



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE MATTAGAMI REGION
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY HELD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025 AT
4:30 PM, CONSERVATION AUTHORITY OFFICE, TIMMINS, ONTARIO.**

Present: Joe Torlone Lorne Feldman (partial meeting)
Bill Gvozdanovic – via Zoom Rock Whissell
David Vallier, General Manager

Regrets: Andrew Marks
Recorder: Jennifer Bonsall

1.0 Territorial Acknowledgement

2.0 Addition to the Agenda
8.4 Annual Economic Increase

3.0 Delegations and Presentations—None

4.0 Adoption of Minutes

4.1 Adoption of Minutes of January 7, 2025.

*Resolution No. 2025-1681
Proposed by: Rock Whissell
Seconded by: Bill Gvozdanovic*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority held on January 7, 2025 as described on pages 851 to 857 of the Minute Book are hereby approved as circulated.

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Carried

5.0 Declaration of Conflict of Interest—None

6.0 Reports

6.1 General Manager Report

The GM noted that MPAC reassessments were requested for a number of MRCA owned properties to reduce annual property taxes being paid. A media event will be held next week to announce the Lake Shore Gold funding. NOHFC funding application for the Rotary Trail is progressing. Funding was approved from Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility for lighting repairs at Mountjoy Historical CA. Newmont is allocating funds for trail and asset repair/replacement along Bart Thomson Trail and White Waterfront CA as part of their offsetting plans. An application is being submitted for invasive phragmites control.

6.2 Plan Input Report

Plan input and comments under O. Reg. 41/24, minor variances, consents, severances and legal inquiries were provided to the Board.

6.3 DWSP Report

A summary of recent DWSP activities was provided to the Board. The GM noted that an email resolution will be required in the next few days to appoint committee members whose terms have expired.

6.4 Regulations Officer Report

The RO will take the lead on the invasive phragmites funding application. The associated report is included in the Board package.

6.5 Motion to Accept Administrative Reports

Resolution No. 2025-1682

Proposed by: Bill Gvozdanovic

Seconded by: Rock Whissell

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

7.0 Items for Discussion

7.1 Conservation Areas / Trail Upkeep

Grooming is ongoing at both Gillies Lake and Hersey Lake Conservation Areas. The Boardwalk inspection report will be available soon. If work is required, funds will have to be sourced through grant applications. Student applications are starting to come in. Contractors will be used to complete the major Rotary Trail repairs so that students can focus on other trail work required. Staff attended an Ontario Trillium Fund information session where it was clarified that conservation authorities are not eligible for their funding.

7.2 Timmins Wake Park

The Timmins Wake Park Season Report for 2024 was provided to the Board for review. There are no concerns with the ongoing lease agreement.

7.3 Uniglass / Mountjoy Historical

Upon submission of the severance/consent application, City of Timmins Planning responded with a number of requests regarding greenspace and parking that add challenges to the plan to sever and sell this area. The GM is currently looking at other options with the property owner.

Lorne Feldman joined the meeting.

8.0 Items for Decision

8.1 57 Evans Street Sale

No questions were received from the report provided to the Board.

*Resolution No. 2025-1683
Proposed by: Lorne Feldman
Seconded by: Rock Whissell*

WHEREAS 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 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; and

WHEREAS the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority has received an offer from the abutting property owner Daniel Paquin (Purchaser) for the purchase of 57 Evans for the sum of \$4,200, which is deemed fair and reasonable, based on the current assessed value;

LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that the MRCA Board approves the direct land sale of the surface rights of Lot 45, Plan M20S, (Roll No. #5627 020 010 32700), as described in Schedule 1, to Daniel Paquin of 33 Evans, subject to the following conditions:

- That the property be sold via direct negotiation;*
- That the subject land be sold to the Purchaser for \$4,200 plus HST;*
- That all expenses for both the MRCA and the Purchaser related to this land purchase, including but not limited to the legal and registration costs shall be the responsibility of the Purchaser;*
- That the lot is zoned Hazard and falls under the MRCA regulated areas and as such, development is severely limited and would require MRCA input;*

- *That the Purchaser shall have six months to finalize this land transfer, otherwise this land sale shall be null and void; and*
- *That the MRCA Board direct the General Manager to proceed with the necessary actions to finalize the transaction, subject to the terms and conditions outlined in this Resolution.*

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Carried

8.2 Policy Manual O. Reg. 41/24

The GM noted that this document guides our permitting under the new Ontario Regulation 41/24 of the Conservation Authorities Act. Particular attention was brought to Section 3.4.5 Hearings under the Conservation Authorities Act, and the Board's responsibility as the Tribunal for permit appeals.

