



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE MATTAGAMI REGION
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023
AT 4:30 PM, CONSERVATION AUTHORITY OFFICE, TIMMINS, ONTARIO.**

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

1.0 Addition to the Agenda—Move item 6.3 from Items for Discussion to Closed Session

2.0 Delegations and Presentations—None

3.0 Adoption of Minutes

3.1 Adoption of Minutes of August 2, 2023.

Resolution No. 2023-1606

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 August 2, 2023 as described on pages 804 to 807 of the Minute Book are hereby approved as circulated.

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Carried

4.0 Declaration of Conflict of Interest—None were declared

5.0 Reports

5.1 General Manager Report

The GM noted an update to the Rails to Trails item; ONTC has confirmed that they are not interested in the MRCA proposal to convert unused rail beds for recreation trail access. It was also noted that a significant amount of staff time is currently being dedicated to the preparation of documentation required through the CAA Amendments.

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.

5.3 DWSP Report

The GM provided an update on plans to introduce a portable Children's Water Festival to schools in 2024. A request was received to provide the Board with an updated list of threats, in particular for the area of the highway along the Mattagami River.

5.4 Regulations Officer Report

The GM advised the Board that a request will be made to meet with City of Timmins CAO and Clerk, and present to City of Timmins Council the successes in the Site Alteration Permitting partnership between the City and MRCA.

5.5 Motion to Accept Administrative Reports

Resolution No. 2023-1607

Proposed by: Andrew Marks

Seconded by: Joe Torlone

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

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Carried

6.0 Items for Discussion

6.1 Conservation Areas / Trail Upkeep

Regular field work continues including ongoing trail checks after heavy rains. Staff are updating the capital plan to identify upcoming costs for repairs to all attributes on MRCA properties. Additionally, costs are being identified for ongoing maintenance costs specifically for conservation areas, MRCA owned trails, and non-owned trails, to provide clarity in future budget discussions.

6.2 Land Management Policy

Updates were presented to the Board, including updating the Ministry from Environment, Conservation and Parks, back to Natural Resources and Forestry, and updating the Fair Market Value Table 4.3(c).

6.3 Strategic Plan

Staff have participated in several meetings and met with a consultant to prepare the MRCA Strategic Plan 2024-2028. An overview of the draft, including a summary of the planned goals, was presented to the Board. No concerns were raised. A final document will be presented at a

later date for Board approval. A copy of the information presented will be shared with the Board via email for further review.

7.0 Closed Session

Resolution No. 2023-1608

Proposed by: Joe Torlone

Seconded by: Andrew Marks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Authority Board meeting move into Closed Session at 5:08 p.m. to discuss a pending disposition of land.

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Carried

Resolution No. 2023-1609

Proposed by: Bill Gvozdanovic

Seconded by: Joe Torlone

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Authority Board meeting move into Open Session at 5:16 p.m.

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Carried

Resolution No. 2023-1610

Proposed by: Bill Gvozdanovic

Seconded by: Andrew Marks

WHEREAS the section 21(1)(c) of the Conservation Authority Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27 provides Conservation Authorities with the power to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of land,

AND WHEREAS the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority (MRCA) has undertaken a review of land under their ownership,

AND WHEREAS it is in the interest of the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority to determine whether ownership of land is consistent with our mandate of conservation and whether the same creates an undue burden of cost, maintenance and liability,

LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority Board directs the General Manager to accept the offer to purchase land, received from Androc Holdings Ltd. in response to the MRCA letter to Offer Land Abutting Your Property, and that the General Manager proceeds with the sale of lands described in Schedule 1 to this resolution for the sum of ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000).

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Carried

8.0 Items for Decision

8.1 Regulations Officer Step Increase

*Resolution No. 2023-1611
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 Regulations Officer position,
LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that the salary increase, based on 2023 revisions to the Non-Union Renumeration System scale placement at Level 107 Step 1, be applied to this position effective September 3, 2023.*

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8.2 Executive Assistant Step Increase

*Resolution No. 2023-1612
Proposed by: Andrew Marks
Seconded by: Joe Torlone*

*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 Executive Assistant position,
LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that the salary increase, based on 2023 revisions to the Non-Union Renumeration System scale placement at Level 104 Step 1, be applied to this position effective August 27, 2023.*

September 14, 2023 *Carried*

8.3 NEER Rebate

*Resolution No. 2023-1613
Proposed by: Andrew Marks
Seconded by: Joe Torlone*

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority Board approves the following reserve re-allocation as presented by the General Manager.

The WSIB NEER (New Experimental Experience Rating) Program rebate accumulated reserve amount of \$27,676 will be re-allocated into the Vehicle Expense and Maintenance reserve account. The NEER Rebate reserve account will be eliminated.

September 14, 2023 *Carried*

8.4 Land Management Policy Update

*Resolution No. 2023-1614
Proposed by: Andrew Marks
Seconded by: Joe Torlone*

WHEREAS the section 21(1)(c) of the Conservation Authority Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27 provides Conservation Authorities with the power to acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise and to expropriate any land that it may require, and to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of land so acquired;

WHEREAS the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority has previously resolved to adopt the Land Management Policy,

AND WHEREAS the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority has determined it is necessary to amend the Land Management Policy,

LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority Board adopt the Land Management Policy amendments as presented

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Carried

9.0 For Your Information—None

10.0 Date for Next Meeting—October 4, 2023

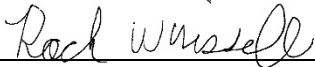
11.0 Adjournment

*Resolution No. 2023-1615
Proposed by: Andrew Marks
Seconded by: Bill Gvozdanovic*

THAT this meeting adjourn at 5:32 p.m.

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Carried



Rock Whissel, Vice-Chair

October 4, 2023
Date