



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

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

1.0 Addition to the Agenda

5.8 Newmont Drilling South of Quebec Avenue
5.9 Porcupine Lake Lights

2.0 Adoption of Minutes

2.1 Adoption of Minutes of February 1, 2023.

*Resolution No. 2023-1583
Proposed by: Andrew Marks
Seconded by: Joe Torlone*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Mattagami Region
Conservation Authority held on February 1, 2023 as described on pages 784 to 787 of
the Minute Book are hereby approved as circulated.*

March 1, 2023

Carried

3.0 Declaration of Conflict of Interest—None were declared

4.0 Reports

4.1 General Manager Report

The GM informed the Board that the MRCA applied to NOHFC for a Marketing and Communications Internship that will be shared between the Conservation Authority and Wintergreen. A Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECD) application was submitted to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry for work on the Crawford Creek Diversion Channel. The GM also noted that he continues to sit on the Housing Task Force Committee lead by the Timmins Economic Development Corporation.

4.2 Plan Input Report

Plan input and comments under O Reg 165/06, minor variances, consents, severances, zoning by-law, site plan control, and public and legal inquiries were provided to the Board.

4.3 DWSP Report

C. Percival reviewed the DWSP report and noted that Scott Tam was appointed as Chair of the Mattagami Region Source Protection Committee by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

4.4 Regulations Officer Report

The GM noted that the Regulations Officer is conducting regular patrols at the Hersey Lake CA as people are dumping large amounts of seed and smearing peanut butter on the trees throughout the property. A property on Wallingford Road is being reviewed for a potential Site Alteration without a permit, placement of fill on the City's shoreline road allowance without authorization, and placement of fill within the floodplain without a MRCA permit. This property will be presented at the next Community Development Committee meeting to obtain guidance and direction from the City regarding the contraventions on their property. Education and outreach videos regarding shoreline development are being planned for the Spring.

4.5 Motion to Accept Administrative Reports

Resolution No. 2023-1584

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

March 1, 2023

Carried

5.0 Items for Discussion

5.1 Conservation Areas /Trail Upkeep

Winter grooming is ongoing at Hersey Lake CA and Gillies Lake CA. A snow blower attachment for the side-by-side was purchased to maintain the walking trail around Gillies Lake. Approximately 300 new signs will be installed along the trails this summer. Funds from the Canadian Healthy Community Initiative (CHCI) project will be used in 2023 to purchase equipment and fund trail improvements and staffing.

5.2 Rekela Street Development

MRCA properties off Rekela St. were reviewed. These lands are located within a conditional development zone. In these zones, conditional development may occur adjacent to, or within the identified floodplain. The GM informed the Board that he spoke to City of Timmins Planning about deeming five parcels together to create one large un-serviced lot. The parcels are considered developable land and the potential sale of these properties was discussed. The GM

will arrange a meeting with the Internal Working Group identified in the Land Management Policy to further discuss the sale of the properties.

5.3 Quebec Avenue Surplus Land

The proponent who originally inquired about purchasing the properties behind Quebec Ave. is not moving forward. It was recommended that these properties are still available to the remaining neighbours. The GM will send a letter to the abutting property owners on Quebec Avenue to see if they are interested in purchasing the land behind their property.

5.4 Floating Fountains

The GM contacted the MRCA insurance provider to discuss liability concerns associated with a floating fountain in Gillies Lake. No liability issues were identified. It was also noted that the existing hydro panel can accommodate a 100 amp fountain. The proposed fountain requires a 200 amp power source. It was recommended that the interested party make a deputation to City of Timmins Council regarding this project. More information is required regarding the potential maintenance and hydro costs before the Board can make a final decision.

5.5 Strategic Plan Discussion

In preparation for the next Strategic Plan, a survey was distributed to the Board and staff to help determine priorities for the next four years. Those who had not completed the survey were asked to do so. The Strategic Plan will be included in future agendas to ensure that each item is associated with its corresponding strategic plan activity.

5.6 Supplemental Funds

The GM highlighted supplemental funding to support various initiatives and activities that the Conservation Authority received between 2018 and 2022. In 2022, the Conservation Authority received \$415,785 from student employment programs, federal grants and local donations.

5.7 Millson Property – Airport Road

MRCA staff met with an interested party to discuss a development proposal for a property located entirely within the floodplain on Airport Road. Preliminary plans were submitted to the Conservation Authority and presented to the Board. The plans detail a large convention centre with a brewery, bakery, restaurant, conference rooms and patio area. A separate greenhouse, 100' dock and 160-spot parking lot is also being proposed. Based on the plans presented, the proposed structures are located in an area subject to regular high water/flooding. It was noted that there are inconsistencies between what was discussed with MRCA staff and the submitted plans. The GM will contact the proponent to seek clarification.

5.8 Newmont Drilling Near Quebec Avenue

Newmont Porcupine is seeking permission to use MRCA lands located near Quebec Avenue to create a wetland as part of an offsetting plan for the Dome Mine tailings rehabilitation. It was noted that an agreement between the MRCA and Newmont will be required for them to use these lands for offsetting purposes. A drilling program and installation of monitoring wells was also discussed. The GM offered to provide community contacts to Newmont for their public consultation.

5.9 Porcupine Lake Lights

Concerns with the proposed work to fix the lights along the Bart Thomson Trail were addressed. The two repair options previously presented were discussed again. The first option being light standard repairs using helical piles; the second being the use of cabled swamp anchors. Quotes for both options were received from 2 local companies, with the third company not replying to the request for quote. It was noted that repair plans are on hold until the Porcupine Kinsmen Club decides on their preferred option for the use of their funds. The GM will also follow up to confirm that the provided quotes encompass all work required to complete the repairs.

6.0 Items for Decision—None

7.0 For Your Information

8.0 Date for Next Meeting — Wednesday, April 5, 2023

9.0 Adjournment

Resolution No. 2023-1585

Proposed by: Andrew Marks

Seconded by: Joe Torlone

THAT this meeting adjourn at 5:45 p.m.

March 1, 2023

Carried


Steve Black, Chair

April 5, 2023
Date