

Authority is extended

MAYNARD - An increase in the South Nation Conservation (SNC) coverage area has been approved by Augusta council.

The request was brought forward at the council and committee-of-the-whole meeting on Tuesday. SNC asked to have its jurisdiction in Augusta extended to cover south from the Third Concession to the St. Lawrence River. Reeve Mel Campbell noted this portion of the township is currently a "grey area" which falls under either the provincial ministry of natural resources or federal department of fisheries and oceans.

The reeve added he has heard of a number of cases in which residents could not get a straight answer to questions (such as about cleaning out a ditch or drain) because they are not sure who to approach.

Councillor Bill Pakeman indicated his support for this change, as did Councillor Darlene Banning. "It's a good idea," she said.