



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE MATTAGAMI REGION
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY HELD WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023
AT 4:30 PM, CONSERVATION AUTHORITY OFFICE, TIMMINS, ONTARIO.**

Present: Rock Whissell, Chair
Bill Gvozdanovic
Joe Torlone
Lorne Feldman
Andrew Marks
David Vallier, General Manager

Recorder: Jennifer Bonsall

1.0 Addition to the Agenda—6.2 4-Day Work Week

2.0 Delegations and Presentations—None

3.0 Adoption of Minutes

3.1 Adoption of Minutes of November 1, 2023.

Resolution No. 2023-1626

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 November 1, 2023 as described on pages 816 to 819 of the Minute Book are hereby approved as circulated.

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Carried

4.0 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

R. Whissell declared a conflict of interest regarding item 8.2 Chair Honorarium

5.0 Reports

5.1 General Manager Report

The GM added that the NOHFC Intern started this week. The position will be marketing and communications for MRCA and Wintergreen activities for one year.

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 GM added that DWSP Lead has had favourable discussions with MECP regrading budget adjustments in consideration of the multi-year funding agreements.

5.4 Regulations Officer Report

The Board was updated on ongoing discussions with the City of Timmins regarding the development of draft policies for the management of unopened road allowances, including shoreline allowance.

5.5 Motion to Accept Administrative Reports

Resolution No. 2023-1627

Proposed by: Andrew Marks

Seconded by: Joe Torlone

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.

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Carried

6.0 Items for Discussion

6.1 Conservation Areas / Trail Upkeep

The GM noted that winter grooming has begun along the Gillies Lake trail. Hersey Lake grooming will begin once there is more snow to pack. A spreadsheet identifying required maintenance costs for all areas was presented to the Board for their information.

Discussion followed about the progress of the MRCA application to receive Municipal Accommodation Tax funds from the municipal portion under Category 2 -meet tourism and recreational needs of the City.

Lorne Feldman joined the meeting at this time.

6.2 4-Day Work Week

Discussion followed about the potential of moving staff to a 4-day work week. The Board noted their concern that coverage must consistently be available from Monday to Friday. The Board is amicable to a pilot trial period once a tentative schedule identifying coverage can be provided and approved.

7.0 Closed Session—None

8.0 Items for Decision

8.1 Board Per Diems

*Resolution No. 2023-1628
Proposed by: Bill Gvozdanovic
Seconded by: Lorne Feldman*

WHEREAS MRCA Board Members are eligible for a per diem allowance for attending meetings and other functions of the Conservation Authority;

LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that the per diem allowance rate be increased to \$75 for 2024.

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Defeated

*Resolution No. 2023-1629
Proposed by: Joe Torlone
Seconded by: Andrew Marks*

WHEREAS MRCA Board Members are eligible for a per diem allowance for attending meetings and other functions of the Conservation Authority;

LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that the per diem allowance rate be set at \$65 for 2024.

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Carried

8.2 Chair Honorarium

*Resolution No. 2023-1630
Proposed by: Andrew Marks
Seconded by: Lorne Feldman*

WHEREAS an annual honorarium is provided to the MRCA Board Chair; and

WHEREAS the duties of the Chair were shared between the Chair and Vice-Chair throughout 2023;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Steve Black, Authority Board Chair, and Rock Whissell, Authority Board Vice-Chair, each be granted an Honorarium in the amount of \$500 as approved in the MRCA annual budget.

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Carried

9.0 For Your Information—None

10.0 Date for Next Meeting—GM will share a Doodle Poll to set January meeting date.

11.0 Adjournment

Resolution No. 2023-1631

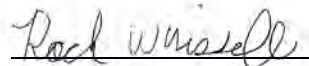
Proposed by: Andrew Marks

Seconded by: Bill Gvozdanovic

THAT this meeting adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

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Carried



Rock Whissell, Chair

February 7, 2024
Date