



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE MATTAGAMI REGION
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY HELD WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026 AT 4:50 PM,
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY OFFICE, TIMMINS, ONTARIO.**

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

Regrets: Lorne Feldman

Recorder: Jennifer Bonsall

1.0 Territorial Acknowledgement

2.0 Addition to the Agenda—8.5 Craig Street and Norman Street Properties

3.0 Delegation and Presentations—None

4.0 Adoption of Minutes

5.1 Adoption of Minutes of March 4, 2026

Resolution No. 2026-1756

Proposed by: Bill Gvozdanovic

Seconded by: Rock Whissell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority held on March 4, 2026 as described on pages 907 to 910 of the Minute Book are hereby approved as circulated.

April 1, 2026

Carried

5.0 Declaration of Conflict of Interest—None

6.0 Reports

6.1 General Manager Report

The GM reviewed a concern with the bids received for the Boardwalk tender noting that a number of bids came in substantially less than the quotes that were received when preparing the NOHFC application for the work. He will continue to work with the City's finance department to resolve the issue in anticipation of awarding the tender and having work begin as soon as possible. The Board confirmed that they would like the tender to be awarded to a company that

bid on the entire project, not one that will be adding on the costs of the work missed in their submissions. The tender for the Gillies Lake Trail upgrades was awarded without issue.

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. A brief update was provided to the Board on discussions surrounding the sewage treatment facility proposal on Feldman Road.

6.3 Regulations Officer Report

The GM reviewed details of a complaint on Waterloo Road. The MRCA owns land including a drainage swale behind the property. The City has installed an overflow culvert from the swale under the complainant's property which appears to be frozen and backed up. Staff are working with the City's Engineering Department to resolve the issue. MRCA has been asked to remove snow and dredge the area to improve water flow. There is uncertainty about the necessity of snow removal and dredging as well as the potential results, but quotes will be sourced in case it is deemed necessary.

A request has been received from the abutting neighbour to purchase property on Belanger Avenue. A review of the property history will be completed and presented to the Board.

6.4 Motion to Accept Administrative Reports

Resolution No. 2026-1757

Proposed by: Andrew Marks

Seconded by: Bill Gvozdanovic

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

April 1, 2026

Carried

7.0 Closed Session

Resolution No. 2026-1758

Proposed by: Rock Whissell

Seconded by: Andrew Marks

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Authority Board meeting move into Closed Session at 5:02 p.m. to discuss a potential litigation matter.

April 1, 2026

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-1759

Proposed by: Andrew Marks

Seconded by: Bill Gvozdanovic

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Authority Board meeting move into Open Session at 5:10 p.m.

April 1, 2026

Carried

8.0 Items for Discussion

8.1 Conservation Areas / Trails

It was noted that staff are struggling to keep up with trail grooming this year. The road into Hersey Lake CA is single lane. The seasonal contractor will begin work on April 7, and equipment is being prepared for the upcoming summer work.

8.2 Watershed Update

Measurements from the April 1 snow course broke a record from 1948 at the Porcupine station. The first Timmins Flood Advisory Committee meeting was held at the end of March with Ontario Power Generation (OPG), Ministry of Natural Resources and City of Timmins in attendance. Roles and responsibilities of each organization were reviewed. There were questions about changes expected with the upcoming amalgamation; organizations were advised that everything is business as usual. Degree day predications were reviewed and the freshet is estimated to begin the first week of May. The GM commended OPG for the work they do throughout the freshet noting that the excellent communication within the TFAC group is extremely beneficial in reducing high water impact throughout the City of Timmins.

8.3 Conservation Authority Amalgamation

The GM reviewed the most recent presentation provided by Conservation Ontario summarizing Schedule 3, Bill 97 amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act and amalgamation timelines. Municipal representation within the Regional Conservation Authority will be based on population. The Board recommended that the GM provide a presentation to City of Timmins Council to address any questions about how this will affect the municipality. The GM noted that discussion have been ongoing with the City to look for options. Dissolution of the Conservation Authority is not an option at this point. An information session will be held with General Managers on April 9. Further discussion followed about a number of uncertainties being faced by the Authority as amalgamation progresses.

8.4 Strategic Plan Update

The Strategic Plan updates provided by the staff were presented noting that there are some potential changes to be expected with the upcoming amalgamation.

8.5 Craig Street and Norman Street Properties

Letters were sent to property owners on the North end of Norman Street advising them of the requirement to remove items currently on MRCA property, and to gauge owners' interest in purchasing part of the MRCA property to the east. Inquiries were received by R. Whissell questioning why Craig Street property owners were not being given the same opportunity to purchase property to the east. The GM reviewed the Norman St. property that is potentially for sale and noted that the cost to survey the area is approximately \$15,000 (all costs to be borne by purchasers). The Land Management Policy identifies a per square foot value for the sale of lands under 4,000 ft². The properties in question on Craig Street are outside of the floodplain and hold a higher sale value because they are not subject to conservation authority development restrictions, allowing purchasers to fully utilize the land for expansion and accessory uses. An appraisal or land value assessment would be required to determine their value. R. Whissell was advised to have interested parties contact the MRCA to discuss further. Residents who have received letters have until April 20, 2026 to contact the MRCA with their interest. Further information will be brought to the May Board meeting.

Further discussion followed about the reason for selling the properties, noting the ongoing concern about liability and ongoing usage.

9.0 Items for Decision—None

10.0 For Your Information—None

11.0 Date for Next Meeting – May 6, 2026

12.0 Adjournment

Resolution No. 2026-1760

Proposed by: Rock Whissell

Seconded by: Andrew Marks

THAT this meeting adjourn at 5:50 p.m.

April 1, 2026

Carried



Joe Torlone, Chair

May 6, 2026
Date