



Mattagami Region
Conservation Authority

2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

YEAR 4 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 15 Flood Advisory Committee meetings through continued partnerships
- Updated and distributed MRCA Flood Contingency Plan to 3 community partners
- Issued 4 flood messages including 2 Watershed Conditions Statements, 1 Flood Watch and 1 Flood Warning
- Distributed 5 Watershed Statistics Reports to community stakeholders
- Increased flood notification subscribers by 17%
- Under Ontario Regulation 165/06, completed 7 consultations, issued 16 permits, provided 52 site inspections
- Processed 2 legal compliance requests
- Completed 32 consultations, issued 20 site alteration permits and provided 39 inspections for through agreement with City of Timmins



Protect drinking water sources.

- Provided input on 4 planning applications
- Completed Threat Inventory and Issues Evaluation updates
- Awareness activities included signage installed at Mattagami River boat launch, distribution of a Drinking Water Protection Zone sign video, and information display at Timmins Public Library



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 69 Planning Act applications
- Addressed 59 drainage complaints through agreement 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.

- 11 trail counters registered 206,007 trail users
- Trail resurfacing completed on Bridge to Bridge Trail sections (2.6 km)
- Repaired 3 recurring problem trail areas on Bridge to Bridge, Scout Rock and Bart Thomson Trails
- Weekly grass cutting of over 81 acres of greenspace properties for public use
- 35 km of trail side vegetation trimmed back
- Built and installed 6 trailhead signs, 19 trail access signs, 45 trail directional signs
- Cleared fallen trees on 6.5 km of trail at Hersey Lake Conservation Area from 2022 ice storm damage
- Winter grooming of 9 km of trail within Hersey Lake and Gillies Lake Conservation Areas for all season access
- Large hazard tree removals at Mountjoy Historical Conservation Area



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

- 178 Facebook posts engaged over 1,900 followers generating over 4,200 interactions and increasing reach by 30.9%
- 138 Instagram posts generated 650 interactions
- Hosted over 150 participants during 6 guided hiking events highlighting ecology, natural history and birdwatching, in partnership with Wintergreen Fund for Conservation
- 41 events were held at our conservation areas including a half-marathon, 3 cross country invitationals, Minor Provincial Little League Championships and a number of StoryWalk® events in conjunction with the Timmins Public Library in addition to weekly sporting activities

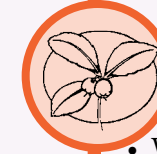


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STRIVE FOR ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE



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

- Wintergreen Fund for Conservation partnership to employ 3 students to complete work on recreation trails
- Ongoing promotion and support of Wintergreen Fund for Conservation's Healthy Trails / Sentiers en santé fundraising campaign
- The following corporate donations to MRCA and the Wintergreen Fund for Conservation are gratefully acknowledged:
 - » **Water Awareness Initiatives:** Newmont Porcupine, Lake Shore Gold Corp and Canada Nickel
 - » **Bee City Initiatives:** Glencore, Lake Shore Gold Corp and Newmont Porcupine
 - » **Bart Thomson Trail Lights Repairs:** Porcupine Kinsmen, City of Timmins, Newmont Porcupine, Lake Shore Gold Corp, Glencore
 - » **Trail Revitalization:** Cedric Bradette-Revel Realty, Lake Shore Gold Corp, Interfor, The Movement Studio, Marcel and Frances Labelle Foundation, Timmins Construction Association



Ensure best practices in day-to-day operations.

- Sold 1 property in accordance with Land Management Policy
- Continued collaboration with our member municipality to achieve legislative compliance with the Conservation Authorities Act revisions
- Planning of 2024-2028 Strategic Plan



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



INSPIRE WATERSHED CHAMPIONS



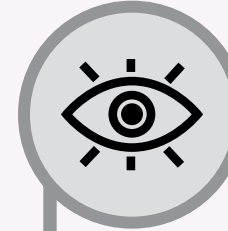
Inspire youth through experiential learning opportunities to become environmental champions.

- 14 Yellow Fish Road™ water education programs hosted for 316 students
- Water Awareness Contest hosted for Grades 4-6 with over 90 participants
- Hosted a portable Children's Water Festival at Downtown Timmins BIA Urban Park

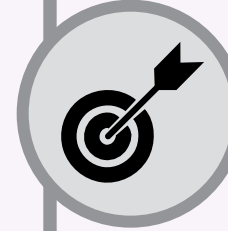


Establish new partnerships for resource sharing capacity building.

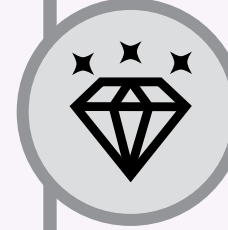
- Partnership with Bee City to promote pollinator friendly initiatives
- Continued partnership with Boreal Cycling Club regarding safe use and maintenance of single track cycling trails at the Hersey Lake Conservation Area



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

BUDGET & REVENUES

2023 BUDGET

\$1,134,491

- 54% Municipal Levy
- 24% Self-generated / Other
- 12% Drinking Water Source Protection
- 6% Provincial Transfer Payments
- 4% Special Grant Payments

