



**North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority  
Members Meeting for May 13, 2026 at 4:00 pm  
IN PERSON AND via ZOOM  
NBMCA's Marc Charron Boardroom  
15 Janey Avenue, North Bay, Ontario**

## AGENDA

### Procedural Matters

1. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Traditional and Treaty Lands
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
3. Per Diem and Mileage Record
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Adoption of Previous Minutes of April 8, 2026 – Page 2
6. Delegations - none
7. Correspondence - none

### Business Reports

8. Provincial Offences Officer Designation – verbal and resolution to pass
9. Lands and Stewardship Report – 26-LS-01 – Page 6

### Other Business

10. New Business
11. Closed meeting
  - 11.1. Adoption of Minutes from Closed Meeting of March 11, 2026 and April 1, 2026
  - 11.2. OSS Program update
  - 11.3. Budget Amendment
  - 11.4. Property matter
12. Other Business
13. Adjournment

### Zoom Link

<https://zoom.us/jc/92735810923>

Meeting ID: 927 3581 0923

Passcode: 785673

# North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority Board of Director's Meeting

Board of Director's Meeting No. BOD-04-26  
April 08, 2026  
15 Janey Avenue, North Bay, ON P1C 1N1 and Zoom

## Meeting Minutes

### Member(s) Present (in person)

Calvin, Township of	Bill Moreton
Chisholm, Township of	Nunzio Scarfone
East Ferris, Municipality of	Lauren Rooyakkers
Mattawa, Town of	Loren Mick
Mattawan, Municipality of	Michelle Lahaye
North Bay, City of	Chris Mayne
North Bay, City of	Lana Mitchell
North Bay, City of	Peter Chirico
Papineau Cameron, Township of	Shelley Belanger
Powassan, Municipality of	Dave Britton

### Also Present

Planning & Development Officer	Hannah Wolfram
Manager, DWSP	Liza Vandermeer
Water Resources Specialist	Angela Mills

Member(s) Regrets

Bonfield, Township of  
Callander, Municipality of

Steve Featherstone  
Grant McMartin

1. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Traditional and Treaty Lands

The meeting was called to order at 5:19 pm, and the acknowledgement of Indigenous Traditional and Treaty Lands was read by Lauren Rooyakkers.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

3. Per Diem and Mileage Record

Passed to all members in attendance.

4. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution #61-26

Moved by Nunzio Scarfone

Seconded by Bill Moreton

**THAT** the Agenda for the April 8, 2026 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved as amended. Additions/Changes: removed closed session, added one new business, notion to reconsider Resolution #55-26. **Carried**

5. Adoption of Previous Minutes of March 11, 2026

Resolution #62-26

Moved by Bill Moreton

Seconded by Lauren Rooyakkers

**THAT** the Minutes of the March 11, 2026 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved as presented. **Carried**

6. Delegations

None.

## 7. Correspondence

7.1 None.

## 8. Program Fee Updates

Verbal update given. All fees for 2026 will remain the same as 2025 except for On-site Sewage System program, which had minor adjustments and FOI.

## 9. Ontario Regulation 41/24

Resolution #63-26

Moved by Loren Mick

Seconded by Shelley Belanger

**THAT** the members receive and approve report 26-PD-02 as presented. **Carried.**

## 10. Q1 Planning Letters

Resolution #64-26

Moved by Peter Chirico

Seconded by Nunzio Scarfone

**THAT** the members receive and approve Report #26-PD-03 as presented. **Carried.**

## 11. Integrated Watershed Management Program Presentation

Resolution #65-26

Moved by Bill Moreton

Seconded by Lauren Rooyakkers

**THAT** the members receive for information only, IWM Program presentation.

## 12. New Business

12.1 Notice to reconsider resolution #55-26 at the May meeting.

Resolution #66-26

Moved by Lauren Rooyakkers

Seconded by Peter Chirico

**Recorded Vote** per Peter Chirico.

Yes

Lana Mitchell

Bill Moreton

Peter Chirico

Loren Mick

No

Michelle Lahaye

Shelley Belanger

Lauren Rooyakkers  
Dave Britton  
Nunzio Scarfone  
Chris Mayne

12.2 Financials to be added to next meeting and referred to the Executive Committee for final review.

### 13. Adjournment

Resolution #67-26

Moved by Peter Chirico

Seconded by Loren Mick

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 6:35 pm and the next meeting be held on Wednesday May 13, 2026, or at the call of the Chair. **Carried**

X

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Lana Mitchell  
Chair

**To:** The Chairperson and Members of the Board of Directors

**Origin:** Christian Standring. Manager, Lands and Stewardship

**Date:** May 14, 2026

**Report:** 26-LANDS-01

**Subject:** Introduction and Vision

**Background:**

After a period of vacancy, the position of Manager, Lands and Stewardship role is now filled by Christian Standring as of April 20, 2026. Christian brings over ten years of environmental monitoring, compliance, stewardship, and leadership experience to this role. He will be ensuring program delivery of the lands management portfolio throughout NBMCA's jurisdiction while focusing on equitable program delivery for all townships served.

**Vision:**

Christian is approaching this position with open eyes and a listening ear. It is important that the needs of all communities within NBMCA jurisdiction are heard, understood and met. Christian is looking forward to understanding specific community needs so program delivery can remain exceptional for all.

A key pillar of Christian's role is supporting the ecological health and long-term sustainability of NBMCA's conservation lands in a manner consistent with the Conservation Area Strategy and management plans. This work is guided by the Strategy's foundational principle that lands must be managed sustainably ensuring that public benefit, appreciation, and recreation never come at the cost of natural heritage features. This encompasses proactive monitoring for invasive species and species at risk, and stream assessments, as well as efforts to protect both the significant ecosystems and the representative landscapes that give the NBMCA watershed its character.

Equally important is the integration of perspectives from the community, trusted colleagues, and the NBMCA Board ensuring that operational decisions reflect the needs of residents and visitors alike, and remain responsive to the living, evolving nature of the watershed we are entrusted to steward.

Christian brings an inquisitive and open mindset to this role. He understands that thoughtful, well-informed changes in business practice can invite enhanced program delivery, cost savings and cost recovery opportunities. This can be done through ingenuity, new methods, new technologies, lands acquisition and disposition, and implementation of important feedback. Working with community members and groups will help guide decisions on how we manage all our land. NBMCA has a unique assortment of urban land parcels with some providing natural recreation areas for urban residents. Some parcels are not developed to invite continued human use and could become candidates for other opportunities including naturalization initiatives with outreach and education being a core component.

Community engagement and outreach is the heart of a healthy, well-functioning conservation lands programs delivered by NBMCA. Christian understands that meaningful connection with the community is a team effort and will actively collaborate with fellow NBMCA staff to ensure outreach is coordinated, inclusive, and impactful. He has already begun building relationships with community groups and looks forward to continuing to grow these connections.

### **Next Steps**

Christian recognizes that the strength of effective land stewardship lies in the voices of the communities it serves. He welcomes comments, interests, and concerns from residents and users of lands managed by NBMCA and is committed to understanding needs of members across all municipalities within NBMCA's jurisdiction. Christian firmly believes that meaningful decision-making must be rooted in collaboration and that the involvement of all stakeholders is essential to implementing initiatives that create lasting, positive outcomes for our shared watershed.



Figure 1: Christian Standring at Eau Claire Gorge, April 30, 2026

**Reviewed by:**

Paula Loranger, Communications & Community Outreach