



South Nation Conservation Watershed Update



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News From The SNC Board of Directors

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2011 Budget Approved, Modest Increases Over 2010

At its February 3rd meeting, SNC's Board of Directors approved its 2011 budget of \$7.6 million. On average, each landowner pays \$5.53 per \$100,000 of assessment. For every dollar paid by municipalities in 2011, South Nation will raise two dollars from other sources of revenue such as partnerships and grants—maximizing local environmental protection.

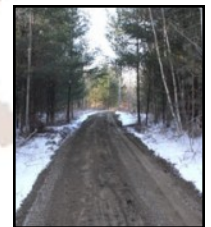
Garbage on Ice Campaign



South Nation Conservation, in partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources, is continuing its campaign to eliminate garbage left on the South Nation River by ice fishers. Garbage left on the ice eventually ends up in the river, disrupting aquatic life and reducing the quality of our drinking water. Posters will be distributed in ice fishing areas, and by SNC staff while conducting inventories of fish caught. SNC and MNR staff will also be out on the ice promoting proper conservation.

Finch Rec Trail Improvements Continue

SNC and the Township of North Stormont are working together to upgrade the Finch Recreation Trail in Warwick Forest near Berwick. The township provides heavy equipment and operators, while SNC staff have been clearing and cutting to provide access for the equipment. The trails are on land owned by SNC and by the United Counties of SD&G. Partial funding for the project was provided through a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Work began in January and is scheduled to be completed by spring. The trails are a popular recreational resource for groups and individuals throughout the area.



Learn to Ice Fish



SNC and the Knights of Columbus Wendover Council are hosting a free ice fishing clinic at the Wendover Ice Fishing Tournament February 19th. Register soon – space is limited! Details are online at www.nation.on.ca. On February 26th, SNC will be at the Grenville Fish & Game Club Pike Derby on the St. Lawrence River, from Prescott Harbour to Cardinal.

Former SNC Director Passes Away



A former member of the SNC Board passed away at his residence in Russell on January 17th. Michael McHugh, 56, was a councilor in the Township of Russell from 2000-2003, before serving as Mayor of the Township from 2003 to 2006. McHugh represented the United Counties of Prescott-Russell on the SNC Board of Directors from 2004-2006.

