

Annual Report 2019



Mattagami Region
Conservation Authority

Who we are...

We are a community-based environmental protection agency that has been actively involved in the management and protection of our watershed resources for over 50 years. As a non-profit organization legislated under the Conservation Authorities Act, our programs include water management, land management, recreation and conservation education.

Water Sampling

We complete water sampling and provide data to the Provincial Groundwater Monitoring Network (PGMN) and the Provincial Water Quality Monitoring Network (PWQMN).

- 4 PWQMN sites along Mattagami and Porcupine River were sampled 5 times
- 4 PGMN sampling wells were tested

Flood Protection

The MRCA is responsible for maintaining a flood forecasting and warning system for its member municipality, the City of Timmins. 2019 flood forecasting activities include:

- Issued **12** water conditions news releases
- Distributed **6** watershed statistics updates
- Hosted **1** Upper Mattagami River Watershed Management Committee meeting
- Held **30** Timmins Flood Advisory Committee meetings

Flood monitoring activities included:

- Regular monitoring of **8** streamflow stations
- Bi-weekly monitoring of **2** snow course stations from November 15, 2018-May 15, 2019
- Daily monitoring of **1** weather station at Gillies Lake

Flood control activities include monitoring of the Gillies Lake outlet structure and regular maintenance of the Town Creek channel.

Staff

The MRCA is governed through a Board of Directors who have responsibility for all decisions concerning policy, budgets and regulations.

Board members	5
Full-time staff	5
Part-time staff	1
Summer students	11

A Regulations Officer position was created in partnership with the City of Timmins. This staff member is responsible for enforcement of MRCA Regulations and the City of Timmins Site Alteration By-law.

Summer employment opportunities were partially funded by:

- Project Learning Tree Canada
- Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport

Communications

New website launched!

Check us out at:

www.mattagamiregion.ca

976 Facebook followers

Trails

The MRCA maintains a **55** km recreational trail system through agreements with property owners. Along with regular grass whipping of all trails, this year's maintenance work included:

- Repainting of **15** trail directional signs

Bart Thomson Trail

- **2** km trail resurfaced
- **500** m trail repaired due to flooding

Bridge to Bridge Trail

- **500** m trail resurfaced
- **50** m trail diverted due to erosion
- **1** km trail repaired due to flooding
- **1** shelter roof reshingled

Golden Springs Trail

- **200** m trail resurfaced

Hersey Lake Trails

- **6** km of trail brushing to widen trails

Properties

The conservation authority owns and maintains four conservation areas which are available to the public for a variety of activities including, hiking, cycling, wildlife viewing, swimming, picnicking, photography, and more. Along with regular grass cutting of these properties the following work was completed.

Mountjoy Historical Conservation Area

- **20** LED light upgrades
- **1** monument installed
- **3** park benches installed
- **5** bridges stained

Hersey Lake Conservation Area

- **2** storyboards refurbished
- **2** gates painted

42 registered community events took place on our properties

White Waterfront Conservation Area

- **27** LED light upgrades

MRCA office

- brick floor installed in cold storage area

Drinking Water Source Protection

Updates to the Source Protection Plan and the Assessment Report under Section 36 of the *Clean Water Act* were approved by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

- **97%** of Mattagami Region Source Protection Plan policies implemented
- **100%** of existing significant drinking water threats have been addressed or removed
- **1** additional significant drinking water threat was identified during the Assessment Reporting process
- **12** DWSP Zone signs were installed
- **2** Source Protection Committee meetings were held
- **5** Source Protection Committee working group meetings were held
- **50** catch basins were marked through the Yellow Fish Road Program

Permits & Planning

5 Ontario Reg. 165/06 permits issued

56 applications reviewed

3 legal compliance requests processed

Community Outreach

Yellow Fish Road™

Launched the Yellow Fish Road™ program and hosted **1** presentation and **2** marking events. Yellow Fish Road™ aims to educate the public about the impact of pollution entering our storm drains and how storm water pollution can harm aquatic life and reduce water quality for human use.

Outland Youth Employment Program

Provided a volunteer placement opportunity to the Outland Youth Employment Program to complete trail brushing on part of the Hersey Lake Trail System.

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2019 Revenue

64% Municipal Levy
12% Drinking Water Source Protection

\$901, 321

11% Self-generation and Other
10% Provincial Transfer Payments
4% Special Grant Payments

Wintergreen Fund for Conservation

Our volunteer charitable organization that raises funds for community conservation projects, improvements to the community trail system, conservation areas and a variety of conservation education programs.

- **\$2,500** donation to side-by-side purchased for trail maintenance
- **\$1,500** Scholarship for Environmental Conservation
- **\$1,000** donation for new groomer for winter walking trails
- **\$600** financial contribution to Gillies Lake Gardens
- **3** summer students hired for recreational trail maintenance
- **2** hiking day events hosted with **120** participants
- **9** dedicated volunteers who care for the beautiful gardens at Gillies Lake CA