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Forestry Committee

Meeting Agenda

Date: June 4th, 2019

Time: 9:00 a.m. PLEASE NOTE NEW START TIME

Location: Watershed Room, SNC

Address: 38 Victoria Street, Finch, ON K0C 1K0

Post Meeting Forestry Tour and Lunch

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Carpooling to site, bagged lunch provided.
Dress for the field with sturdy footwear!**



Forestry Committee

Meeting Agenda

June 4th, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

1. Chair's Remarks
2. Approval of Forestry Committee Main and Supplemental Agendas
3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
4. SNC Forestry Project Update – PowerPoint Presentation: Staff
5. Approval of:
 - a. Forestry Committee meeting minutes of March 7th, 2019 3-9
 - b. Joint Standing Committee meeting minutes of March 7th, 2019 10-13
6. Business Arising from Minutes
 - a. SNC Joint Committee Visioning Exercise Findings – John 14-15
7. New Business
 - a. Update: Environmental Bill of Rights Postings Regarding Conservation Authorities – John 16-27
 - b. Update: Bill 108 – Angela PowerPoint
 - c. Update: 2019 Tree Planting – Cheyene 28-29
8. Supplemental Agenda
9. Roundtable Discussion
 - a. Community Engagement
 - b. Recommendations for 'Friends of SNC'
10. Date of Next Meeting
 - a. September 3rd, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
 - b. December 3rd, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
11. Adjournment

Ronda Boutz,
Team Lead, Special Projects.

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FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, March 7th, 2019, 10:00 a.m. – Meeting 01/19
 Heritage Room, SNC



- Present:** Dave Robertson, Committee Chair
 Francois Allard, Private Citizen
 Lloyd Benedict, Mohawks of Akwesasne
 Alain Bertrand, Private Citizen
 John Boals, Snowmobile Association
 Archie Byers, Private Citizen
 Maurice Chabot, Private Citizen
 Achille Drouin, EOMC
 Dorothy Hamilton, Stormont Dundas Glengarry Ontario Woodlot Association
 Murray Inch, Private Citizen
 Glenn Mackey, Past Board Member
 Tony Ricard, Private Citizen
 François St. Amour, Mayor, La Nation
 Jack Sullivan, United Counties of Stormont Dundas Glengarry
 Ron Toonders, Ag Soil and Crop
 Bill Smirle, SNC Board of Directors, Interim Chair, ex-officio
 Doug Thompson, SNC Board of Directors, Past Chair, ex-officio
- Regrets:** Steve Hunter, United Counties of Prescott and Russell
 Martin Streit (alternate: Elizabeth Holmes), Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
- Staff:** Pat Piitz, Team Lead, Property
 Cheyene Brunet, Forestry Technician
 Chris Craig, Senior Forestry Technician
 Phil Duncan, Property and Approvals Assistant
 Caroline Goulet, Forestry Technician



CHAIR'S REMARKS

Dave Robertson, Committee Chair, convened the Forestry Committee meeting of Thursday March 7th, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed Committee Members.

APPROVAL OF FORESTRY COMMITTEE AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. FC-001/19

Moved by: Archie Byers
Seconded by: Dorothy Hamilton

RESOLVED THAT:

The Members approve the Forestry Committee agenda of March 7th, 2019 as submitted.

CARRIED

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Conflict of Interest.

SNC FORESTRY PROJECT UPDATE – POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Staff presented a year in review of forestry programs and activities.

APPROVAL OF:

FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 4TH, 2018

RESOLUTION NO. FC-002/19

Moved by: John Boals
Seconded by: Ron Toonders

RESOLVED THAT:

The Members approve the Forestry Committee meeting minutes of December 4th, 2018 as submitted.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

RESOLUTION NO. FC-003/19

Moved by: Glen Mackey
Seconded by: Dorothy Hamilton



RESOLVED THAT:

The Committee Members appoint Pat Piitz, Team Lead, Property as the Acting Committee Chair; and

FURTHER THAT:

SNC Administrative By-law 15.3: *'All elections shall be in accordance with the Procedures for Election of Officers'* be adhered to.

