



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE MATTAGAMI REGION
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024
AT 4:30 PM, CONSERVATION AUTHORITY OFFICE, TIMMINS, ONTARIO.**

Present: Rock Whissell, Chair
Joe Torlone
Bill Gvozdanovic
David Vallier, General Manager

Regrets: Andrew Marks, Lorne Feldman

Recorder: Jennifer Bonsall

1.0 Addition to the Agenda—None

2.0 Delegations and Presentations—None

3.0 Adoption of Minutes

3.1 Adoption of Minutes of March 6, 2024.

Resolution No. 2024-1647

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 March 6, 2024 as described on pages 829 to 831 of the Minute Book are hereby approved as circulated.

May 1, 2024

Carried

4.0 Declaration of Conflict of Interest—None

5.0 Reports

5.1 General Manager Report

The GM provided an update on the annual audit noting that KPMG was on-site for 3 days reviewing documentation. Several discussions took place with the auditor regarding the changes required with the recently approved charitable status.

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. It was noted that inquiries and plan input activities are becoming much busier during this season.

5.3 DWSP Report

The GM noted that the recent interactive station at the Schumacher Lions Club Sportsman Show was successful in drawing families to the booth. Education and outreach activities are becoming very popular.

5.4 Regulations Officer Report

The GM added that the Regulations Officer is working closely with the City of Timmins By-law Department where property standards may be an issue. The Board offered direction regarding community clean-ups to focus on MRCA owned properties.

5.5 Motion to Accept Administrative Reports

Resolution No. 2024-1648

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.

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Carried

6.0 Items for Discussion

6.1 Conservation Areas / Trail Upkeep

The GM responded to Board questions regarding needle clean up and encampments noting that the MRCA staff are trained and dispose of any needles found on our property. Encampments will be addressed with the same process as in past years, coordinating services with the municipality and then cleaning any remaining garbage. Trail work for the season was discussed including the option to hire a contractor to complete some of the major work since we have received minimal post-secondary student applications for the summer. Four students will begin in May, with the remaining positions being filled by high school students in July. All seasonal work will need to be prioritized due to limited staffing.

6.2 Interim Measures Related to Changes to the CA Act and Regulations on April 1, 2024

A review of the work involved in updating Administration and Compliance Policies to match the new Ontario Regulation 41/24 was discussed. Additional information will be provided once the updates to the policies have been completed.

7.0 Items for Decision — None

8.0 For Your Information

8.1 Bloomberg Charity Law Boot Camp

D. Vallier and J. Bonsall participated in a day-long training webinar on the proper operating of a charity, including information on receipting, accepting donations, annual reporting and remaining compliant.

10.0 Date for Next Meeting

Several members noted that they have conflicts on the date of our next scheduled meeting. The GM will propose a new date via email.

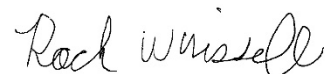
11.0 Adjournment

*Resolution No. 2024-1649
Proposed by: Bill Gvozdanic
Seconded by: Joe Torlone*

THAT this meeting adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

May 1, 2024

Carried



Rock Whissell, Chair

June 3, 2024
Date