



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE MATTAGAMI REGION  
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY HELD WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 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**—8.3 Amendment to Regulation 165/06 Administration and Compliance Policies

**2.0 Delegations and Presentations**—None

**3.0 Adoption of Minutes**

3.1 Adoption of Minutes of October 4, 2023.

*Resolution No. 2023-1620*

*Proposed by: Andrew Marks*

*Seconded by: Bill Gvozdanovic*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority held on October 4, 2023 as described on pages 813 to 815 of the Minute Book are hereby approved as circulated.*

*November 1, 2023*

*Carried*

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

**5.0 Reports**

5.1 General Manager Report

The GM added that discussions will continue with City of Timmins regarding financial services after their budget planning is completed. It was noted that the charitable status may force some changes.

5.2 Plan Input Report

Plan input and comments under O. Reg 165/06, minor variances, consents, severances, and legal inquiries were provided to the Board.

### 5.3 DWSP Report

The Board requested a summary of the projects that may be shared among the Northern Source Protection Authorities.

### 5.4 Regulations Officer Report

Discussion followed regarding work on Hwy 101 E near the provincially significant wetland. Inspection and enforcement activities are ongoing while an environmental impact study takes place.

### 5.5 Motion to Accept Administrative Reports

*Resolution No. 2023-1621*

*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, the Drinking Water Source Protection Report, and the Regulations Officer Report have been received by the Board for information purposes.*

*November 1, 2023*

*Carried*

## 6.0 Items for Discussion

### 6.1 Conservation Areas / Trail Upkeep

The GM provided an update on a recent inquiry regarding clear cutting a property along the Rotary Trail. The property owner has confirmed that there is no intention to modify or remove the trail from the property.

### 6.2 2024 Budget and City of Timmins Levy

A formal request for funding from the Municipal Accommodations Tax fund has been submitted to the City of Timmins Clerk. Any funds received would be used for ongoing maintenance of the community-wide recreation trail network.

### 6.3 Strategic Plan

The Board requested clarification regarding acronyms that were included in the Strategic Plan summary. All were in agreement with the pillars, goals and projects that staff have planned for the upcoming 5 years.

#### 6.4 Town Creek Memorial

A request was received to develop and rename the MRCA-owned property on Wilson Ave. into a memorial park to commemorate the Girard family who died in the 1961 Town Creek flood. A memorial plaque is currently located on the property. The Board noted that new park development is not part of current planning or budget. The GM will follow up with the City regarding their expectations and interest in taking on this park development project and ongoing maintenance. In the meantime, staff will clean up the memorial cairn.

#### 7.0 Closed Session—None

#### 8.0 Items for Decision

##### 8.1 Budget and Levy Approval 2024

*Resolution No. 2023-1622*

*Proposed by: Bill Gvozdanovic*

*Seconded by: Joe Torlone*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority Board approves a total budget of \$1,010,261 for the year 2024 with the City of Timmins levy set at a total of \$636,500 as its share, which represents a 3% increase in the municipal levy request from 2023.*

*November 1, 2023*

*Carried*

##### 8.2 Strategic Plan

*Resolution No. 2023-1623*

*Proposed by: Joe Torlone*

*Seconded by: Andrew Marks*

*WHEREAS the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority developed a Strategic Plan to serve the growing needs of the organization throughout the upcoming 5-year planning period; and*

*WHEREAS, the Strategic Plan is aligned with the MRCA's mission, vision, and values;*

*LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Board approved the MRCA Strategic Plan 2024-2028 as presented.*

*November 1, 2023*

*Carried*

##### 8.3 Amendment to Regulation 165/06 Administration and Compliance Policies

*Resolution No. 2023-1624*

*Proposed by: Andrew Marks*

*Seconded by: Joe Torlone*

*WHEREAS the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority operates under Regulation 165/06 Administration and Compliance Policies for the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alteration to Shorelines and Watercourses; and  
WHEREAS these same Regulation Administration and Compliance Policies require periodic reviews and, where applicable, updates;  
LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority adopt the amended Regulation 165/06 Administration and Compliance Policies regarding the removal of the Ontario Building Code reference from the development definition.*

*November 1, 2023*

*Carried*

**9.0 For Your Information—None**

**10.0 Date for Next Meeting—December 6, 2023**

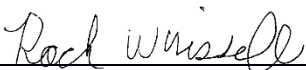
**11.0 Adjournment**

*Resolution No. 2023-1625  
Proposed by: Bill Gvozdanovic  
Seconded by: Andrew Marks*

*THAT this meeting adjourn at 5:25 p.m.*

*November 1, 2023*

*Carried*

  
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Rock Whissell, Vice-Chair

December 6, 2023  
Date