



Minutes

Friday, January 29, 2010

1:00 p.m.

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

Present:

Ian Turnbull	Patricia Arney	Ben Boivin
Margaret Casey	Fran Coleman	Isobel Heathcote
Don MacKay	Anna Mallin	Mary McCulley
Don McVittie	Greg Mierle	Rob Milligan
Susan Pond	Ken Riley	Peter Seybold
Al Shaw	Brian Sturgeon	Alicia Tyson
Scott Young		

Regrets:

Ken Black	Dan Brooks	Tonia Di Sabatino
Diane Griffin	Lou Guerriero	Jan McDonnell
Steve Munro	Peter Sale	Brian Tapley
Jim Walden		

Staff:

Judi Brouse	Rebecca Willison	Marg French
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Guests:

Gloria Woodside (LOBA)	Caroline Konarzewski (LOBA)	Wendy Gibson (LOBA)
Gord Adams (DMM)	Rebecca Francis (MSP)	Trevor Griffin (MNR)

Welcome

Ian Turnbull called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. by welcoming members and guests.

Confirmation of Minutes

MOTION by Rob Milligan, seconded by Mary McCulley

THAT the minutes of the Muskoka Watershed Council meeting dated November 20, 2009 be approved.

CARRIED

Activity Report

MOTION by Alicia Tyson, seconded by Rob Milligan

THAT the Activity Report for January 2010 be approved.

CARRIED

Election of Officers

MOTION by Peter Seybold, seconded by Anna Mallin

THAT Rob Milligan be nominated for the position of Chair.

CARRIED

MOTION by Anna Mallin, seconded by Alicia Tyson

THAT nominations for the position of Chair be closed.

CARRIED

MOTION by Peter Seybold, seconded by Anna Mallin

THAT Patricia Arney be nominated for the position of Vice-Chair.

CARRIED

MOTION by Ben Boivin, seconded by Al Shaw

THAT nominations for the position of Vice-Chair be closed.

CARRIED

Newly elected Chair Rob Milligan presented outgoing Chair Ian Turnbull with a certification of appreciation.

MWC Orientation

A [presentation](#) was given highlighting the formation and structure of the Muskoka Watershed Council, including past and current projects.

MWC members were encouraged to join a Committee as this is where the majority of the work is done. The Committees of MWC are:

- Policy & Research
- Strategic Directions
- Communications

Updates & New Business

- [2010 Meeting Dates](#) for MWC and its Committees.
- **MWC Quarterly Activity Report** (August to December 2009) – was distributed with the agenda. This report will be forwarded to the Muskoka Heritage Foundation and The District Municipality of Muskoka for their information.

- **Adapting to Climate Change in Ontario** – a memo from Ian Turnbull regarding this report was distributed with the agenda.

MOTION by Ian Turnbull, seconded by Mary McCulley

THAT Muskoka Watershed Council endorse the November 2009 *Adapting to Climate Change Ontario* Report;

AND THAT the MWC Chair advise Ontario's Minister of the Environment accordingly;

AND THAT the MWC Chair recommend that the Boards of the Muskoka Heritage Foundation and Muskoka Heritage Trust endorse the report;

AND THAT the Policy & Research Committee review the report and recommend action to Watershed Council;

AND THAT the Communications Committee review the report and recommend a communications strategy to Watershed Council.

CARRIED

- Member Organizations Update
 - Ken Riley – The **Muskoka Soil and Crop Improvement Association** reports that over 50% of the active farms in Muskoka have Environmental Farm Plans.
 - Peter Seybold – The **Muskoka Lakes Association** is in the process of finalizing their 2009 Water Quality Monitoring Report. The focus in 2010 will be on stewardship.
 - Marg French – The **District Municipality of Muskoka** is planning on reaching out to the communities of Muskoka through presentations, workshops and websites as part of their visioning program.
 - Fran Coleman – The **Town of Huntsville** is in the process of developing a Unity Plan and is seeking input from the community.

Correspondence & Articles

- Toronto Star article – [Trees: the most effective way to reduce emissions](#)
- Art of Mentoring Workshop Notice
- [2009 Canadian Water Attitudes Study](#) – full report available from MWC by request

Next Meeting

Friday, February 19, 2010 at 1:00 pm in the Council Chambers at The District Municipality of Muskoka administration building.

Adjournment

Rob Milligan adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.