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Thank You: South Nation Conservation Clean Water Committee

Thank you for an experience of a lifetime! I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the SNC Clean Water Committee for the privilege of attending the A.D. Latronell Conservation Symposium, held in Alliston, Ontario, November 16-18<sup>th</sup>. This was an amazing 3-day experience filled with great guest speakers, informative exhibits, and delicious food! This is an annual event, with a different theme each year. This year's theme was "Water: The Future of the Source". The symposium included a variety of sponsors and speakers, ranging from non-profit organizations to Universities and the MNR, Ministry of Agriculture, individual farmers and our own South Nation Conservation Authority. The conference was attended by a wide scope of people, representing industry, government, and rural affairs, allowing for sessions showing many perspectives on the topics discussed.

Community Stewardship and Sustainable Communities were some themes of the sessions, I attended. Speakers shared personal experiences they had launching pilot projects within their local communities. Sharing of this information helps other communities interested in initiating these programs within their jurisdiction. A few the projects discussed were: Well Aware, SepticSmart, RAIN, and fish-friendly municipal drainage.

More information on the symposium can be found on their website <http://www.latronell.ca>, and for local and sponsorship information check the South Nation Conservation website <http://www.nation.on.ca/en/>. Another thank you must be given to the Dundas Federation of Agriculture; it was at their meeting I was given the opportunity to apply for this sponsorship.

This was an amazing experience; with the knowledge I gained at these sessions, I have a newfound respect for the effort being done within our communities and government to keep our water, and land, safe and sustainable for years to come. Thank you again SNC Clean Water Committee for the experience of a lifetime!

Sincerely,

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