CARRIED

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

Call for nominations three times for election of Chair (no seconder required)

First Call for Nominations:

Moved by: Dorothy Hamilton

Dave Robertson be nominated for Chair, Forestry Committee.

Second Call for Nominations: None

Third Call for Nominations: None

Hearing none, nominations closed for the position of Chair, Forestry Committee.

Dave Robertson accepted the nomination for Chair, Forestry Committee.

Approval of the following Motion:

RESOLUTION NO. FC-004/19

Moved by:

Glen Mackey

Seconded by:

Dorothy Hamilton

RESOLVED THAT:

For the year 2019, and until the Joint Standing Committee meeting of 2020, that Dave Robertson be elected as Chair of the Forestry Committee.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: 2019 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. FC-005/19

Moved by:

Dorothy Hamilton

Seconded by:

Archie Byers



RESOLVED THAT:

The Forestry Committee recommends the following Committee membership to the Board of Directors for 2019:

- Dave Robertson, Committee Chair
- Francois Allard, Private Citizen
- Lloyd Benedict, Mohawks of Akwesasne
- Alain Bertrand, Private Citizen
- John Boals, Snowmobile Association
- Archie Byers, Private Citizen
- Maurice Chabot, Private Citizen
- Achille Drouin, EOMC
- Dorothy Hamilton, Stormont Dundas
Glengarry Ontario Woodlot Association
- Steve Hunter, United Counties of Prescott
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- Martin Streit (alternate: Elizabeth Holmes),
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
- Jack Sullivan, United Counties of
Stormont Dundas Glengarry
- Ron Toonders, Ag Soil and Crop
- Bill Smirle, SNC Board of Directors,
Interim Chair, ex-officio
- Doug Thompson, SNC Board of Directors,
Past Chair, ex-officio;

FURTHER THAT:

Remove Member Colin Morrison as requested, and add 'SNC Vice Chair, ex-officio'.

CARRIED

SNC FOREST 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

RESOLUTION NO. FC-006/19

Moved by: Ron Toonders
Seconded by: Tony Ricard



RESOLVED THAT:

The Forestry Committee receive and file the
SNC Forest 2018 Annual Report.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS: SNC FOREST FIRE PREVENTION PLAN

RESOLUTION NO. FC-007/19

Moved by: Glen Mackey
Seconded by: Jack Sullivan

RESOLVED THAT:

The Forestry Committee recommends to the
Board of Directors the 2019 Fire Prevention
and Preparedness Plan.

CARRIED

UPDATE: FORESTRY STAFF TRAINING

RESOLUTION NO. FC-008/19

Moved by: Achille Drouin
Seconded by: Murray Inch

RESOLVED THAT:

The Forestry Committee receive and file the
forestry staff training update.

CARRIED

UPDATE: MAPLE EDUCATION PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. FC-009/19

Moved by: Ron Toonders
Seconded by: Tony Ricard

RESOLVED THAT:

The Forestry Committee receive and file the
Maple Education Program report.

CARRIED

UPDATE: HIGH CONSERVATION VALUES

RESOLUTION NO. FC-010/19

Moved by: Dorothy Hamilton



Seconded by: Alain Bertrand

RESOLVED THAT:

The Forestry Committee receive and file the update report on High Conservation Value Forest (HCVF).

CARRIED

UPDATE: ECOACTION BUFFER DEMO

RESOLUTION NO. FC-011/19

Moved by: Alain Bertrand
Seconded by: Dorothy Hamilton

RESOLVED THAT:

The Forestry Committee receive and file the EcoAction Buffer Demonstration Project update.

CARRIED

UPDATE: 2019 FORESTRY WORK PLAN

RESOLUTION NO. FC-012/19

Moved by: Ron Toonders
Seconded by: Tony Ricard

RESOLVED THAT:

The Forestry Committee receive and file the 2019 Forestry Work Plan; and

FURTHER THAT:

The Committee Members provide comments for consideration on the 2020 Work Plan deliverables.

CARRIED

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

a. **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Action Item: The Forestry Committee requested a copy of the Oak Valley Pioneer



Park Annual Report be tabled at the next Committee meeting.

Action Item: The Forestry Committee requested an update on the air photo acquisition project.

b. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 'FRIENDS OF SNC'

Action Item: The Forestry Committee requested a list of past recipients of the "Friends of SNC".

