

# MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE MATTAGAMI REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2022 AT 4:15 PM, CONSERVATION AUTHORITY OFFICE, TIMMINS, ONTARIO.

**Present:** Rock Whissell Andrew Marks
John Curley Mickey Auger

David Vallier, General Manager

**Regrets:** Joe Torlone **Recorder:** Jennifer Bonsall

- **1.0** Review of the Agenda No additions
- 2.0 Adoption of Minutes
- 2.1 Adoption of Minutes of June 30, 2022

Resolution No. 2022-1559 Proposed by: Mickey Auger Seconded by: John Curley

THAT the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority held on June 30, 2022 as described on pages 763 to 766 of the Minute Book are hereby approved as circulated.

*September 29, 2022* 

Carried

2.2 Adoption of Minutes of July 28, 2022

Resolution No. 2022-1560 Proposed by: Andrew Marks Seconded by: Mickey Auger

THAT the Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority held on July 28, 2022 as described on pages 767 to 768 of the Minute Book are hereby approved as circulated.

*September 29, 2022* 

Carried

- 3.0 **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**—None were declared
- 4.0 Reports
- 4.1 GM Report

The GM noted that budget preparations are beginning for both the MNRF reporting and for the Board of Directors. Further quotes are being requested for the potential pickle ball court.

## 4.2 Plan Input Report

Plan input and comments under O Reg 165/06, minor variances, consents, severances, zoning by-law and public or legal inquiries were provided to the Board. The GM noted that plan input activities have been very busy throughout the summer months.

#### 4.3 **DWSP** Report

The GM reviewed the DWSP Report.

### 4.4 Regulations Officer Report

The GM noted that there are ongoing issues regarding the responsibility of enforcement of Site Plan Control Agreements and historical drainage problems with the municipality. A legal opinion will be obtained regarding the 2010 Drainage Bylaw, the 2019 Site Alteration Bylaw, the MRCA's responsibilities, the municipality's responsibilities and what should become civil matters, so that enforcement activities can move forward.

### 4.5 Motion to Accept Administrative Reports

Resolution No. 2022-1561 Proposed by: Andrew Marks Seconded by: Mickey Auger

THAT the Administrative Reports, consisting of the General Manager's Report, the 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

#### 5.0 **Items for Discussion**

#### 5.1 Conservation Areas /Trail Upkeep

Summer was very busy with 12 students and a 4-person FedNor crew. An update was provided on the work being completed with the FedNor Canada Community Revitalization Fund including the delays due to staff shortages, supply chain issues and delays with the contractors. One contractor will be returning in October to complete work on Rotary Trail and Bart Thomson Trail that was left unfinished due to equipment issues. Two major rain events caused substantial damage and delays while MRCA crews completed repairs. On October 13, 2022, a section of Bridge to Bridge Trail between Riverside Dr and Gillies St. will be closed by the property owner. This trail was managed by MRCA through a maintenance agreement with Eacom Timber, but as the result of an injury lawsuit, Eacom has cancelled that agreement. The trail will be rerouted on

the municipal streets to connect to the Mountjoy Historical CA. On behalf of the Timmins Recreational Trail Committee, the GM has discussed the possibility of having a Master Trail Strategy developed by the municipality as part of their updates to the Master Recreation Plan.

# 5.2 Canadian Healthy Communities Initiative (CHCI)

An application for trail improvement funding has been successful. This work will take place on different trail areas than the FedNor funding. J. Curley inquired if funding has been received to repair the lights along Porcupine Lake. The GM noted that several applications have been submitted for that work and none have been successful. An updated quote has been requested to confirm the exact cost of light replacement with materials more stable in the wet ground.

# 5.3 Riverside Drive Property – Dino Cavalieri

The property owner has ongoing concerns about drainage issues caused by the neighbouring property. The neighbouring property owner has an existing site agreement with the City of Timmins that is not being enforced. The Regulations Officer is only able to enforce the City of Timmins Site Alteration Bylaw. The property owner is also in discussions with the municipal planning department.

## 5.4 360 MacLean Drive

The GM has not been able to find any historical information regarding why we own this property. It currently requires resources for maintenance and grass cutting. Upon request of the Board, the GM will confirm with the municipality if they would allow a house to be developed on the small parcel of land. If they are not, the Board is amicable to the potential sale of the property to the abutting owners.

## 5.5 Bristol Road – Rekela St. to Florence St.

The GM presented to the Board the properties which are in a Conditional Development Zone. Discussion took place about the potential sale to abutting property owners. The GM will review each property as determined by the MRCA Land Management Policy. It was noted that the funds received from any property sales are being allocated to the purchase of new equipment.

# 5.6 435 Belanger Avenue

The GM discussed the requirements for sale of the property, including severance, survey and legal fees with the requesting property owner. They are no longer interested in pursuing the purchase.

## 6.0 Items for Decision

# 6.1 Step Increase – Executive Assistant

Resolution No. 2022-1562

Proposed by: Andrew Marks Seconded by: Mickey Auger

WHEREAS an increase as per the Conservation Authority's salary schedule, as outlined in the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority Policy Manual, has been identified for the Executive Assistant position, based on the Non-Union Renumeration System scale placement at Level 104 Step 5.

LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that the salary increase be applied to this position effective August 27, 2022.

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Carried

# 6.2 Step Increase – Regulations Officer

Resolution No. 2022-1563 Proposed by: John Curley Seconded by: Mickey Auger

WHEREAS an increase as per the Conservation Authority's salary schedule, as outlined in the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority Policy Manual, has been identified for the Regulations Officer position, based on the Non-Union Renumeration System scale placement at Level 107 Step 2.

LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that the salary increase be applied to this position effective September 3, 2022.

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Carried

## 7.0 For Your Information

# 7.1 Charitable Status Update

The lawyer has received all the requested information and is proceeding with the application. The GM continues to work with CRA to gain proper access to the online account.

# 7.2 Gillies Lake Homeless Encampment

The GM has requested that Timmins Police Services remove the people living in the encampment. TPS is working with local service agencies to relocate the individuals.

# 8.0 Date for Next Meeting — October 27 2022

J. Curley noted that there is a conflict with the Porcupine Health Unit Board Meeting on the same date.

## 9.0 Adjournment

Resolution No. 2022-1564 Proposed by: Andrew Marks Seconded by: Mickey Auger

THAT this meeting adjourn at 5:05 p.m.

September 29, 2022 Carried

November 3, 2022 Date