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Forestry Committee

Meeting Agenda

NEW Date: November 26th, 2019

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Watershed Room, SNC

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



Forestry Committee

Meeting Agenda

November 26th, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

1. Chair's Remarks
2. Approval of Forestry Committee Agenda (Supplemental Agenda)
3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
4. SNC Forestry Project Update – PowerPoint Presentation: Staff
5. Approval of:
 - a. Forestry Committee meeting minutes of September 3rd, 2019 3-8
6. Business Arising from Minutes (if any)
7. New Business:
 - a. Request for Approval: Forestry Committee Meeting Schedule 2020: Ronda 9
 - b. Request for Approval: Ottawa Ash Tree Replacement Program: Ronda 10-11
 - c. Update: Forest Ontario: 50 Million Tree Program: Cheyene 12-16
 - d. Update: J. Henry Tweed Project: Phil (verbal) PowerPoint
 - e. Update: 2019 Year End Report: Ronda and Pat 17-20
8. Supplemental Agenda (if any)
9. Correspondence:
10. Roundtable Discussions
 - a. Community Engagement
 - b. Recommendations for 'Friends of SNC'
11. Date of Next Meeting:
 - a. Forestry Committee – March 5, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m.
 - b. Joint Standing Committees – March 5, 2020 @ 1:00 p.m.
12. Adjournment

Ronda Boutz,
Team Lead, Special Projects

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FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday September 3rd, 2019, 10:07 a.m. – Meeting 03/19
Heritage Room, SNC

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Present:

Dave Robertson, Committee Chair
François Allard, Private Citizen
Lloyd Benedict, Mohawks of Akwesasne
Alain Bertrand, Private Citizen
Archie Byers, Private Citizen
Maurice Chabot, Private Citizen
Achille Drouin, EOMC
Dorothy Hamilton, SDG Ontario Woodlot Association
Murray Inch, Private Citizen
Glenn Mackey, Past Board Member
François St. Amour, Mayor, La Nation
Jack Sullivan, United Counties of Stormont Dundas Glengarry
Bill Smirle, SNC Board of Directors, Chair, ex-officio
Doug Thompson, SNC Board of Directors, Past Chair, ex-officio

Regrets:

John Boals, Snowmobile Association
Elizabeth Holmes, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
Steve Hunter, United Counties of Prescott and Russell
Tony Ricard, Private Citizen
Ron Toonders, Ag Soil and Crop
George Darouze, SNC Board of Directors, Vice Chair, ex-officio

Staff:

Ronda Boutz, Team Lead, Special Projects
Pat Piitz, Team Lead, Property
Cheyene Brunet, Forestry Technician
Chris Craig, Senior Forestry Technician
Caroline Goulet, Forestry Technician
Naomi Langlois-Anderson, Senior Fisheries Technician

Guest:

Abraham Francis, Mohawks of Akwesasne



CHAIR'S REMARKS

Dave Robertson, Committee Chair, convened the Forestry Committee meeting of Tuesday September 3rd, 2019 at 10:07 a.m. and welcomed Committee Members.

APPROVAL OF FORESTRY COMMITTEE MAIN AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDAS

RESOLUTION NO. FC-025/19

Moved by: Maurice Chabot
Seconded by: Glenn Mackey

RESOLVED THAT:

The Members approve the Forestry Committee main and supplemental agendas of September 3rd, 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 Forestry Program and Project updates.

APPROVAL OF:

FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 4TH, 2019

RESOLUTION NO. FC-026/19

Moved by: Dorothy Hamilton
Seconded by: Glenn Mackey

RESOLVED THAT:

The Members approve the Forestry Committee meeting minutes of June 4th, 2019 as submitted.

CARRIED

Abraham Francis and Lloyd Benedict joined the meeting at 10:10 a.m.
Murray Inch joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

UPDATE: 50 MILLION TREE PROGRAM

Cheyene Brunet, Forestry Technician, provided an update on the 50 Million Tree Program.



NEW BUSINESS

UPDATE: WESTERN CHORUS FROG HABITAT PROJECT

RESOLUTION NO. FC-027/19

Moved by: Jack Sullivan
Seconded by: François St. Amour

RESOLVED THAT:

The Forestry Committee receive and file the Western Chorus Frog Habitat Project update.

CARRIED

UPDATE: ECOACTION BUFFER DEMONSTRATION LOCATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. FC-028/19

Moved by: Jack Sullivan
Seconded by: François St. Amour

RESOLVED THAT:

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

CARRIED

UPDATE: TREE RISK ASSESSMENT

RESOLUTION NO. FC-029/19

Moved by: Glenn Mackey
Seconded by: François St. Amour

RESOLVED THAT:

The Forestry Committee receive and file the Tree Risk Assessment update.

