



South Nation Conservation Watershed Update — March 2010 —



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SNC Elections for 2010



At its Annual General Meeting, held February 18th, the Board elected Mayor Ken Hill of Russell Township as Chair of SNC for 2010. Mayor Denis Pommainville of Nation Municipality was elected Vice-Chair, and Floyd Dingwall, past Mayor of Finch Township, was appointed as past Chair. All three elected officials bring many years of experience to guide SNC.

Lafèche Environmental Recognized For Environmental Legacy

Lafèche Environmental has protected large tracts of land in Eastern Ontario. Alfred Bog, plus over a thousand acres of forest and wetland are now protected as public lands thanks to this generosity. At its Annual General Meeting, representatives of Lafèche Environmental were thanked by the Board, on behalf of the 15 municipalities of SNC.

Coordinating Municipalities To Improve Drinking Water

The Village of Casselman is the only municipality that takes its drinking water from the South Nation River. However, the costs of treatment can be high. The operators of the nine wastewater lagoons that discharge into the River upstream of Casselman met at SNC to coordinate discharges to improve water quality. Both the Eastern Ontario Water Resources Committee and Source Water Protection Program will fund some of the computer modelling needed.

Chesterville Dam Gets New Stop Logs

With constant pounding by water and ice, the stop logs at SNC's Chesterville Dam were leaking beyond repair. Concrete weights were no longer able to stop the leaks! With a grant from the Ministry of Natural Resources, and with funding from a trust fund set up by Nestle's, 24 new logs will be bought from Adams Lumber in St. Albert for \$8,000.

Cache In/Trash Out (CITO)

The Geocachers of Eastern Ontario will receive a \$500 River Program Grant from SNC for their CITO day on April 24th. Starting at Cass Bridge Conservation Area, the Geocachers will not only collect garbage from the River and SNC properties, they will also establish new geocaches along the river and nearby trails. SNC will create its own Geocoins, and its numerous geocaches are already popular sites for this high-tech sport.

Higher Landowner Grants For Clean Water

SNC will continue to offer grants to landowners to improve water quality. The Clean Water Committee reviewed the program for 2010, and increased grants for manure storage, treatment wetlands, and milk house washwater improvements.

