



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE MATTAGAMI REGION  
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026 AT 4:30 PM,  
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY OFFICE, TIMMINS, ONTARIO.**

**Present:** Joe Torlone-Chair  
Bill Gvozdanovic  
Rock Whissell  
**Recorder:** Jennifer Bonsall

Lorne Feldman  
Andrew Marks  
David Vallier, General Manager

**1.0 Territorial Acknowledgement**

**2.0 Addition to the Agenda**—Addition of Closed Session

**3.0 Delegation and Presentations**—None

**4.0 Adoption of Minutes**

5.1 Adoption of Minutes of February 4, 2026

*Resolution No. 2026-1750*

*Proposed by: Andrew Marks*

*Seconded by: Bill Gvozdanovic*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority held on February 4, 2026 as described on pages 904 to 906 of the Minute Book are hereby approved as circulated.*

*March 4, 2026*

*Carried*

**5.0 Declaration of Conflict of Interest**—None

**6.0 Reports**

6.1 General Manager Report

The GM confirmed that a meeting was held with Timmins Little League representatives and discussions are continuing about agreement details. The final recommendations received will be vetted by our lawyer and the agreement should be complete in time for their 2026 season. Further information was also provided about a recent introductory meeting with STLLR Gold representatives to discuss their operations and provide information about the MRCA.

## 6.2 Plan Input Report

Plan input comments under O. Reg 41/24, minor variances, consents, severances and legal inquiries were provided to the Board.

## 6.3 DWSP Report

The DWSP Report was received with no comments.

L. Feldman joined the meeting at this time.

## 6.4 Regulations Officer Report

Discussion followed about the properties abutting MRCA land along Norman St. There was some confusion about the results of past discussion about potential land sales. It was confirmed that sales would only be to abutting neighbours, no development can take place in the floodplain regardless of ownership and all fees would be the responsibility of the purchaser. At this time, no inquiries or expressions of interest in purchasing the properties have been received by the MRCA office. The GM will revisit previous minutes to confirm the past decisions, and the Board reiterated that they are amicable to selling land if an inquiry is received.

## 6.5 Motion to Accept Administrative Reports

*Resolution No. 2026-1751*

*Proposed by: Rock Whissell*

*Seconded by: Lorne Feldman*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Administrative Reports, consisting of the General Manager's Report, Plan Input Report, Drinking Water Source Protection Report and the Regulations Officer Report have been received by the Board for information purposes.*

*March 4, 2026*

*Carried*

## 7.0 Closed Session

*Resolution No. 2026-1752*

*Proposed by: Andrew Marks*

*Seconded by: Bill Gvozdanovic*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Authority Board meeting move into Closed Session at 4:50 p.m. to discuss a potential litigation matter.*

*March 4, 2026*

*Carried*

*Resolution No. 2026-1753*

*Proposed by: Rock Whissell  
Seconded by: Lorne Feldman*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Authority Board meeting move into Open Session at 5:05 p.m.*

*March 4, 2026*

*Carried*

## **8.0 Items for Discussion**

### 8.1 Conservation Areas / Trails

The GM provided an update on summer employee applications received, and noted that there has been no further communication regarding our eligibility for Canada Summer Jobs in 2026. A seasonal contractor has been secured for April through October. Tenders for the Gillies Lake Project were published last week. Equipment is being prepared for summer work. The GM also noted that there may be a need to replace the 2010 Chevrolet this year.

### 8.2 MECP Update

An update was provided to the Board regarding discussions with MECP to clarify points brought forth in our ERO comments and through MPP George Pirie. MECP representative indicated that we should receive some information in the next few weeks about the next steps in the amalgamation proposal. The Board expressed concern regarding the timing of any MECP decisions respecting the proposed amalgamation, particularly given the upcoming municipal election and anticipated changes in Board membership.

## **9.0 Items for Decision**

### 9.1 Floodplain Mapping

*Resolution No. 2026-1754*

*Proposed by: Andrew Marks  
Seconded by: Rock Whissell*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mattagami Region Floodplain Mapping Update prepared for the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority (MRCA) by Greenland International Consulting Ltd. through funding by the Federal Flood Hazard Identification and Mapping Program (FHIMP) be adopted; and*

*FURTHER THAT the Mattagami Region Floodplain Mapping Update prepared by Greenland International Consulting Ltd. replace the previous floodplain mapping created in 2019 by Greenland International Consulting Ltd., effective immediately; and*

*FURTHER THAT the MRCA Board hereby acknowledges that administration has satisfied the legislated public consultation requirements to replace current flood plain mapping with the above referenced studies and supports providing said mapping to the City of Timmins for inclusion in their Official Plan and Zoning By-Law; and*

*FURTHER THAT the Mattagami Region CA Watershed Regulation O. Reg. 41/24 Policy Manual made under the Conservation Authorities Act will be amended accordingly.*

*March 4, 2026*

*Carried*

**10.0 For Your Information—None**

**11.0 Date for Next Meeting – April 1, 2026**

**12.0 Adjournment**

*Resolution No. 2026-1755*

*Proposed by: Lorne Feldman*

*Seconded by: Rock Whissell*

*THAT this meeting adjourn at 5:27 p.m.*

*March 4, 2026*

*Carried*

  
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Joe Torlone, Chair

April 1, 2026  
Date