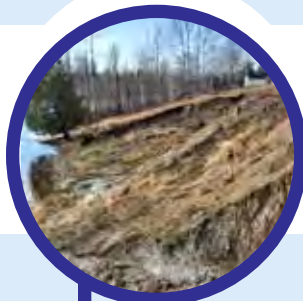


**Mattagami Region
Conservation Authority**

2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

YEAR 3 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.

- Held 17 Flood Advisory Committee meetings through continued partnerships
- Updated and distributed MRCA Flood Contingency Plan to 3 community partners
- Issued 13 flood messages including 7 Watershed Conditions Statements, 3 Flood Watches and 3 Flood Warnings.
- Distributed 6 Watershed Statistics Reports to community stakeholders
- Increased flood notification subscribers by 355%
- Issued 22 permits under Ontario Regulation 165/06
- Processed 13 legal compliance requests



Protect drinking water sources.

- Provided input on 9 planning applications
- Published 3 social media campaigns: Frosty Fridays reached 9,037 social media users, Splash into Spring reached 7,466, Meet your Source Protection Committee reached 2,280



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.

- Continued work with Integrated Watershed Management Committee to develop an Upper Mattagami Integrated Watershed Management Plan



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

- Provided input on 98 Planning Act applications
- Participated in Ontario Power Generation-City of Timmins desktop exercise for emergency flooding
- Issued 13 Site Alteration Permits, and provided 36 drainage consultations through agreement with City of Timmins
- Participated in a municipal emergency planning meeting with City of Timmins



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

- Maintained and monitored 4 groundwater wells for water levels and quality, 4 surface water quality sites, and 20 snow stations
- 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.

- 9 trail counters registered 172,307 trail users
- 53 events were held at our conservation areas
- Over 30 km trail sides brushed along recreational trails
- Trail resurfacing completed on Golden Springs Trail (2 km), Bart Thomson Trail (2.3 km), Rotary Trail (5 km) and Bridge to Bridge Trail (1.2 km)
- Bridge repaired on Rotary Trail
- Trail repairs completed throughout the Mountjoy Historical Conservation Area
- Installed 4 new bear-proof garbage bins along trails
- Built and installed 8 new park benches in conservation areas and trails
- Installed 2 accessible picnic tables at Mountjoy Historical Conservation Area
- Winter grooming of 9 km of trail within conservation areas for all-season access
- Installed a water pump in the main Gillies Lake Garden complete with protective shed
- Straightened 6 crooked trail lights along Gillies Lake trail
- Cleared 8 km of trail and road at Hersey Lake Conservation Area after ice storm downed thousands of trees
- Completed GPS mapping of trails for the development of new trail maps



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

- 212 Facebook posts engaged 2,879 users generating 2,398 comments, 1,921 likes and 2,336 post shares increasing reach by 112.8%
- 169 Instagram posts generated 66 shares, 12 saves, 27 comments and 695 likes increasing reach by 79.6%
- Hosted over 100 participants during 5 guided hiking events highlighting ecology, natural history, birdwatching and forest bathing, in partnership with Wintergreen Fund for Conservation

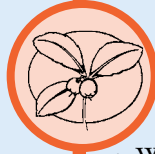


Engage residents in creating a Community Trail Network Master Plan.

- Completed the MRCA Trail Management Strategy to guide development and operations of maintained trails
- Completed a bilingual trail network signage plan and purchased 311 signs for trailheads, directional, and access points
- Provided input on trails, parks and free recreation opportunities to the City of Timmins Culture, Tourism and Recreation (CTR) Master Plan



STRIVE FOR ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE



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

- Wintergreen Fund for Conservation partnership to employ 5 students to complete work on recreation trails
- Ongoing promotion and support of Wintergreen Fund for Conservation's fundraising initiatives
- The following corporate and community donations to MRCA and the Wintergreen Fund for Conservation are gratefully acknowledged:
 - » Newmont, Lake Shore Gold and Ontario Power Generation for water awareness initiatives
 - » Glencore, Lake Shore Gold and Newmont for Bee City initiatives
 - » Canada Helps
 - » Newmont for trail revitalization
 - » Timmins Porcupine Insurance Brokers for trail revitalization
 - » Fiducie Richelieu for trail revitalization
 - » Eacom for trail revitalization
 - » Lake Shore Gold for support in removing fallen trees from ice storm damage
 - » Eacom for hiking day transportation



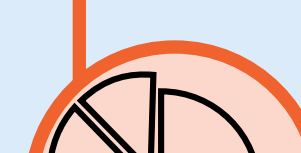
Ensure best practices in day-to-day operations.

- Sold 1 property in accordance with Land Management Policy
- Completed land transfers with our member municipality to ensure Conservation Authority land holdings are aligned with CAA amendments
- 1 property lease was renewed for an additional 5 years



Engage residents and partners in our programs and services.

- Contributed guidance to local industry relating to fish habitat offsetting plans
- Continued collaboration with member municipality
- Continued online engagement with residents through social media outlets



BUDGET & REVENUES

2022 BUDGET

\$1,291,302

- 48% Municipal Levy
- 22% Special Grant Payments
- 15% Self-generated / Other
- 10% Drinking Water Source Protection
- 5% Provincial Transfer Payments



INSPIRE WATERSHED CHAMPIONS



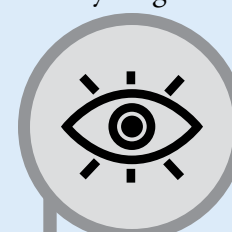
Inspire youth through experiential learning opportunities to become environmental champions.

- 7 Yellow Fish Road™ water education programs hosted for 248 students
- Water Awareness Contest hosted for Grades 4-6 with over 100 submissions received
- Participated in Canadian Parks and Recreation Association Youth Employment Experience Program for a youth parkland maintenance mentorship
- Supported 9 youth volunteers in weekly trail clean-up events throughout the summer



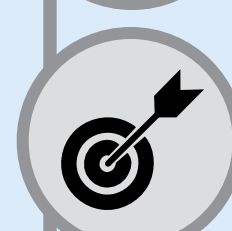
Establish new partnerships for resource sharing capacity building.

- Partnership with Bee City to promote pollinator friendly initiatives
- Ongoing collaboration with Friends of the Porcupine River Watershed Liaison Committee to increase understanding of watershed health and partner in community clean-up events
- Continued partnership with Boreal Cycling Club regarding safe use and maintenance of single track cycling trails at the Hersey Lake Conservation Area



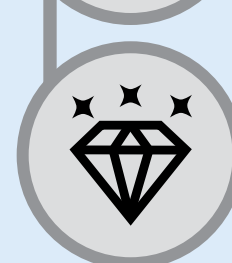
OUR VISION

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**



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