

# Province funds maintenance log bays for Chesterville dam

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CHESTERVILLE

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EMC News - The South Nation Conservation Authority received funding on May 20, which will ensure safety at the Chesterville dam.

Jim Brownell, MPP for

Stormont, Dundas and South Glengarry, recently announced that the McGuinty government has invested \$6,630 to purchase maintenance bay logs for the Chesterville dam.

"With this investment, I am proud to say we can assist

the South Nation Conservation Authority in proceeding with very necessary maintenance," Mr. Brownell said. "These efforts will ensure our waterways are safe and can continue to be enjoyed for many years to come."

Sandra Nancini, director

of planning and engineering at South Nation Conservation Authority, said, "We are very happy. The money we got was for the water infrastructure."

Ms. Nancini explained the \$6,630 investment would replace logs in the emergency

Chesterville dam. The bay logs are pretty old and with that money South Nation are going to buy new logs for that bay. She said that the Chesterville dam has five bays and an automatic gate. The automatic gate opens by itself, depending on the water level but sometimes when you have to make repairs to the automatic gate, you have to be able to close the space so you can access the gate. These logs are the ones between the bay water

Resources covers the other 50%. SNCA has received more than \$28,000 over the year for three projects, including this one. She said the funding for infrastructure is expensive, but the province helps them each year.

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