



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE MATTAGAMI REGION  
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY HELD WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2023  
AT 4:30 PM, CONSERVATION AUTHORITY OFFICE, TIMMINS, ONTARIO.**

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

**1.0 Addition to the Agenda—None**

**2.0 Delegations and Presentations**

Tiffany Cecchetto from KPMG LLP presented the 2022 Financial Statements and Audit Findings Report to the Board via Zoom meeting. Questions from the Board were answered. The Chair thanked KPMG for the informative presentation and KPMG left the meeting.

The Board requested that the GM follow up to confirm if future audits will take place in person with auditors having access to file servers to alleviate some of the time involved by MRCA staff.

**3.0 Adoption of Minutes**

**3.1 Adoption of Minutes of June 6, 2023.**

*Resolution No. 2023-1600  
Proposed by: Joe Torlone  
Seconded by: Andrew Marks*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority held on June 6, 2023 as described on pages 800 to 803 of the Minute Book are hereby approved as circulated.*

*August 2, 2023*

*Carried*

**4.0 Declaration of Conflict of Interest—None were declared**

**5.0 Reports**

**5.1 General Manager Report**

The GM provided an update on the status of the NOHFC Communications and Marketing Intern job posting, which will be reposted this month. It was also noted that staff have had two meetings to begin planning the 2024-2027 Strategic Plan.

## 5.2 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. It was noted that staff are working well together to complete permitting and follow up inspections.

## 5.3 DWSP Report

The DWSP Report was provided to the Board for their information.

## 5.4 Regulations Officer Report

The GM pointed out the importance of having one point of contact for drainage issues which is working well to facilitate work by all involved departments within the City of Timmins.

## 5.5 Motion to Accept Administrative Reports

*Resolution No. 2023-1601*

*Proposed by: Rock Whissell*

*Seconded by: Joe Torlone*

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

*August 2, 2023*

*Carried*

## 6.0 Items for Discussion

### 6.1 Conservation Areas / Trail Upkeep

Bridge to Bridge Trail resurfacing on the west side of Mattagami River is complete. Conservation Area landscaping is ongoing. The GM provided an update on the plan to focus on upkeep and maintenance of our properties and assets over the next two years. The Board recommended that efforts to recruit community partners in these initiatives continues.

### 6.2 Charitable Status Update

The completed Charitable Status Application has been submitted by the lawyer to Canada Revenue Agency for review.

### 6.3 Rekela Street Property Update

The Rekela St. properties have been surveyed, and neighbouring property owners were noted to be using the property for their own use. The Regulations Officer has mailed each owner a letter advising them to remove their items from our property. A market value assessment has been

received for the property and the process of property disposal will progress as per the MRCA Land Management Policy.

#### 6.4 Encampment Protocol

Five encampments have been found and addressed on our properties this summer. Staff continue to work with the City of Timmins Community Strategies Coordinator and By-law officers, as well as community service organizations to relocate the people and clean up hazardous waste. The GM noted that the tree cutting that took place recently at the Gillies Lake CA was a result of City of Timmins By-law issuing an order to the ONR to clean their property. That clean up extended slightly on to the CA property. It was clarified that MRCA staff are not cutting trees or mowing grass in areas where encampments are found; regular property maintenance will continue.

#### 7.0 Closed Session – Legal Matter

*Resolution No. 2023-1602  
Proposed by: Andrew Marks  
Seconded by: Rock Whissell*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Authority Board meeting move into Closed Session at 5:34 p.m. to discuss a legal matter.*

*August 2, 2023* *Carried*

*Resolution No. 2023-1603  
Proposed by: Andrew Marks  
Seconded by: Joe Torlone*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Authority Board meeting move into Open Session at 5:39 p.m.*

*August 2, 2023* *Carried*

#### 8.0 Items for Decision

*Resolution No. 2023-1604  
Proposed by: Andrew Marks  
Seconded by: Rock Whissell*

*BE IT REOLVED THAT the Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2022, as prepared by KPMG, LLP, be adopted as presented.*

*August 2, 2023* *Carried*

**9.0 For Your Information**—None

**10.0 Date for Next Meeting**

September 6, 2023 meeting date conflicts with Welcome to Timmins Night. The GM will follow up regarding the next meeting date.

**11.0 Adjournment**

*Resolution No. 2023-1605*

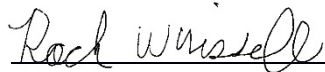
*Proposed by: Andrew Marks*

*Seconded by: Rock Whissell*

*THAT this meeting adjourn at 5:40 p.m.*

*August 2, 2023*

*Carried*

  
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Rock Whissell, Vice-Chair

September 14, 2023  
Date