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- June 4th, 2019, 8:30 a.m. – Tour (to be confirmed)
- September 3rd, 2019, 10 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. FC-013/19

Moved by: Archie Byers

RESOLVED THAT:

The Forestry Committee meeting of March 7th, 2019 be adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Dave Robertson,
Committee Chair.



Pat Piitz
Team Lead, Property.



Joint Standing Committee Meeting

Thursday March 7th, 2019: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
 South Nation Conservation Meeting Rooms

Present

SNC Board of Directors:

Bill Smirle, Interim Chair
 Doug Thompson, Past Chair
 Stéphane Sarrazin, Director
 Peggy Taylor, Director

Committee Members:

Jacqueline Kelly-Pemberton, Committee Chair, Clean Water
 Russell Bennett
 Jack Hoogenboom
 Glenn Mackey

Fred Schueler, Committee Chair, Fish and Wildlife
 Malcolm Clark
 Stéphane Dubuc
 Susan Gallinger
 Cyril Holmes
 Aleta Karstad
 Glen Runions
 Larry E. Smith

Dave Robertson, Committee Chair, Forestry
 Alain Bertrand
 Achille Drouin
 Dorothy Hamilton
 Tony Ricard

Lawrence Levere, Committee Chair, Communications
 Gerry Boyce
 Murray Inch
 Tim Jackson
 Glen Runions
 Cindy Saucier
 Tom Van Dusen
 Byron Vienneau
 Charles Armstrong

Staff Present:

Angela Coleman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
 Ronda Boutz, Team Lead, Special Projects





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Cheyene Brunet, Forestry Technician
Taylor Campbell, Communications Specialist
Chris Craig, Senior Forestry Technician
Linda Hutchinson, Director, Organization Effectiveness
Elise Lefebvre, Administrative Assistant II
Dianne MacMillan, Administrative Assistant II
Sandra Mancini, Team Lead, Engineering
Alison McDonald, Team Lead, Approvals
John Mesman, Team Lead, Communications and Outreach
Holly Nyenkamp, Communications and Outreach Assistant
Pat Piitz, Team Lead, Property
Ryan Robson, Resource Technician
Kelsey Smith, Stewardship and Outreach Assistant



WELCOME:

Bill Smirle, SNC Interim Chair, opened the Joint Standing Committee meeting of March 7th, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed Committee Members.

APPROVAL OF JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. JSC-001/19

Moved by: Doug Thompson
Seconded by: Jacqueline Kelly Pemberton

RESOLVED THAT:

The Committee Members approve the Joint Standing Committee agenda for March 7th, 2019 as presented.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 1st, 2018

RESOLUTION NO. JSC-002/19

Moved by: Lawrence Levere
Seconded by: Doug Thompson

RESOLVED THAT:

The Committee Members approve the Joint Standing Committee meeting minutes of March 1st, 2018 as presented.

CARRIED

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REMARKS:

- Jacqueline Kelly Pemberton, Clean Water Committee
- Dave Robertson, Forestry Committee
- Fred Schueler, Fish and Wildlife Committee
- Lawrence Levere, Communications Committee

The Committee Chairs provided an overview of their Committee programs and projects.

RESOLUTION NO. JSC-003/19

Moved by: Peggy Taylor
Seconded by: Doug Thompson

RESOLVED THAT:

The Committee Members receive and file the verbal updates of the Standing Committee Chairs.

CARRIED



BEYOND 2020

John Mesman, Team Lead, Communications and Outreach lead a visioning exercise with Committee Members.

HOUSEKEEPING

Ronda Boutz, Team Lead, Special Projects reminded attendees to fill and return the email survey and if there are any issues with website access to Members pages, to contact Dianne MacMillan.

CLOSING REMARKS

Bill Smirle, Interim Chair, thanked all Committee Members for attending the Joint Standing Committee meeting day, and their continued work for SNC programs and projects.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. JSC-004/19

Moved by: Glenn Mackey

RESOLVED THAT:

The Joint Standing Committee meeting of March 7th, 2019 be adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

CARRIED

Bill Smirle,
SNC Interim Chair.

