is to have the flood plain mapping available as layers on the new Muskoka Web Map application. Graham noted that the mapping layers will support other initiatives, for example, they can be used by emergency services to plan for road closures and to develop emergency evacuation routes.

Following the presentation, there was discussion about the use of the maps by municipalities and the insurance industry, the plan to update the maps in the future, and the limitations of the data.

Geoff thanked Christy, Kevin and Graham for their presentation.

Updates

- **Muskoka Watershed Advisory Group** – Kevin Trimble noted that the group has gone above and beyond its mandate in terms of outreach. They solicited input from the majority of the different sectors. The group has received over 200 submissions and is working to break down the issues into categories and priorities. A report will be going to the Minister at the end of May.
- **Township of Muskoka Lakes** – Allen Edwards provided updates on the Minett Steering Committee, the LPAT meeting on February 27th for the Legacy Cottages development, and the proposed development on Mary Jane Lake. He noted that there is an upcoming LPAT hearing in March regarding the proposed Lippa Quarry.
- **Township of Seguin** – Daryle Moffatt noted the progress of the Integrated Community Energy and Climate Action Plan (ICECAP) to reduce GHG emissions, which is coordinated by the Georgian Bay Biosphere (GBBR) and includes surrounding municipalities and First Nations. More information is available on the GBBR website at <https://www.gbbr.ca/climate-action/>.
- **Climate Action Muskoka** – Mike Peppard reported that Climate Action Muskoka met with District Chair John Klinck and are planning to bring forward a proposal to ask District to declare a climate emergency in Muskoka.
- **Blackstone Lake Association** – Andy Metelka asked if there are any by-laws in Muskoka around environmental noise. Christy noted that there are no noise by-laws around lake activities such as boats, but that Safe Quiet Lakes is a good resource for issues around noise pollution. John Cooper noted that Sparrow Lake is working with Safe Quiet Lakes to deal with noise from snowmobiles. Andy noted that it may be worth looking at noise guideline NPC 300.

New Business

- **MWC Website** – Carley Rennie asked for feedback and assistance with updating the MWC website. What do we want to see improved and what do we currently like? Karen Maxwell offered to assist with this moving forward. Feedback should be sent to staff by March 13th. Richard Lammers suggested speaking to the local high school to see if they have a Co-op student that could also help.
- **Great Muskoka Paddling Experience** – GMPE organizers Pat Schofield and Dave Near presented MWC with a cheque for \$2,000 from the 2019 event. Geoff Ross thanked Pat and Dave for the

donation and their continuous support of MWC programs. He recognized how great the day is and encouraged all to participate in future events.

Next MWC Meeting

Friday, May 29th, 2020 beginning at 1 pm on Zoom.

Adjournment

Geoff Ross adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm.