

SNC projects get provincial funding

FINCH — The Ontario government is helping support the efforts of South Nation Conservation (SNC) to improve the infrastructure that helps combat erosion along the waterways within its jurisdiction.

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has contributed \$28,130 to the SNC for 2010, including \$6,630 as the final installment of the Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECI) program.

“With this investment, I am proud to say we can assist the South Nation Conservation Authority in proceeding with very necessary maintenance,” said Jim Brownell, MPP for Stormont, Dundas, and South Glengarry (SD&G). “These efforts will ensure our waterways are safe and can continue to be enjoyed for many years to come.”

This funding will be

matched by SNC and used to purchase maintenance bay logs for the Chesterville Dam. Also, the additional subsidy will make another WECI project possible in the future.

Previous projects under the program included safety equipment upgrades at Chesterville Dam, where a confined space assessment was conducted; a stop log operation assessment at the Casselman Weir; inspection of the apron at the Russell Weir; a safety assessment at the Spencerville Dam; and safety equipment and upgrades at the Chrysler Dam, along with inspection of the dam’s downstream face.

“Without funding from MNR, important infrastructure projects like dam repairs would not be possible, and could have an adverse affect on both property and personal safety,” said Sandra Mancini, director of planning and engineering at SNC.