Ronda Boutz,
Team Lead, Special Projects.



To: Forestry Committees
From: John Mesman, Team Lead, Communications and Outreach
Date: May 7, 2019
Subject: SNC Joint Committee Visioning Exercise Findings

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Forestry Committee receive and file the SNC Joint Committee Visioning Exercise Findings report. Information presented for discussion.

DISCUSSION:

In 1992, a Conservation Strategy was undertaken by SNC to produce a Conservation Authority Plan for the 21st Century: Vision 2020.

With a need for renewed reflection and visioning, SNC has initiated a strategic planning process to position the Authority *Beyond 2020* as we encounter a changing landscape, climate, and shifting economic and environmental dynamics.

To kickstart the 2019 strategic planning process, SNC Committee members participated in an interactive two-step exercise to reflect and visualize future direction of programs and services offered by SNC at the March Joint Committee Meeting.

Key areas of focus identified by Committee Members for *Beyond 2020* are summarized below:

- Environmental Stewardship Advocacy and Public Program Support
- Forest Conservation Programs
- Improved Planning and Approvals Process
- Expand Recreation and Program Partnerships with Municipalities, Community Groups and Tourism Organizations
- Invasive Species Program Outreach
- Water Quality Program Improvements
- Training Centre Development

Committee members are encouraged to provide individual and group feedback on SNC Programs and Services through their respective Committee Chair and staff lead.

Committee members are also encouraged to review SNC's response to provincial budget and program changes: "Conserving What We Value".

Through understanding the needs of communities and environment SNC's work, now and future, will improve and create valued programs and services.

Committees are tasked with creating a list of future actions to be considered, supported by community environmental values.



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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:

Compliance with Budget: Expenses for *Beyond 2020* is included in SNC's 2019 Budget under Communications and Outreach: Partnership Development, pages 102 and 103.

SNC Policy Adherence: All expenditures will adhere to SNC's Purchasing Policy. For purchases of \$200 up to \$5,000 competitive quotes will be obtained when practical.

John Mesman
Team Lead, Communications and Outreach

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To: Forestry Committee
From: John Mesman, Team Lead, Communications and Outreach
Date: May 28th, 2019
Subject: Update: Environmental Bill of Rights Postings
Regarding Conservation Authorities

RECOMMENDATION:

Forestry Committee receive and file the update on the Environmental Bill of Rights Postings Regarding Conservation Authorities and Bill 108, More Homes, More Choices Act;

FURTHER THAT: Forestry Committee receive a copy of SNC's response to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks;

FURTHER THAT: Forestry Committee receive a summary of partners who shared their responses to the postings with South Nation Conservation.

DISCUSSION:

Bill 108, More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019

Currently in second reading in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario and includes proposed legislative changes to the Conservation Authorities Act, including proposed changes from the following environmental registry postings which closed on May 21, 2019.

**1. *Modernizing Conservation Authority Operations:
Conservation Authorities Act (MOECP)***

Proposes to introduce amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act, which if passed, focuses a core mandate for Conservation Authorities and improving governance.

Summary of proposed changes:

- Define core mandatory programs and services provided by conservation authorities to be: natural hazard protection and management; conservation and management of conservation authority lands; drinking water source protection (as prescribed under the Clean Water Act); and protection of the Lake Simcoe watershed (as prescribed under the Lake Simcoe Protection Act);
- Increase transparency in how conservation authorities levy municipalities for mandatory and non-mandatory programs and services;
- Update the Conservation Authorities Act an Act introduced in 1946, to conform with modern transparency standards by ensuring that municipalities and conservation authorities review levies for non-core programs after a certain period of time (e.g., 4 to 8 years);



- Establish a transition period (e.g. 18 to 24 months) and process for conservation authorities and municipalities to enter into agreements for the delivery of non-mandatory programs and services and meet these transparency standards;
- Enable the Minister to appoint an investigator to investigate or undertake an audit and report on a conservation authority; and
- Define the duty of conservation authority Board Members is to act in the best interest of the conservation authority, similar to not-for profit organizations.

