



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE MATTAGAMI REGION
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY HELD WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2026 AT 4:30 PM,
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY OFFICE, TIMMINS, ONTARIO.**

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

Regrets: Andrew Marks

Recorder: Jennifer Bonsall

1.0 Territorial Acknowledgement

2.0 Addition to the Agenda—None

3.0 Delegation and Presentations—KPMG Financial Statements

T. Cecchetto began the financial audit presentation. At 4:24 p.m. the power went out at the MRCA office ending the presentation. A message was sent to KPMG that the financial audit review will have to be rescheduled.

The meeting continued at 4:41 p.m. with those present and B. Gvozdanovic joining via telephone.

4.0 Adoption of Minutes

4.1 Adoption of Minutes of May 6, 2026

Resolution No. 2026-1768

Proposed by: Rock Whissell

Seconded by: Bill Gvozdanovic

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority held on May 6, 2026 as described on pages 915 to 919 of the Minute Book are hereby approved as circulated.

June 3, 2026

Carried

5.0 Declaration of Conflict of Interest—None

6.0 Reports

6.1 General Manager Report

No concerns with the General Manager's Report as presented.

6.2 Plan Input Report

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

6.3 Drinking Water Source Protection Report

DWSP administrative, education and outreach activities updates were provided to the Board.

6.4 Regulations Officer Report

No concerns with the Regulations Officer Report as presented.

6.5 Motion to Accept Administrative Reports

Resolution No. 2026-1769

Proposed by: Bill Gvozdanovic

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.

June 3, 2026

Carried

7.0 Closed Session

Resolution No. 2026-1770

Proposed by: Lorne Feldman

Seconded by: Rock Whissell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Authority Board meeting move into Closed Session at 4:45 p.m. to discuss a potential litigation matter.

June 3, 2026

Carried

Resolution No. 2026-1771

Proposed by: Bill Gvozdanovic

Seconded by: Lorne Feldman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Authority Board meeting move into Open Session at 4:55 p.m.

June 3, 2026

Carried

8.0 Items for Discussion

8.1 Conservation Areas / Trails

The GM provided an update on current maintenance activities. Discovery Porcupine project will continue through 2026. It was noted that ~5% of planted trees were lost over the winter; well within their expected estimates. Snow fencing protecting the newly planted area will remain in place throughout 2026 to prevent damage. Trail work along Gillies Lake will begin in June. The second tender for Boardwalk repairs returned even lower bids than the first tender. The GM has requested that City of Timmins Manager of Purchasing follow up with bidders to confirm ability to complete the project.

8.2 Watershed Update

A recap of the spring freshet was provided noting that minimal precipitation and cooler nights were very beneficial. The historical knowledge gained over the years provided new thresholds which were very helpful in managing water this year. A Flood Advisory Committee debrief is scheduled.

8.3 Conservation Authority Amalgamation

Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA) hosted a call today with new updates on transition planning. As requested by OPCA, the GM participated in a data collection session with EY, who has been tasked with developing a transition playbook for moving forward. The EY review determined very quickly that MRCA operations are unique to the CA organizations. Project Executives should be named before July, will be paid by OPCA and are tasked with developing and implementing the transition plan. With the upcoming municipal elections, the process for appointing a new Board is status quo. The 2027 budget process is to proceed as usual. Other Authorities determine the municipal levy through an apportionment formula, whereas the MRCA works with the City of Timmins to determine the levy. The GM has inquired with MECP/OPCA for direction moving forward.

Discussion followed regarding continued community support with donations to the local trail network, conservation areas, and potential agreements to ensure continuity of service. The GM will meet again with the City of Timmins CAO to discuss, but it was noted that there are “guardrails” in place that may hinder new agreements.

8.4 Rotary Trail Resurfacing

Safety concerns will be addressed through contractors and staff, however ongoing NOHFC work is delayed until legal matters are addressed.

8.5 Timmins Wake Park

The business owner has confirmed their plan to dismantle their equipment at the end of the summer. There are some outstanding questions regarding the hydro pole and cement pilings that need to be addressed through continued discussion.

9.0 Items for Decision

9.1 Financial Statements

Deferred due to power outage.

9.2 Transition Committee Representative

Resolution No. 2026-1772

Proposed by: Rock Whissell

Seconded by: Lorne Feldman

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks has amended the Conservation Authorities Act to consolidate 36 local conservation authorities into nine Regional Conservation Authorities (RCAs) to be overseen by the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA); and

WHEREAS the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority is required to appoint two members, including the CAO/General Manager and a municipally elected board member, to the Transition Committee for the Northeastern Ontario Regional Conservation Authority;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors hereby APPOINTS the following individuals to serve on the Transition Committee:

- Andrew Marks, MRCA Vice-Chair, representing the municipally-elected member*
- David Vallier, General Manager, representing the MRCA administration*

AND FURTHER THAT the appointed are directed to report back to the Board on the proceedings and progress of the Transition Committee on a regular basis;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA) and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) as required.

June 3, 2026

Carried

10.0 For Your Information—None

11.0 Date for Next Meeting – To be determined

12.0 Adjournment

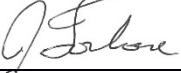
Resolution No. 2026-1773

Proposed by: Lorne Feldman

Seconded by: Bill Gvozdanovic

THAT this meeting adjourn at 5:35 p.m.

June 3, 2026



Joe Torlone, Chair

Carried

September 2, 2026
Date