



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE MATTAGAMI REGION
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY HELD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024 AT
4:30 PM, CONSERVATION AUTHORITY OFFICE, TIMMINS, ONTARIO.**

Present: Rock Whissell, Chair
Bill Gvozdanovic – via Zoom
Joe Torlone
Recorder: Jennifer Bonsall

Lorne Feldman
Andrew Marks
David Vallier, General Manager

1.0 Territorial Acknowledgement

2.0 Addition to the Agenda
7.7 33 Evans St.

3.0 Delegations and Presentations—None

4.0 Adoption of Minutes

4.1 Adoption of Minutes of October 2, 2024.

*Resolution No. 2024-1664
Proposed by: Bill Gvozdanovic
Seconded by: Andrew Marks*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority held on October 2, 2024 as described on pages 841 to 846 of the Minute Book are hereby approved as circulated.

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Carried

5.0 Declaration of Conflict of Interest—None

6.0 Reports

6.1 General Manager Report

No questions received regarding the GM Report.

6.2 Plan Input Report

Clarification was provided regarding O. Reg 41/24 application for Feldman and Tschupruk Road noting that proposed work is taking place on multiple properties.

6.3 DWSP Report

The GM added that CTV covered the Salt Awareness campaign activities at the Timmins Square.

6.4 Regulations Officer Report

Discussion took place regarding the work taking place on Hwy 101 W. The Board recommends clear communication and documentation in light of the confusion regarding site alteration, site plan control and building permit requirements.

L. Feldman joined the meeting at this time.

6.5 Motion to Accept Administrative Reports

Resolution No. 2024-1665

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, 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

7.0 Items for Discussion

7.1 Conservation Areas / Trail Upkeep

Winter preparations are progressing with washrooms being closed, trees cut back along trails, and signage is in place regarding the winter maintenance. Beaver concerns at Hersey Lake were addressed this month. The GM noted that this action was required to maintain trail safety due to tunneling under the trails. Work is ongoing with applications to secure additional funding sources.

7.2 Gillies Lake Boardwalk

Proposals for above-water inspections of the Gillies Lake Boardwalk based on OSIM (Ontario Structure Inspection Manual) parameters were presented. The GM noted that upon inquiry, he was advised that the helical pile / post installation under water should be of no concern. The quote for cleaning, staining and board replacement of the Boardwalk was also presented. All agreed to proceed with Step 1, having the OSIM inspection completed this year, with ongoing inspections to take place as required in future years. The GM was directed to proceed with the lowest quote received. Ongoing safety issues such as board and baluster replacement will continue as they are needed. It was recommended that if the structure is deemed to be sound, a grant application could be completed at a future date for complete board replacement.

7.3 Marsh Risk Review Visit

The risk control visit memo from Marsh Advisory Consulting Solutions based on their property visit in October provided suggestions to help limit liability. As a result of the information received, the GM has met with Boreal Cycling Club to follow up on the agreement for work taking place at the Hersey Lake CA. The current MOU with Timmins Little League has been revised and is undergoing a legal review in advance of the renewal date in 2025. The improved signage that was recommended will be included in the upcoming work plans.

7.4 Strategic Plan Updates

Ongoing work to meet the CAA reporting requirements due in 2024, including the Watershed-Based Resource Management Strategy, Comprehensive Land Inventory, and Conservation Area Strategy, has delayed strategic plan projects. It was noted that strategic plan updates will be provided in the GM Report moving forward.

7.5 Norman Street

The GM provided an update on the potential sale of lands between Norman St. and the Mattagami River, including the requirements for surveys, lot grading plans, and the provincial guidance requirements regarding natural hazard lands. To date, no formal request to purchase the property has been received, and the GM recommends shelving the project until such time that there is clear direction regarding lot creation in floodplain areas. In the meantime, the Regulations Officer will move forward with plans to communicate and follow up with Norman St. property owners regarding unauthorized use of MRCA lands.

7.6 Riverside Drive Appraisal

The property appraisal was presented to the Board for the section of the Mountjoy Historical CA abutting the business on Riverside Drive. The purchaser will be required to cover all costs related to severing the property. Stipulations were discussed including the sole use for parking, no building would be allowed and that the fencing and area must be maintained in a visually appealing state on the CA side of the property. A formal offer will be drafted and returned to the Board for approval.

7.7 33 Evans Street

The GM provided an update regarding the property and buildings. A 250 ft² building has been added to the property without approval from either MRCA or municipality. The building is located partially on City of Timmins property. Floodplain properties are allowed a maximum of one (1) accessory structure. Discussion followed about the owner's current request to purchase the abutting property from the City of Timmins. Options were discussed. Decision was made that the permit will be issued with the following stipulations:

- the building must be located 100% on the property at 33 Evans Street and will not encroach on the abutting land owned by the City of Timmins;
- the building must be moved in the event of flooding within the timelines specified by the MRCA at the time of flooding;

- the building will be allowed on a temporary basis and must be relocated with 2 years from the permit date.

8.0 Items for Decision

Prior to reading the proposed motions, discussion took place regarding the necessity of having annual motions for step increases. The GM confirmed that step increase amounts are included in the annual budget. The Board determined that in light of their approval of the annual budget, they have already approved the staff salary allocations as included in said budget. Clarification regarding the difference between a step increase and an annual economic increase was provided. The Board will still approve any annual economic increase on an annual basis. Upon conclusion of this discussion, agenda items 8.2, 8.3, 8.4 and 8.5 were removed from the agenda.

8.1 2025 Budget and City of Timmins Levy Request

Upon request, the GM confirmed that the requested 3% increase to the City of Timmins levy is a total of \$19,000.

*Resolution No. 2024-1666
Proposed by: Andrew Marks
Seconded by: Joe Torlone*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority Board approves a total budget of \$1,046,000 for the year 2025 with the City of Timmins levy set at a total of \$655,500 as its share, which represents a 3% increase in the municipal levy request from 2024.

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Carried

9.0 For Your Information – None

10.0 Date for Next Meeting

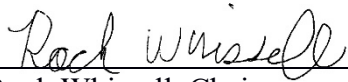
Conflicts were noted with December 4 and January 3 meetings. The next meeting will be at the call of the Chair.

11.0 Adjournment

*Resolution No. 2024-1667
Proposed by: Andrew Marks
Seconded by: Joe Torlone
THAT this meeting adjourn at 5:42 p.m.*

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Carried



Rock Whissell, Chair

January 7, 2025
Date