Proclaim un-proclaimed provisions of the Conservation Authorities Act related to:

- Fees for programs and services;
- Transparency and accountability;
- Approval of projects with provincial grants;
- Recovery of capital costs and operating expenses from municipalities (municipal levies);
- Regulation of areas over which conservation authorities have jurisdiction (e.g., development permitting);
- Enforcement and offences, and
- Additional regulations.

2. *Focusing Conservation Authority Development Permits on the Protection of People and Property (MNR)*

Proposes a regulation that outlines how conservation authorities permit development and other activities for impacts to natural hazards and public safety. The proposed regulation would make rules for development in hazardous areas more consistent to support faster, more predictable, and less costly approvals.

The Ministry is proposing to create a regulation further defining the ability of a conservation authority to regulate prohibited development and other activities for impacts to the control of flooding and other natural hazards.

This regulation would replace Ontario Regulation 97/04 which governs the content of conservation authority regulations under the current Section 28(1) of the Act, as well as all existing conservation authority regulations (O.Reg. 42/06, O. Reg. 146-148, O. Reg. 150-153, O. Reg. 155-172, O. Reg. 174-182, and O. Reg 319/09).

Consolidating and harmonizing the existing 36 individual conservation authority-approved regulations into one Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry approved regulation.

For the purposes of this regulation the Ministry is also proposing to:

- Update definitions for key regulatory terms to better align with other provincial policy, including: “wetland”, “watercourse” and “pollution”;



- Define undefined terms including: “interference” and “conservation of land” as consistent with the natural hazard management intent of the regulation;
- Reduce regulatory restrictions between 30m and 120m of a wetland and where a hydrological connection has been severed;
- Exempt low-risk development activities from requiring a permit including certain alterations and repairs to existing municipal drains subject to the Drainage Act provided they are undertaken in accordance with the Drainage Act and Conservation Authorities Act Protocol;
- Allow conservation authorities to further exempt low-risk development activities from requiring a permit provided in accordance with conservation authority policies;
- Require conservation authorities to develop, consult on, make publicly available and periodically review internal policies that guide permitting decisions;
- Require conservation authorities to notify the public of changes to mapped regulated areas such as floodplains or wetland boundaries; and
- Require conservation authorities to establish, monitor and report on service delivery standards including requirements and timelines for determination of complete applications and timelines for permit decisions.

Once established, the province is also proposing to bring into force un-proclaimed sections of the Conservation Authorities Act associated with conservation authority permitting decisions and regulatory enforcement.

South Nation Conservation worked with Conservation Ontario and other Conservation Authority’s on feedback for formal submission. Staff shared letters of endorsement to local MPP’s, member Municipalities, First Nations, and partner organizations seeking support and feedback on the postings.

The following partner organizations shared their submissions to the Province with SNC:

Municipalities:

	MNRF	MECP
Ottawa	No	No
Russell	Yes	Yes
Clarence Rockland	Yes	Yes
Alfred Plantagenet	Yes	Yes
Champlain	Yes	Yes
Nation	Yes	Yes
Casselman	Yes	Yes
North Grenville	No	Yes
Edwardsburgh/Cardinal	Yes	Yes
Augusta	Yes	Yes
Elizabethtown Kitley	No	No



	MNRF	MECP
North Stormont	Yes	Yes
South Stormont	Yes	Yes
North Dundas	Yes	Yes
South Dundas	No	No
North Glengarry	Yes	Yes

Community Partners:

- Ottawa Carleton District School Board
- Boisés Est
- Ontario Woodlot Association - SDG Chapter
- Spencerville Mill and Museum
- Chesterville Kayak Club
- Chesterville Waterfront Market
- St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences
- Kin Club of Russell
- Friends of the Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary
- Cardinal Legion
- Dundas County 4H
- EscarpAction Jessups Falls
- Russell Pathfinders Girl Guides
- South Dundas Chamber of Commerce

Development Community Members:

- Brittstate Holdings
- Dimensional Analysis
- Gerry Leroux Excavation
- Lamoureux Plumbing
- LRL Associates
- McIntosh Perry
- Moran and Sons

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:

Compliance with Budget: Not applicable.

SNC Policy Adherence: Not applicable.

John Mesman,
Team Lead, Communications and Outreach.