CARRIED

UPDATE: HARVEST OPERATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. FC-030/19

Moved by: François St. Amour
Seconded by: Achille Drouin



RESOLVED THAT:

The Forestry Committee receive and file the
Harvest Operations update.

CARRIED

UPDATE: OAK VALLEY PIONEER PARK ANNUAL REPORT

RESOLUTION NO. FC-031/19

Moved by: Archie Byers

Seconded by: Murray Inch

RESOLVED THAT:

The Forestry Committee receive and file the
Oak Valley Pioneer Park Annual Report
update.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: OTTAWA ASH TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. FC-032/19

Moved by: François St. Amour

Seconded by: Glenn Mackey

RESOLVED THAT:

The Forestry Committee approve reallocating
2018 Ottawa Ash Tree Replacement surplus
funds to:

- a. Eligible 2018 approved projects that are
not yet at the maximum grant of up to
50% to a maximum \$500/tree, up to
\$5,000 per landowners, or
- b. Eligible 2019 Program applications.

CARRIED

Doug Thompson joined the meeting at 11:26 p.m.

UPDATE: 2019 AERIAL IMAGERY

RESOLUTION NO. FC-033/19

Moved by: Dorothy Hamilton

Seconded by: Jack Sullivan



RESOLVED THAT:

The Forestry Committee receive and file the
2019 Aerial Imagery update.

CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

UPDATE: FOREST STEWARD PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. FC-034/19

Moved by: Doug Thompson
Seconded by: Maurice Chabot

RESOLVED THAT:

The Forestry Committee receive and file the
Forest Steward Program update.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

- SNC Media Release

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

a. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

François St. Amour:

- Reminder that the International Plowing Match is being held in Verner, West Nipissing from September 17-21, 2019.

Murray Inch: Oak Valley Park:

- Wedding held at the Park this summer
 - Helped prepare park and clean-up before the event
 - Great publicity for Oak Valley and Volunteers
- North Dundas Council presentation scheduled for annual \$1,000 grant

b. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 'FRIENDS OF SNC'

There were no recommendations at this time.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- a. September 8th: Riceville Wood and Forest Exhibition
- b. September 12th: SNC Forest Tender Closing
- c. October 8th: Harvest Contractors Meeting
- d. October 9th: Plantation Management Tour

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- November 26th, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. FC-035/19


Moved by: Glenn Mackey

RESOLVED THAT:

The Forestry Committee meeting of
September 3rd, 2019 be adjourned at
12:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Dave Robertson,
Committee Chair.


Ronda Boutz,
Team Lead, Special Projects.



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To: Forestry Committee
From: Ronda Boutz, Team Lead, Special Projects
Date: November 14th, 2019
Subject: Request for Approval: Forestry Committee Meeting Schedule 2020

RECOMMENDATION:

The Forestry Committee approve the 2020 Forestry Committee meeting schedule as presented.

DISCUSSION:

As per the Standing Committee Terms of Reference, all Standing Committees will meet at least four times per year, with one of these meetings being a Joint Meeting of all Standing Committees.

Staff recommend the following meeting schedule for 2020:

- March 5th, 2020 (Joint Meeting at 1:00 pm)
- June 2nd, 2020 – 9:00 am Start - *Meeting and Forestry Bus Tour*
- September 1st, 2020
- November 24th, 2020

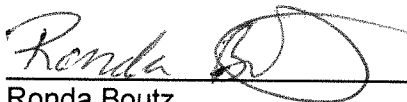
Meetings will take place at 10:00 am at the SNC office unless otherwise stated in the Agenda package.

The Standing Committee Terms of Reference allows for additional meetings to be called if there is 75% concurrence of the Committee at which there is quorum.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:

Compliance with Budget: Committee expenses for the Forestry Committee will be included in the 2020 Draft SNC Budget to an upset limit of \$7,500/Committee.

SNC Policy Adherence: The Forestry Committee membership and meeting schedule adheres to the SNC By-laws and SNC Standing Committee Terms of Reference.


Ronda Boutz,
Team Lead, Special Projects.