*Resolution No. 2025-1684
Proposed by: Rock Whissell
Seconded by: Bill Gvozdanic*

WHEREAS the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority is committed to fulfilling its mandate to manage and regulate activities within the watershed in accordance with the Conservation Authorities Act and associated regulations; and

WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 41/24 Prohibited Activities, Exemptions and Permits, which came in to effect April 1 2024, requires the establishment and adoption of policies to guide decision-making, ensure transparency, and enhance the sustainable management of natural resources;

LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED:

THAT the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alteration to Shoreline and Watercourses-Regulation 165/06 Administration and Compliance Policies, last revised on November 1, 2023 (Resolution 2023-1624) be revoked; and

THAT the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority Board hereby approves and adopts the Watershed Regulation O. Reg 41/24 Policy Manual as presented on February 5, 2025; and

THAT the approved Policy Manual shall serve as the governing document for implementing Ontario Regulation 41/24 within the jurisdiction of the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority; and

THAT staff be directed to ensure the Policy Manual is communicated to stakeholders, posted publicly for transparency, and implemented effectively in alignment with the Conservation Authorities Act and associated regulations; and

THAT staff be further directed to periodically review and, if necessary, recommend updates to the Policy Manual to reflect evolving regulatory, environmental, and community needs.

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Carried

8.3 369 MacLean Sale

The GM reviewed the history of the property and the rationale for the sale.

Resolution No. 2025-1685

Proposed by: Bill Gvozdanovic

Seconded by: Lorne Feldman

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WHEREAS the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority 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; and

WHEREAS the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority has received an offer from the abutting property owner Robyn Palmateer (Purchaser) for the purchase of 369 MacLean for the sum of \$4,600, which is deemed fair and reasonable, based on the current assessed value;

LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that the MRCA Board approves the direct land sale of the surface rights of Lot 1, Plan M62C, (Roll No. #5627 050 049 06700), as described in Schedule 1, to Robyn Palmateer of 12 Polaris, subject to the following conditions:

- That the property be sold via direct negotiation;*
- That the subject land be sold to the Purchaser for \$4,600 plus HST;*
- That the Purchaser acknowledges the existing Corporation of the City of Timmins sanitary and storm easements;*
- That all expenses for both the MRCA and the Purchaser related to this land purchase, including but not limited to the legal and registration costs shall be the responsibility of the Purchaser;*
- That the Purchaser shall have six months to finalize this land transfer, otherwise this land sale shall be null and void; and*

- *That the MRCA Board direct the General Manager to proceed with the necessary actions to finalize the transaction, subject to the terms and conditions outlined in this Resolution.*

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Carried

8.4 Annual Economic Increase

*Resolution No. 2025-1686
Proposed by: Rock Whissell
Seconded by: Lorne Feldman*

WHEREAS the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority budget for 2025 has been approved by the Conservation Authority Board (Resolution 2024-1666); and

WHEREAS the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority Policy Manual outlines that increases to the City of Timmins Non-Union Remuneration Scale shall be applied to salaried permanent full-time MRCA employees; and

WHEREAS an Annual Economic Increase, of 2.62% has been approved by City of Timmins Council for the fiscal year 2025 (Resolution 25-032);

LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that the 2025 Annual Economic Increase be applied to the MRCA full-time positions for the fiscal year 2025.

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Carried

9.0 For Your Information – None

10.0 Date for Next Meeting – March 5, 2025


11.0 Adjournment

*Resolution No. 2025-1687
Proposed by: Bill Gvozdanovic
Seconded by: Lorne Feldman*

THAT this meeting adjourn at 5:11 p.m.

February 5, 2025

Carried



Joe Forlone, Chair

March 6, 2025

Date