



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE MATTAGAMI REGION
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY HELD WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 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—6.4 Communication from MRCA Chair

2.0 Delegations and Presentations—None

3.0 Adoption of Minutes

3.1 Adoption of Minutes of September 14, 2023.

Resolution No. 2023-1616

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 September 14, 2023 as described on pages 808 to 812 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 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.

5.2 DWSP Report

The GM added that staff are working on determining a way to ensure the Risk Management Official or DWSP program are notified when a change of use or change of business that necessitates a risk-management plan.

5.3 Motion to Accept Administrative Reports

Resolution No. 2023-1617

*Proposed by: Andrew Marks
Seconded by: Joe Torlone*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Administrative Reports, consisting of the Plan Input Report and the Drinking Water Source Protection 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

General property maintenance is ongoing including grass cutting and a large amount of garbage clean up. The forecasted rain will mean potential trail repairs throughout the fall to ensure user safety. The chip hut owner will be submitting a plan regarding changes for the name and appearance of the business.

6.2 2022 Draft Budget

The GM presented the Draft 2024 Budget for discussion, including the Companion Report which is required through the CAA amendments. Discussion followed about capital planning and fixed cost increases. An email resolution will follow to approve the final budget and City of Timmins levy request.

6.3 Historical Maintenance Costing 2020-2023

The GM presented a historical summary of costs incurred for the maintenance of trails not owned by the MRCA, maintenance of CA properties including trails on owned property, and landscaping expenses. Discussion followed about the use of grant funds, when available, to catch-up on trail repairs and the need to ensure there is adequate compensation from the municipality for the high cost of maintaining the community-wide trail network. The Board requested that a firm number be provided for the costs to properly maintain all trails annually in order to determine budget, levy or capital increases.

The Board requested that the GM confirm with Conservation Ontario what their plans are for advocating to the provincial government for increases in the Province's financial support for Conservation Authorities.

6.4 Communication from MRCA Chair

MRCA Board Chair communication regarding their current inability to fulfill the Chair duties on a regular basis was discussed. In the MRCA Administrative & Governance Bylaws, options include having the Vice-Chair act as Chair until such time as a new Chair is appointed (in January), and in the event that both Chair and Vice-Chair are absent, the members are able to

appoint an Acting Chair for the meeting. All were in agreement that these options are sufficient for the remainder of the current term.

7.0 Closed Session—None

8.0 Items for Decision

8.1 2024 Draft Budget

*Resolution No. 2023-1618
Proposed by: Bill Gvozdanovic
Seconded by: Joe Torlone*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority Board approves the 2024 Draft Budget Version 1.0, dated September 27, 2023 for consultation purposes.

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Carried

9.0 For Your Information

9.1 Timmins Wake Park 2023 Season Report

The year-end report from the Timmins Wake Park was shared and the Board noted no concerns with the ongoing activities.

10.0 Date for Next Meeting—November 1, 2023

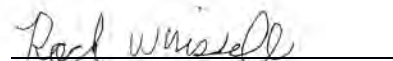
11.0 Adjournment

*Resolution No. 2023-1619
Proposed by: Joe Torlone
Seconded by: Andrew Marks*

THAT this meeting adjourn at 5:10 p.m.

October 4, 2023

Carried



Rock Whissell, Vice-Chair

November 1, 2023
Date