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To: Forestry Committee
From: Ronda Boutz, Team Lead, Special Projects
Date: November 12, 2019
Subject: Request for Approval: Ottawa Ash Tree Replacement Program

RECOMMENDATION:

The Forestry Committee approves the carry-over of approximately \$167,000 in approved Ottawa Ash Tree Replacement Program grant funding to the 2020 Budget for payment to approved projects as they are completed; and

FURTHER THAT: The Committee approves reallocating any surplus funds from the approved projects to the next eligible project on the Program waiting list.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Ottawa approved a special levy for 2019 to continue delivering the Ottawa Ash Tree Replacement Program. The Program offers up to \$500 per tree, with a maximum of \$5,000 per applicant. A certified arborist or forestry professional must confirm the tree(s) is an ash and infected with the EAB. To qualify for the grant, removal of the infected trees must also be done by a forestry professional and a native tree(s) planted for every ash tree removed. Approved applicants have until June 30, 2020 to complete their project and submit required documentation.


As of October 19, 2019, all available funding has been allocated. A total of 94 applications are approved, allocating approximately \$197,593; resulting in the removal of 583 infected ash trees and replacement with native trees. Most of the approved projects will be completed in spring 2020.

Cost for removal and replacement varies depending on the applicant's location, number of trees to be removed, and location/accessibility of trees on the property. A summary of the approved projects is attached.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:

Compliance with Budget: Funding for the Program is included in the 2019 Budget under Science and Research: Stewardship – Forests, pages 22 and 23.

SNC Policy Adherence: Allocation of funding adheres to SNC's Purchasing Policy for approved signing limits.



Ronda Boutz,
Team Lead, Special Projects.

Attachment: Ottawa Ash Tree Replacement Program: Summary of 2019 Approved Grants



Ottawa Ash Tree Replacement Program: Summary of 2019 Approved Grants

Project Code	Grant Amount	# of Trees
2019-EAB-001	\$2,000.00	5
2019-EAB-002	\$2,500.00	5
2019-EAB-003	\$1,837.50	6
2019-EAB-004	\$500.00	1
2019-EAB-005	\$500.00	1
2019-EAB-006	\$1,900.00	4
2019-EAB-007	\$1,290.00	3
2019-EAB-008	\$3,855.00	1
2019-EAB-009	\$500.00	1
2019-EAB-010	\$500.00	2
2019-EAB-011	\$500.00	1
2019-EAB-012	\$495.00	1
2019-EAB-013	\$2,507.00	10
2019-EAB-014	\$2,350.00	10
2019-EAB-015	\$2,205.00	9
2019-EAB-016	\$2,200.00	10
2019-EAB-017	\$5,000.00	12
2019-EAB-018	\$287.50	1
2019-EAB-019	\$3,653.08	10
2019-EAB-020	\$317.50	1
2019-EAB-021	\$5,000.00	10
2019-EAB-022	\$3,365.00	10
2019-EAB-023	\$1,137.50	3
2019-EAB-024	\$500.00	1
2019-EAB-025	\$1,500.00	3
2019-EAB-026	\$1,176.00	3
2019-EAB-027	\$5,000.00	17
2019-EAB-028	\$1,000.00	2
2019-EAB-029	\$4,125.00	10
2019-EAB-030	\$2,475.00	10
2019-EAB-031	\$500.00	1
2019-EAB-032	\$500.00	1

Project Code	Grant Amount	# of Trees
2019-EAB-033	\$500.00	1
2019-EAB-034	\$500.00	1
2019-EAB-035	\$4,382.50	9
2019-EAB-036	\$300.00	1
2019-EAB-037	\$999.99	2
2019-EAB-038	\$5,000.00	10
2019-EAB-039	\$2,728.00	20
2019-EAB-040	\$1,000.00	2
2019-EAB-041	\$1,209.99	3
2019-EAB-042	\$5,000.00	12
2019-EAB-043	\$500.00	1
2019-EAB-044	\$959.98	4
2019-EAB-045	\$3,103.18	12
2019-EAB-046	\$1,630.94	7
2019-EAB-047	\$1,779.96	7
2019-EAB-048	\$500.00	1
2019-EAB-049	\$1,565.00	4
2019-EAB-050	\$725.00	2
2019-EAB-051	\$1,425.00	17
2019-EAB-052	\$3,580.00	7
2019-EAB-053	\$915.00	3
2019-EAB-054	\$2,749.95	11
2019-EAB-055	\$1,367.48	5
2019-EAB-056	\$1,000.00	2
2019-EAB-057	\$2,997.33	10
2019-EAB-058	\$5,000.00	15
2019-EAB-059	\$1,725.00	5
2019-EAB-060	\$5,000.00	10
2019-EAB-061	\$2,500.00	5
2019-EAB-062	\$2,985.00	12
2019-EAB-063	\$870.00	3
2019-EAB-064	\$1,475.00	5

