



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE MATTAGAMI REGION
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY HELD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2023
AT 4:30 PM, CONSERVATION AUTHORITY OFFICE, TIMMINS, ONTARIO.**

Present: Rock Whissell Andrew Marks Joe Torlone
 Steve Black Bill Gvozdanovic David Vallier, General Manager
Recorder: Jennifer Bonsall

1.0 Addition to the Agenda

5.7 Laforest/Maclean Rezoning

2.0 Adoption of Minutes

2.1 Adoption of Minutes of January 4, 2023.

Resolution No. 2023-1580

Proposed by: Andrew Marks

Seconded by: Rock Whissell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority held on January 4, 2023 as described on pages 779 to 783 of the Minute Book are hereby approved as circulated.

February 1, 2023

Carried

3.0 Declaration of Conflict of Interest—None were declared

4.0 Reports

4.1 General Manager Report

The GM provided details of the recent meeting with Sierra Planning regarding the City of Timmins Culture, Tourism and Recreation Master Plan update. It was a productive meeting where 2014 recommendations regarding community trails were reviewed and future plans were discussed. A request was received that the Board be provided with any MOU between the City and MRCA regarding services provided. The GM noted that there are informal agreements, and land maintenance details are noted on CGIS.

4.2 Plan Input Report

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

4.3 DWSP Report

The GM reviewed the DWSP report. Upon inquiry, it was noted that there has been no update received to date regarding the Source Protection Committee Chair appointment.

4.4 Regulations Officer Report

The GM noted that education and outreach videos regarding shoreline development are being planned for this Spring and that a public facing version of the City of Timmins floodplain mapping has been made available on the website.

4.5 Motion to Accept Administrative Reports

Resolution No. 2023-1581

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

February 1, 2023

Carried

5.0 Items for Discussion

5.1 Conservation Areas /Trail Upkeep

Updated trail signage developed with funds received from Fed Nor was presented to the Board. Funding options are being sourced for raising the level of the trail at Mountjoy Historical CA. Winter grooming is ongoing at Hersey Lake CA and Gillies Lake CA.

A meeting was held with City of Timmins and Northern College regarding funding light repairs along the Bart Thomson Trail. The Porcupine Kinsmen Club has committed funds to the repairs and an additional community application has been submitted. One quote for repairs using helical piles has been received, as well as a second quote using cabled swamp anchors. After further discussion, the Board requested that at least one more quote for similar work be sourced. A formal agreement for future maintenance needs to be developed so that an ongoing maintenance budget can be determined.

5.2 Wintergreen Fund for Conservation Representation

The GM requested, on behalf of Wintergreen, a Board representative to attend their meetings. The Chair agreed to represent the Board with the Vice Chair as an alternate. A request was also made to ensure that the Wintergreen members are copied on MRCA Board meeting minutes for their information.

5.3 Floating Fountains

The GM provided the history of the previous fountain in Gillies Lake and the liability concern that lead to its removal by the City of Timmins. There is community interest in having another fountain installed. It was proposed that the interested party could enter into an agreement to place a fountain in Gillies Lake, which is MRCA's property, on the condition that they would be responsible for the purchase of the fountain, fund the installation and seasonal removal costs, the electrical work required and any future maintenance. The Board directed the GM to confirm the location of the fountain with the interested party and the feasibility of this project with the MRCA insurance provider. Discussion followed about the potential for an annual fee for storage.

5.4 Cedar Meadows Development

A cut and fill permit was issued in 2022. City of Timmins issued a Site Plan Control Agreement in 2022 without discussion or approval from the MRCA. Staff have resolved the issue with the property owner and development is proceeding with an MRCA Permit now in place.

5.5 Strategic Plan Discussion

The GM reviewed the forward movement of the Strategic Plan 2020-2023. In preparation for the next Strategic Plan, the original Board and staff survey will be revisited to help determine the priorities for the next four years. The recommendation was received to update future agendas to ensure that each item identifies which strategic plan activity it is tied to. Further discussion took place regarding the budget process and reserve funds noting that any core strategic activities that are short in budget should be included in future levies.

5.6 Quebec Avenue Surplus Land

A request to purchase land has been received for a property on Quebec Avenue. The associated bylaw regarding the sale of that land was presented to the Board. It was noted that the bylaw was put in place when the City of Timmins owned the land, which has since been transferred to the MRCA. As a land-locked property, the Board does not support the sale to anyone other than the abutting property owner. In the case of a formal plan with the municipality to develop the property, the by-law and sale price would require review.

5.7 Laforest/Maclean Rezoning

The GM reviewed the City of Timmins Site Alteration permitting process that was followed upon receipt of neighbour complaints at the property, including consultation with City of Timmins Planning regarding the discussion of potential rezoning. A Site Alteration Permit was issued. The GM clarified that this permit allows for the alteration of the grade of the site, but does not permit anything regarding property development. No MRCA permitting is required on this property. The Board thanked the GM for the clarification provided.

6.0 Items for Decision—None

7.0 For Your Information

8.0 Date for Next Meeting — Wednesday, March 1, 2023

9.0 Adjournment

Resolution No. 2023-1582

Proposed by: Andrew Marks

Seconded by: Bill Gvozdanovic

THAT this meeting adjourn at 6:01 p.m.

February 1, 2023

Carried

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Black". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Steve Black, Chair

March 1, 2023

Date