

**Mattagami Region
Conservation Authority**

2020 YEAR IN REVIEW

YEAR 1 OF 2020-2023 STRATEGIC PLAN



PROTECT PEOPLE AND PROPERTY



Safeguard our community from the dangers of flooding and erosion through flood management planning, site alteration management, education and enforcement.

- 7 permits issued under Ontario Regulation 165/06
- Flood Contingency Plan developed to provide information on roles, responsibilities, messaging and flood management partnerships
- 6 Timmins Flood Advisory Committee meetings through continued partnership
- 11 flood forecasting statements issued
- Developed a public option to sign up for emailed flood alerts
- Flood status messaging added to website home page



Protect drinking water sources.

- Process developed with City of Timmins regarding Restricted Land Use planning
- Identified fuel storage threats for risk management plans
- Installed new drinking water protection zone signage
- Processed 2 restricted land use applications



Monitor and maintain our natural flood control infrastructure.

- Year round monitoring of Town Creek and Crawford Creek



Collaborate with partners in data collection and information sharing.

- Installed a new stream gauge on Porcupine Lake with Water Surveys of Canada



Support municipal land use planning, emergency management and floodplain mapping.

- Completed updates to floodplain mapping
- Provided updates to the City of Timmins Official Plan and Zoning By-law
- Provided input on 46 City of Timmins planning act applications
- Partnered in the annual City of Timmins Municipal Emergency Plan working group



Monitor and report on our watershed's water quality and quantity.

- Maintained and monitored 4 groundwater wells for water levels and quality
- Sampled 4 sites for surface water quality
- Monitored 20 snow stations through winter months
- Completed year-round monitoring of watershed staff gauges



CONNECT PEOPLE TO NATURE



Maintain quality trail systems and conservation areas that support safe access for all residents and visitors to our watershed.

- Winter grooming of 9 km of trail for all season access.
- Completed 2 km of trail brushing and 0.5 km trail resurfacing
- Completed repairs on Bart Thomson and Scout Rock trails due to heavy rain damage
- Installed 3 new trail counters
- Added trail information and a trail disruption notification page on our website
- Increased visitors to our outdoor greenspaces and recreation trails



Promote our trail and conservation areas as outdoor recreation opportunities and environmental education spaces.

- One positive outcome of the unusual pandemic year is having people reconnect with nature
- Social media promotion of benefits of connecting nature reached 1,158 followers, generated 2,080 likes, 337 comments and 700 post shares
- Instagram launch in June was followed by 159 users
- Timmins Wakepark lease was renewed for an additional 5 years



Engage residents in creating a Community Trail Network Master Plan.

- Completed a survey of trail users to identify public concerns and recommendations
- Completed an evaluation of all MRCA managed trails
- Completed a draft Trail Management Plan including trail classifications, current and recommended assets, inspection records and signage updates

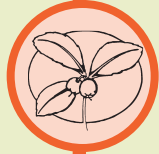


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STRIVE FOR ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE



Foster a culture of giving to support community conservation activities in partnership with Wintergreen Fund for Conservation.

- Partnership with Wintergreen to hire students to complete work on trails
- Hosted an online hiking challenge to promote enjoyment of nature
- Donations received from Lake Shore Gold: a subsidiary of Pan American Silver for trail resurfacing material and bear-proof garbage bins and from Glencore Kidd Operations for signage upgrades



Ensure best practices in day-to-day operations.

- Continued work with the province to achieve a balance between their proposed changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and our requirement to protect our watershed
- Progressed in our 2020-2023 Strategic Plan goals, despite the challenges of a global pandemic
- Completed a comprehensive review of MRCA owned properties
- Developed a Land Management Policy to guide acquisitions, retention and disposition of land and to ensure lands are managed in accordance with our vision
- Developed MRCA specific policies and procedures
 - Implemented COVID-19 safety plans



Engage residents and partners in our programs and services.

- Updated trail agreements with recreational trail property owners
- Continued collaboration with member municipality
- Continued online engagement with residents through social media outlets



BUDGET AND REVENUES

2020 BUDGET
\$916,830

65% Municipal Levy
12% Self-generated/ Other
11% Drinking Water Source Protection
8% Provincial Transfer Payments
4% Special Grant Payments



INSPIRE WATERSHED CHAMPIONS



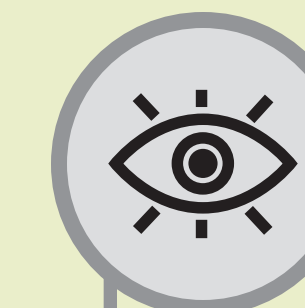
Inspire youth through experiential learning opportunities to become environmental champions.

- Modified Yellow Fish Road™ program in order to enable event participation
- Cancelled Children's Water Festival due to COVID-19



Establish new partnerships for resource sharing capacity building.

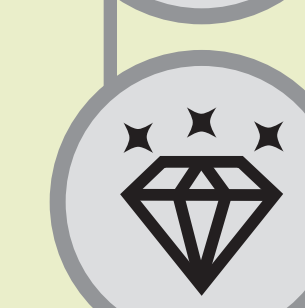
- Timmins Community Clean Up – collaboration with local partners to keep trails and greenspaces clean
- Friends of the Porcupine River Watershed Liaison Committee – collaboration to increase understanding of watershed health
- Beaver Dam Protocol group – collaboration and sharing of resources regarding beaver dam management
- Local cycling enthusiasts – working towards a partnership to ensure safety of single track cycling trails
- Integrated Watershed Management partnership being developed with Newmont Porcupine and Lake Shore Gold



OUR VISION
A healthy, safe and sustainable environment



OUR MISSION
We manage the conservation, protection and restoration of our watershed



OUR VALUES
Collaboration
Accountability
Innovation
Adaptability
Integrity
Leadership