



Agenda

Friday, March 26, 2021

1:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 832 6262 4208

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1. **Opening Remarks** – Chair Geoff Ross (5 min)

1.1. Approval of Minutes (by consent)

THAT the Minutes of the Muskoka Watershed Council meeting dated November 27, 2020 be approved.

**Please note: MWC's last meeting, held January 22, 2021, was its first Annual General Meeting. As an AGM, the minutes from that meeting will be brought forward for approval at MWC's next AGM in 2022.*

1.2. Correspondence

1.2.1. Letter to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks in support of the recommendations made by the Muskoka Watershed Advisory Group in their "Interim Advice and Recommendations to Address Priority Environmental Issues in the Muskoka River Watershed" report.

2. **Presentation** (45 min)

2.1. **Wetlands, Waterways, and Waterbirds: The Boreal Connection** – *Natasha Barlow, Boreal Conservation Project Specialist, Birds Canada*

Join MWC to learn about how water features around your property and neighborhood provide crucial resources for thousands of birds traveling to and from their northern breeding grounds in the Boreal. This presentation will include different ways to help Boreal birds, including citizen science projects and gardening for birds.

3. **Project Updates** (5 min each)

3.1. MWC Strategic Plan – *Karen Maxwell*

3.2. Official Plan Reviews – *Geoff Ross*

3.3. MWC Communications – *Pete LeMoine*

4. **Provincial Watershed Initiative Updates and Discussion of Next Steps for MWC** (45 min)

- 4.1. Muskoka Watershed Advisory Group Update – *Kevin Trimble and Patricia Arney*
- 4.2. [Presentation to District Council & Resolution](#) – *Samantha Hastings, Commissioner of Community and Planning Services, District of Muskoka*

THAT Muskoka Watershed Council agrees in principle to form a Community Round Table in order to assist in advancing Muskoka watershed initiatives;

AND THAT a small group of Muskoka Watershed Council members continue to work with the District to further refine the terms of reference for the Community Round Table and associated task forces.

5. **Partner Updates** (5 min each)

- 5.1. Government Updates – *Open to elected municipal representatives and staff*
- 5.2. Partner Updates (e.g., Province, District of Muskoka, Health Unit, Lake Associations, Community Organizations) – *Open to All*

6. **New Business**

7. **Adjournment**

Upcoming Muskoka Watershed Council Meetings

Muskoka Watershed Council: Friday, April 23rd at 1:00 pm through Zoom.

Working Group: Thursday, April 1st at 2:00 pm through Zoom.