Attachment: Draft Municipal Responses to Environmental Registry Postings,
Attachment: SNC Response to MNRF and MECP

April 17, 2019

The Honourable John Yakabuski
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
84 Isabella Street, Unit 6
Pembroke, Ontario
K8A 5S5

Re: Environmental Registry of Ontario Posting Number 013-4992

Subject: In response to the April 5th, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's posting number 013-4992 on the Environmental Registry of Ontario; 'Focusing conservation authority development permits on the protection of people and property'.

Dear Minister Yakabuski,

The <<*insert municipality name*>> has a strong history of close collaboration with South Nation Conservation (SNC) on shared priorities, which protect the environment and engage communities while balancing people and nature.

SNC has a streamlined, convenient and pragmatic approach to local regulation and permit approvals that adhere to their environmental mandate of protecting people and property from natural hazards; including:

- Delivering municipal watershed planning reviews on behalf of member municipalities to determine if development is susceptible to natural hazards.
- Offering pre-consultation meetings to review development proposals with residents, municipal staff and developers, leading to more efficient approvals.
- Delivering cost-effective municipal programs through memorandum of understanding agreements, including issuing permits and performing inspections for septic installation and maintenance on behalf of 13 participating municipalities under Part 8 of the Ontario Building Code.
- Preparing floodplain maps and updating regulated areas for municipalities to guide official plans and zoning by-laws, and guide future development away from flood and erosion-prone areas; SNC holds public open houses and communicates directly with residents to inform updated mapping.

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Conservation Authorities are one of the only boots-on-the-ground agencies working directly with municipalities, residents, and stakeholders in a timely and meaningful way; with international recognition for their approach to integrated watershed management.

Strengths in the Conservation Authority service delivery model include:

- The ability to streamline approvals from several agencies and work directly with applicants through site visits and pre-consultations.
- Local knowledge and expertise as assets to communities and the environment.
- An effective and efficient approach to reduce red tape for development.

The <<*insert municipality name*>> supports the Province's effort to:

- Consolidate regulations to ensure consistency throughout the Province, while still allowing local flexibility based on differences in risks posed by natural hazards.
- Allow exemptions for low-risk development activities from requiring permits, provided in accordance with local policies.

Partnerships with SNC have enabled our resilient communities to grow safely and sustainably and have allowed us to come together on shared environmental priorities.

We encourage the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to consider the value in existing approaches by Conservation Authorities which work closely with municipalities to deliver local permit approvals for development to protect people and property.

Sincerely,

Name,
Title
Organization

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April 17, 2019

The Honourable Rod Phillips
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Ferguson Block
11th Floor
77 Wellesley St. W
Toronto, ON M7A 2T5

Re: Environmental Registry of Ontario Posting Number 013-5018

Subject: In response to the April 5th, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' posting number 013-5018 on the Environmental Registry of Ontario; 'Modernizing conservation authority operations – *Conservation Authorities Act*'.

Dear Minister Phillips,

The <<*insert municipality name*>> has a strong history of close collaboration with South Nation Conservation (SNC) on shared priorities which protect the environment and engage communities while balancing people and nature.

SNC has local knowledge and expertise required to make informed decisions on project proposals. Staff are committed to ensuring that projects proceed successfully while fulfilling their environmental mandate of protecting people, places and property.

SNC provides significant value to <<*insert municipality name*>> as well as the local communities we serve through the following core services:

- **Fostering Landowner Stewardship** – plant trees, manage community lands, offer resources, work with partners on important water quality improvement projects.
- **Protecting People and Property** – Map and regulate floodplains and natural hazards, work closely with municipalities, residents and build community to support sustainable development, deliver flood forecasting programs and protect drinking water sources.
- **Providing Natural Spaces and Recreational Opportunities** – own and manage over 20,000 acres of public natural spaces.
- **Making Science-Based Decisions** – collect water, stream, fisheries, forestry and wetland data to support stewardship programs and guide sustainable development.
- **Empowering Communities and Youth** – Partner with schools and communities to deliver on-the-ground stewardship work and environmental education.

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Partnerships with South Nation Conservation have enabled our resilient communities to grow sustainably and come together on shared environmental priorities.

We are committed to supporting SNC's ability to deliver important on-the-ground environmental work for watershed communities on behalf of our municipality.

