



## Minutes

Friday, November 28, 2014

1:00 pm

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

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### Present

Peter Sale (Chair)	John Cooper	Steve Inniss
Victoria MacDonald	Jan McDonnell	Michael Peppard
Caroline Konarzewski	Debbie Vernon	Piret Hurrell
Patricia Arney	Geoff Ross	Anna Mallin
Jack Hepworth	Patsy Cross	Margaret Casey
Gord Henderson	Peter Seybold	Ian Turnbull
Richard Lammers	Shane Baker	

### Staff

Judi Brouse	Samantha Hastings	Rebecca Willison
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### Guests

Tom Smith	Mary McCulley	Kevin Trimble
Marg French		

### Welcome

Peter Sale called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm with roundtable introductions.

### Confirmation of Minutes

**MOTION** by Gord Henderson, seconded by Jack Hepworth

THAT the minutes of the Muskoka Watershed Council meeting dated October 17, 2014 be approved.

**CARRIED**

### Correspondence

- None

### Chair's Items

Sandy Schofield, chair of the Organizing Committee for the [Great Muskoka Paddling Experience](#), presented Peter Sale with a cheque for \$3,500, which was raised through registrations for the 2014 event held on October 11<sup>th</sup>. 2015 will have some special events in honour of the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the race. MWC members will be encouraged to volunteer for next year's race.

## **Presentation**

[Community Engagement Project](#) – Ian Turnbull, Muskoka Watershed Council

Ian provided an overview of the community engagement project to find out what Muskokan's think Muskoka will be like in 40 years. A brochure, presentation and online survey will be developed to support the community consultations.

A lengthy discussion followed the run through of the presentation for the community consultations. Ian thanked everyone for their feedback. Additional suggestions can be sent to Ian at [echoian@vianet.ca](mailto:echoian@vianet.ca). Volunteers are also needed to help with the project.

## **Activity Report**

The November 2014 Activity Report was distributed with the agenda and reviewed at the meeting.

- Executive Committee – Met in November and the handbook was approved in principle.
- Policy & Research – Geoff Ross reported that the Committee is moving forward on the Power Generation paper and Forest Health paper and both will be brought before MWC early in 2015. A new project on pharmaceuticals in the water has been initiated.
  - Salt Management Plan Review – Judi presented an [overview of the project](#). Victoria will be leading the review of the paper. Volunteers are needed to assist her.
- Strategic Directions
  - Impact of Climate Change – Peter Sale presented an [update on the project](#). The next meeting is on January 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Communications – Working on formalizing the communications plan and scheduling presentations to community groups and municipalities as well as lake associations. The presentation will focus on the report card and the handbook. We will try to be the featured speakers at AGMs. The lecture series for 2015 is being planned with the aim to draw new people. Articles are continuing and a writers list is being developed. Social media and website hits have been growing. More committee members are needed. Please contact Rebecca ([rwillison@muskokawatershed.org](mailto:rwillison@muskokawatershed.org)) if you are interested in sitting on this committee.

## **Judi Brouse Retirement Presentation**

Peter Sale presented Judi Brouse with a framed photograph of Lake of Bays taken by Scott Young on behalf of past and current MWC members in honour of her retirement. The video from her Latornell Leadership Award presentation was shown.

## **Updates and New Business**

- None

## **Next MWC Meeting**

Friday, January 16, 2015 in the Council Chambers at the District of Muskoka administration building.

## **Adjournment**

Peter Sale adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm.