



Minutes

Friday, June 2, 2017

1:00 pm

Marsh's Falls – Township of Lake of Bays
21613 Highway 35, Dwight

Present

Lou Guerriero (Chair)	Brenda Armstrong	Shane Baker
Margarete Cameron	Chris Cragg	Louise Cragg
Piret Hurrell	Karen Maxwell	Rob Milligan
Michael Peppard	Peter Sale	Kevin Trimble

Staff

Christy Doyle	Rebecca Willison
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Lake of Bays Heritage Foundation

Gloria Woodside	Brian Simpson	Mark McLean
Judith Mills	Bruce MacLellan	Penny Thomas
Rebecca Krawczyk		

Community

Rob Attfield	Pat Doyle
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Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

A volunteer appreciation lunch was held prior to the MWC meeting.

Welcome

Chair Lou Guerriero called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Confirmation of Minutes

MOTION by Michael Peppard, seconded by Shane Baker

THAT the minutes of the Muskoka Watershed Council meeting dated April 21, 2017 be approved.

CARRIED

Updates & New Business

- MWC Working Group – Kevin Trimble reported that the Working Group will continue to meet over the summer with the next meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 6 at 4 pm. The focus of the meeting will be the DMM Official Plan review and the Report Card.

Presentation

Marsh's Falls - *Rob Milligan, Brian Simpson and Bruce MacLellan, Lake of Bays Heritage Foundation*

Rob welcomed everyone to Marsh's Falls and explained how the [Lake of Bays Heritage Foundation](#) acquired the three properties in 2008, 2014 and 2016 totalling 170 acres. The LOBHF has developed a list of priority properties in Lake of Bays that should be protected and raises funds to purchase the properties when they become available. They currently protect 65% of the shoreline of the lower Oxtongue River (between Hwy 35 and Lake of Bays). Brian Simpson and Bruce MacLellan provided additional history of the Marsh's Falls property. With its combination of mature forest and riparian habitat, it is believed the property is one of the richest in terms of species diversity to be found anywhere in Lake of Bays Township.

Lou thanked Rob for providing the facilities to hold MWC's meeting as well as his excellent presentation.

Guided nature walk through Marsh's Falls

Rebecca Krawczyk from [Botanigal](#) led a walk through parts of the Marsh's Falls property highlighting natural and historical features.

Next MWC Meeting

Friday, September 15th at 1:00 pm in the Council Chambers at the District of Muskoka administration building in Bracebridge.

The meeting will feature a presentation on Low Impact Development and Stormwater Management by Dr. Ben Longstaff from the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority.

Adjournment

Lou Guerriero adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm.