



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE MATTAGAMI REGION
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023
AT 5:00 PM, CONSERVATION AUTHORITY OFFICE, TIMMINS, ONTARIO.**

Present: Andrew Marks Joe Torlone Rock Whissell
 Bill Gvozdanovic David Vallier, General Manager
Regrets: Steve Black
Recorder: Jennifer Bonsall

1.0 Addition to the Agenda

5.4 Salary Grid

2.0 Adoption of Minutes

2.1 Adoption of Minutes of April 5, 2023.

Resolution No. 2023-1592

Proposed by: Andrew Marks

Seconded by: Joe Torlone

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority held on April 5, 2023 as described on pages 792 to 796 of the Minute Book are hereby approved as circulated.

May 3, 2023

Carried

3.0 Declaration of Conflict of Interest—None were declared

4.0 Reports

4.1 General Manager Report

The GM provided a watershed update reviewing the early snow melt and cooler temperatures which slowed the freshet. Recent rainfalls between 50-75 mm throughout the watershed show how tenuous spring flooding can be with a Watershed Conditions Statement: Watershed Safety increasing to a Flood Warning very quickly. The Timmins Flood Advisory Committee is meeting regularly. MNRF and OPG provide information, the committee vets public information and information is shared daily with municipal representatives. Radio and TV interviews have also taken place. Students are starting between now and next Monday, with an additional 2 high school students in July.

4.2 Plan Input Report

Plan input and comments under O Reg 165/06, minor variances, consents, severances, zoning by-law, site plan control, and public and legal inquiries were provided to the Board.

4.3 Regulations Officer Report

Work continues regarding ensuring that drainage inquiries received by Service Timmins are directed to the Regulations Officer. His process of reviewing the concerns and directing them to the appropriate department, if it is not a Site Alteration concern seems to be working well. Training for Erosion and Sediment Control is ongoing.

4.4 Motion to Accept Administrative Reports

Resolution No. 2023-1593

Proposed by: Joe Torlone

Seconded by: Andrew Marks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Administrative Reports, consisting of the General Manager's Report, Plan Input Report, and Regulations Officer Report have been received by the Board for information purposes.

May 3, 2023

Carried

5.0 Items for Discussion

5.1 Conservation Areas /Trail Upkeep

The early season priority is garbage clean up and staff will also be participating in the Provincial Day of Action on Litter. An initial trail check will be completed soon to identify any concerns. Priority trail work this summer is Bridge to Bridge, Tamarack, Mountjoy Historical and continuing with brushing. The 2010 truck will need a substantial amount of work to pass its safety this year. A request was received to ensure that Lion's Trail is cleaned up and any encampments noted are reported to the police. It was noted encampment reporting is the responsibility of the property owner, as it falls under trespass laws.

5.2 Strategic Plan Survey Follow-up

The survey information received will be used to assist in directing the Strategic Plan process with the consultant. The CAA amendments will be incorporated into the next plan. Any interested Board Members are welcome to participate in the planning sessions; dates and times will be provided as soon as they are available.

5.3 Bart Thomson Light Repairs Update

Discussion followed regarding the light repair plans. Recommendation was received to confirm which individual lights the Kinsmen would like to have repaired; confirm how many lights can be repaired with helical piles, including removal of all remaining concrete and debris, with the funds provided by Kinsmen; confirm the cost to repair remaining lights with swamp anchors where required; confirm the commitment of the municipality to complete electrical work; and confirm the funds allocated by the City for the repairs.

5.4 Salary Grid

MRCA Personnel Policy specifies that salaries are based on the Non-Union Renumeration System scale for the City of Timmins. The City of Timmins scale has recently been updated. Discussion followed about the budget implications of upgrading to the next highest wage to continue the Step increases. The GM will provide salary budget comparisons to the Board.

*Resolution No. 2023-1594
Proposed by: Joe Torlone
Seconded by: Andrew Marks*

WHEREAS an increase as per the Conservation Authority's salary schedule, as outlined in the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority Policy Manual, has been identified for the General Manager's position, based on the Non-Union Renumeration System scale placement at Level 109 Step 4;

LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that the salary increase be applied to this position effective April 22, 2023.

May 3, 2023

Carried

6.0 Items for Decision—None

7.0 For Your Information—None

8.0 Date for Next Meeting

Due to scheduling conflicts, the date of the June meeting is changed to Tuesday, June 6, 2023.


9.0 Adjournment

*Resolution No. 2023-1595
Proposed by: Bill Gvozdanovic
Seconded by: Joe Torlone*

THAT this meeting adjourn at 5:35 p.m.

May 3, 2023

Carried


Rock Whissell, Vice-Chair

June 6, 2023
Date