



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE MATTAGAMI REGION
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY HELD WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023
AT 5:00 PM, CONSERVATION AUTHORITY OFFICE, TIMMINS, ONTARIO.**

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

1.0 Addition to the Agenda

6.3 Annual Economic Increase

2.0 Adoption of Minutes

2.1 Adoption of Minutes of March 1, 2023.

Resolution No. 2023-1586

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 March 1, 2023 as described on pages 788 to 791 of the Minute Book are hereby approved as circulated.

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Carried

3.0 Declaration of Conflict of Interest—None were declared

4.0 Reports

4.1 General Manager Report

The GM noted that the Service Timmins orientation provided a good opportunity for information sharing. A request has been made to have MRCA present to Service Timmins separately next year, rather than with the City departments. The Integrated Watershed Management project is proceeding very well with local mines and the City. Discussion followed about the number of students potentially being employed this year, and the challenges associated with waiting for funding decisions.

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 Regulations Officer Report

The GM noted Regulations Officer processes are progressing well and RO training is ongoing. A presentation to City of Timmins Council is being requested to explain the value of the Site Alteration agreement that is in place.

4.5 Motion to Accept Administrative Reports

Resolution No. 2023-1587

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, and 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

Winter trail grooming is ongoing. Some maintenance concerns with the snowblower purchased for the Gillies Lake trail need to be addressed. Summer project planning is taking place to complete the Mountjoy Historical work, the CHCI funded project and work associated with the Wintergreen fundraising campaign. Staff are currently determining what needs to be contracted out and what staff will be able to complete.

5.2 Strategic Plan Survey Follow-up

The GM requested clarification on the recommendation for improved communications. Discussion followed about opportunities to improve communication with the City of Timmins through MOUs, committees, attendance at pre-consultation meetings and information sharing via email with the City Councillors regarding DWSP reporting and water awareness events. Guidance from the Board for the upcoming 4-year strategic plan included reviewing the Ministry's pillars and the MRCA's current goals, evaluating the work completed over the past four years, determining what is left to be done and identifying what is required to move forward.

5.3 KPMG Audit

The GM provided an update on the audit process to-date and noted concern about the amount of work that is involved for staff while KPMG completes the audit remotely. Further discussion followed about the increased costs of annual audits for both MRCA and the Wintergreen Fund for Conservation.

5.4 Lalonde Street Trail

An inquiry was received about having the MRCA take over maintenance of this unofficial trail to ensure that it is not lost in the event of the development of a subdivision. Clarification was made that trails on private property are available at the discretion of the owner and maintained through recreation trail agreements, but that does not preclude development. Staff estimate that it would cost ~\$12,000 to bring the trail up to the standards required for the MRCA to continue maintenance. The funds and staff capacity are not available to develop another trail at this time. It was determined that this is a City of Timmins issue to identify if that area should be re-allocated as parklands.

5.5 Bart Thomson Light Repairs Update

The GM reviewed the process proposed by the company that would install helical piles, noting that the current posts, with remaining concrete, would remain in the ground and continue to heave, and that the electrical wiring would be cut to each post and have to be re-wired. The Kinsmen have confirmed that their donation is dependent on helical installation. Other community funding has been requested to allow the MRCA to complete work on all the posts with the swamp anchor option. The Board recommends two projects; use the Kinsmen donation for helical piles up to the amount that the funds will cover, and the other donations to repair the remaining posts with swamp anchors. The GM will confirm that this option is acceptable with the Kinsmen and will confirm with the City that they will provide the electrical re-wiring services.

5.6 Millson Property – Airport Road Update

No further communications have been received regarding this proposal.

6.0 Items for Decision

6.1 Rekela Street Development

The Internal Working Group met and recommends moving forward with the deeming and sale of the 8 properties as one un-serviced lot.

Resolution No. 2023-1588

Proposed by: Bill Gvozdanovic

Seconded by: Andrew Marks

WHEREAS the 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;

LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority Board directs the General Manager to move forward with the sale of lands described in Schedule 1 to this resolution.

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Carried

6.2 Mandatory Vaccination Policy

Resolution No. 2023-1589

Proposed by: Bill Gvozdanovic

Seconded by: Joe Torlone

WHEREAS the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority operates under the MRCA Policy Manual in the conduct of its day to day business; and

WHEREAS this same Policy Manual requires periodic reviews and updates,

LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority's COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination Policy, as adopted on November 29, 2021, Resolution 2021-1529, be repealed.

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Carried

6.3 Annual Economic Increase

Resolution No. 2023-1590

Proposed by: Bill Gvozdanovic

Seconded by: Andrew Marks

WHEREAS the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority budget for 2023 has been approved by the Conservation Authority Board (Resolution 2022-1571); and

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

WHEREAS an Annual Economic Increase, of 1.64% has been approved by City of Timmins Council for the fiscal year 2023 (Resolution 23-095);

LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that the 2023 Annual Economic Increase be applied to the MRCA full-time positions for the fiscal year 2023.

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Carried

7.0 For Your Information

7.1 Ottolen Street Property

Discussion about the potential sale of Ottolen Street properties to abutting owners. The Board directed the GM to move forward with this recommendation.

8.0 Date for Next Meeting — Wednesday, May 3, 2023

9.0 Adjournment

Resolution No. 2023-1591

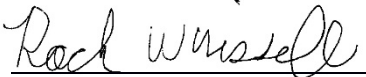
Proposed by: Bill Gvozdanovic

Seconded by: Andrew Marks

THAT this meeting adjourn at 6:03 p.m.

April 5, 2023

Carried



Rock Whissell, Vice-Chair

May 3, 2023

Date