Project Code	Grant Amount	# of Trees
2019-EAB-065	\$2,865.00	14
2019-EAB-066	\$3,862.50	8
2019-EAB-067	\$3,625.00	10
2019-EAB-068	\$4,210.00	10
2019-EAB-069	\$3,550.00	10
2019-EAB-070	\$2,475.00	12
2019-EAB-071	\$2,410.50	5
2019-EAB-072	\$2,725.00	10
2019-EAB-073	\$2,487.50	10
2019-EAB-074	\$500.00	1
2019-EAB-075	\$2,000.00	4
2019-EAB-076	\$2,500.00	14
2019-EAB-077	\$500.00	1
2019-EAB-078	\$1,500.00	3
2019-EAB-079	\$5,000.00	10
2019-EAB-080	\$450.00	1
2019-EAB-081	\$5,000.00	10
2019-EAB-082	\$500.00	1
2019-EAB-083	\$411.67	1
2019-EAB-084	\$554.99	2
2019-EAB-085	\$630.00	3
2019-EAB-086	\$500.00	1
2019-EAB-087	\$2,155.00	12
2019-EAB-088	\$500.00	1
2019-EAB-089	\$2,530.00	9
2019-EAB-090	\$1,500.00	3
2019-EAB-091	\$5,000.00	10
2019-EAB-092	\$500.00	3
2019-EAB-093	\$5,000.00	10
2019-EAB-094	\$5,000.00	20

Total Approved Applications: 94
Total Grants Approved: \$197,593
Total Number of Trees Replaced: 583

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To: Forestry Committee
From: Cheyene Brunet, Forestry Technician
Date: November 14, 2019
Subject: Update: Forest Ontario: 50 Million Tree Program

RECOMMENDATION:

The Forestry Committee receive and file the Forest Ontario: 50 Million Tree Program Update report.

DISCUSSION:

In June 2019 the federal government announced it is putting up \$15 million over four years to rescue the 50 million tree program which was cut by the Ontario government in April. The 50 Million Tree Program had an annual budget of \$4.7 million and had planted more than 27 million trees across the province since 2008. This new funding will essentially support the planting and growth of 10 million trees, bringing the program's total to 37 million.

The federal government program remains similar to the provincial government program with the exception of the following changes:

- Program delivery agents will be required to enter into an agreement with Forests Ontario;
- Sites must have a minimum of 500 trees planted;
- Subsidy rate is \$1.36 per seedling;
- Survival assessments required in years 2 and 5; and
- Forest Restoration/Underplanting/Climate change projects are now eligible.

This new Federal funding will allow SNC to deliver a status quo tree planting program; offering the \$0.50 and \$0.20 subsidy for hardwoods and conifers respectively, to eligible property owners.

South Nation currently has 127,120 trees reserved for spring 2020 which includes: 55,100 trees at Larose Forest, 66,720 trees through the Forest Ontario program and 5,650 trees through the over the counter program.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:


Compliance with Budget: The tree planting program is included in the 2019 Budget under Stewardship, Forests, page 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



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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.

for: 
Cheyene Brunet,
Forestry Technician.

Attachments: Forests Ontario's 50 Million Tree Program Guidelines



Forests Ontario's 50 Million Tree Program Guidelines

Program Requirements and Subsidies

- PDAs will be required to enter into an agreement with Forests Ontario outlining allocation and rates, reporting requirements and deadlines, stock standards, program criteria and program guidelines.
- To be considered eligible for subsidy from Forests Ontario, seedlings must be ordered through one of the following four nurseries: Somerville Seedlings, Ferguson Tree Nursery, Richardson's Pineneedle Farms or St Williams Nursery and Ecology Center.
 - Please note, orders placed through other nurseries may be considered for funding on a case by case basis but only if a written request has been submitted and is approved by Forests Ontario prior to ordering taking place.
- All projects are required to have a site plan submitted to Forests Ontario's on-line reporting systems by end of day **February 1st**.
- All projects are required to have a post-planting report submitted to the Forests Ontario's on-line reporting systems by end of day **July 31st** or **September 30th** (fall plantings).
- Subsidy rate is **\$1.36** per seedling based on allocation provided by Forests Ontario:
 - \$1.16 per seedling will be paid to PDA upon site plan approval.
 - \$0.20 per seedling will be paid to PDA upon post-plant report approval.
- A total of \$0.05 per seedling will be paid upon entry of survival assessments for growing years two and five (e.g. – seedlings planted in 2020 will be assessed for survival in fall 2021 (growing year 2) and fall 2024 (growing year five)). