



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE MATTAGAMI REGION  
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024  
AT 4:30 PM, CONSERVATION AUTHORITY OFFICE, TIMMINS, ONTARIO.**

**Present:** Rock Whissell, Chair  
Bill Gvozdanovic  
David Vallier, General Manager  
**Regrets:** Andrew Marks  
**Recorder:** Jennifer Bonsall

Lorne Feldman  
Joe Torlone  
Crystal Percival, DWSP Lead

**1.0 Addition to the Agenda—**

- 8.1 Municipal Apportionment / Levy
- 8.2 O. Reg 41/24

**2.0 Delegations and Presentations—None**

**3.0 Adoption of Minutes**

3.1 Adoption of Minutes of February 7, 2024.

*Resolution No. 2024-1642*

*Proposed by: Joe Torlone*

*Seconded by: Bill Gvozdanovic*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority held on February 7, 2024 as described on pages 824 to 828 of the Minute Book are hereby approved as circulated.*

*March 6, 2024*

*Carried*

**4.0 Declaration of Conflict of Interest—None**

**5.0 Reports**

5.1 General Manager Report

The GM provided an update on discussions with the City of Timmins regarding shoreline development. During a recent meeting, the City Clerk advised that their understanding is that they are not the official owners of the 66-foot shore-road allowance. The GM also noted that research has identified that these allowances were passed on to municipalities. This is problematic in resolving the ongoing issue of having the property owners' permission to provide any development guidance for work proposed on the shore-road allowance.

A question was received regarding the MRCA representation and activities with the Timmins Cycling Committee. The GM clarified that all MRCA maintained trails are multi-use, for

pedestrians and non-motorized vehicles. He sits as a representative of those trails, however the main focus of the committee is active transportation and bike lanes throughout the city.

## 5.2 Plan Input Report

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

## 5.3 DWSP Report

The DWSP Lead provided follow up on the provided report including an overview of the Salt Awareness Campaign, 2024-27 funding application, and the upcoming DWSP display at the Timmins Public Library.

The Chair thanked C. Percival for the provided information and she left the meeting.

## 5.4 Regulations Officer Report

The GM added that the Environmental Field Procedures for Works In and About Water Practitioner training was completed which will provide valuable information for future inspections.

## 5.5 Motion to Accept Administrative Reports

*Resolution No. 2024-1643*

*Proposed by: Bill Gvozdanovic*

*Seconded by: Joe Torlone*

*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.*

*March 6, 2024*

*Carried*

## 6.0 Items for Discussion

### 6.1 Conservation Areas / Trail Upkeep

The GM provided an update on potential community funders and the temporary closure of the Hersey Lake CA washrooms due to flooding and icing issues.

### 6.2 Staff Training

At the request of the Board, the GM provided an updated list of planned training for all staff, noting that many training sessions are provided from our subscription to HR Downloads, and staff try to make the best use of free training resources where available.

**7.0 Items for Decision — None**

**8.0 For Your Information**

**8.1 Municipal Apportionment / Levy**

The GM reviewed the process for an appeal of the municipal apportionment request as detailed in the Conservation Authorities Act:

*Review of apportionment of operating expenses*

*27.1 (1) Any participating municipality that receives a notice of apportionment under section 27 may, within 30 days of receiving the notice, apply to the Ontario Land Tribunal, or to such other body as may be prescribed by regulation, for a review of the apportionment of the operating expenses. 2017, c. 23, Sched. 4, s. 24 (1); 2021, c. 4, Sched. 6, s. 39 (7).*

This information will be communicated to the City of Timmins CAO for the purpose of clarification.

**8.2 O. Reg 41/24**

The current Ontario Regulation 165/06 which is the basis for the MRCA’s Administration and Compliance Policies for Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alteration to Shorelines and Watercourses will be replaced on April 1, 2024 with O. Reg 41/42. The new regulation will not be Authority specific, but rather will be in force for all Conservation Authorities in Ontario. Permitting and regulatory compliance will continue as usual, with the most notable change for our area begin the reduction of the wetland buffer.

The GM noted that there is a significant amount of staff time being devoted to producing the reports required by the Ministry under the CAA amendments. Documentation is being shared with the municipality, stakeholders and the public as required.

**10.0 Date for Next Meeting—April 3, 2024**

**11.0 Adjournment**

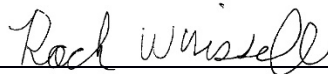
*Resolution No. 2024-1644*

*Proposed by: Lorne Feldman*

*Seconded by: Joe Torlone*

*THAT this meeting adjourn at 5:25 p.m.*

*March 6, 2024*

  
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Rock Whissell, Chair

*Carried*

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May 1, 2024  
Date