We encourage the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks to consider the value in existing services provided by Conservation Authorities as they protect people and property from natural hazards, while supporting safe and sustainable development.

It is this commitment and hard work that will reap future benefits for our communities as well as the Province of Ontario, today and into the future.

Sincerely,

Name,
Title
Organization

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May 17, 2019

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 84 Isabella Street, Unit 6
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 K8A 5S5

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- Deliver drought and flood forecasting and warning programs to provide advanced notice to municipalities, emergency responders and residents.





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Sincerely,

Linda Hutchinson
Director, Organization Effectiveness
South Nation Conservation
38 Victoria Street. P.O. Box 29
Finch, Ontario, K0C 1K0

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May 17, 2019



The Honourable Rod Phillips
 Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
 Ferguson Block
 11th Floor
 77 Wellesley St. W
 Toronto, ON M7A 2T5

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- **Providing Natural Spaces and Recreational Opportunities** – own and manage over 20,000 acres of public natural spaces.
- **Making Science-Based Decisions** – collect water, stream, fisheries, forestry and wetland data to support stewardship programs and guide sustainable development.
- **Empowering Communities and Youth** – Partner with schools and communities to deliver on-the-ground stewardship work and environmental education.



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Conservation Authorities are one of the only boots-on-the-ground agencies working directly with municipalities, residents, and stakeholders in a timely and meaningful way; with international recognition for their approach to integrated watershed management.

Municipal partnerships have enabled our resilient communities to grow sustainably and come together on shared environmental priorities.

Our member municipalities support SNC's ability to deliver important on-the-ground environmental work for watershed communities.

We encourage the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks to consider the value in existing services provided by Conservation Authorities as they protect people and property from natural hazards, while supporting safe and sustainable development.

It is this commitment and hard work that will reap future benefits for our communities as well as the Province of Ontario, today and into the future.

Sincerely,

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To: Forestry Committee
From: Cheyene Brunet, Forestry Technician
Date: May 29th, 2019
Subject: Update: 2019 Tree Planting

RECOMMENDATION:

The Forestry Committee endorses the work completed in spring 2019 for the Tree Planting program by SNC staff.

DISCUSSION:

This spring South Nation Conservation (SNC) had another successful tree planting season which included the planting of 86,700 trees through the Forest Ontario Program, 38,800 trees at Larose Forest, and 11,390 trees sold through the Over the Counter program. A list of 2019 customers per municipality is attached.

In total, 89 landowners across SNC's jurisdiction and in the United Counties of Prescott Russell planted trees in spring 2019 which will attribute to an estimated 176 acres (778 per acre) of increased forest cover in the future.

SNC currently has 3,540 trees reserved for spring 2020 by 9 landowners.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:

Compliance with Budget: The tree planting program is included in the 2019 Budget under Science and Research, Stewardship, Forests, pages 22-23.

SNC Policy Adherence: SNC Forest Policy 2 and 3: The South Nation Forest shall be managed to provide a range of products and services that will maintain or enhance the long-term economic viability and a range of environmental and social benefits; and South Nation Conservation will employ silvicultural practices that are ecologically appropriate for the vegetation, species, sites and management objectives that maintain and/or enhance long-term forest diversity, health and productivity of the South Nation Forest.



Cheyene Brunet,
Forestry Technician.

Attachments: 2019 tree planting statistics by municipality

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2019 Tree Planting Statistics by Municipality		
Municipality	No. of Landowners	No. of Trees
Alfred and Plantagenet	4	2,650
Augusta	7	8,120
Champlain	5	5,950
City of Ottawa	18	11,650
Clarence Rockland	8	24,550
Edwardsburgh/ Cardinal	2	680
South Dundas	2	900
South Stormont	2	6,520
East Hawkesbury	1	2,400
La Nation	6	6,400
North Dundas	5	1,370
North Glengarry	2	5,700
North Grenville	1	200
North Stormont	19	19,550
Russell	6	1,450
Elizabethtown-Kitley	0	0
Larose Forest	1	38,800
Total	89	136,890

*includes plantings through Forest Ontario's: 50 Million Tree Program and over the counter program sales.