



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE MATTAGAMI REGION
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025 AT 4:30 PM,
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY OFFICE, TIMMINS, ONTARIO.**

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

Recorder: Jennifer Bonsall

1.0 Territorial Acknowledgement

2.0 Addition to the Agenda—None

3.0 Delegations and Presentations—None

4.0 Adoption of Minutes

4.1 Adoption of Minutes of April 9, 2025.

Resolution No. 2025-1698

Proposed by: Lorne Feldman

Seconded by: Andrew Marks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority held on April 9, 2025 as described on pages 869 to 872 of the Minute Book are hereby approved as circulated.

May 7, 2025

Carried

5.0 Declaration of Conflict of Interest—None

6.0 Reports

6.1 General Manager Report

No concerns with the General Manager's report as provided.

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

No concerns with the DWSP Report as provided.

6.4 Regulations Officer Report

Regulations Officer activities are increasing as expected during this season.

6.5 Motion to Accept Administrative Reports

Resolution No. 2025-1699

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.

May 7, 2025

Carried

7.0 Items for Discussion

7.1 Conservation Areas / Trail Upkeep

Four students began work this week completing required training courses and getting started with garbage cleanup. A total of 8 students will be on staff throughout the summer. Mountjoy Historical CA is half underwater with the high water on the Mattagami River. Lights are scheduled to be replaced once we can access the property safely. Gillies Lake trail repairs are taking place now that the area is somewhat drier. With the extended period of high water throughout our properties, a thorough inspection will take place to evaluate and repair damage.

7.2 Budget Variance Report

Budget variance reports were made available this week. City of Timmins Municipal Accommodations Tax funds have been transferred already.

7.3 Fishbowl Restaurant – 942 Riverside Drive

Property is mostly within the floodplain. An inquiry has been received regarding changing the property use to residential. Current policies allow change of use from residential to industrial/commercial, but not the reverse. The property owner has been advised of our policies. No further communication has been received to date. The GM will provide updates as they become available.

7.4 Gillies Lake – Lemonade Stand Request

A request was received to set up a lemonade truck at Gillies Lake CA once a week. Requirements were discussed including liability insurance no less than \$5 million and all approved local licensing and business permits. The truck is to be removed from the property

when not open for business. Discussion followed about the fees to be applied. The GM will determine the applicable fee based on other permits in place.

7.5 NOHFC Application – Gillies Lake

The current NOHFC application for the Rotary Trail is still pending. The GM had a very positive meeting with Caisse Alliance regarding a potential community funding application for \$100,000 to be used for boardwalk repairs. Funds would be applied to boardwalk repairs and replacing the donation board, highlighting Caisse Alliance sponsorship. These funds will also be used as leverage for a second NOHFC application focusing on Gillies Lake upgrades such as culverts, bumper posts, bridges, etc.

A question was posed about the possibility of work on the Bart Thomson Trail in South Porcupine. The GM noted that a significant amount of work was completed in 2024 in South Porcupine. If there is a specific area of concern, it should be emailed to the GM for further evaluation. The GM also noted that Discover Silver has committed funds to some areas in South Porcupine as part of their offsetting plans.

8.0 Items for Decision—None

9.0 For Your Information

The Chair spoke about attendance at daily Timmins Flood Advisory Committee meetings, commending the GM and staff on the excellent work that has taken place.

It was noted that high water will continue for a while, and that the lack of precipitation was very helpful in managing flows as well as they have been. These high-water events allow the MRCA to document impacts as they are happening for reference in future planning and flood event management.

10.0 Date for Next Meeting – to be determined

The GM will follow up via email to confirm the next meeting date.

11.0 Adjournment

Resolution No. 2025-1700

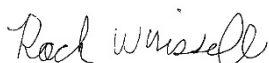
Proposed by: Andrew Marks

Seconded by: Rock Whissell

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

May 7, 2025

Carried



Rock Whissell, Vice-Chair

June 24, 2025
Date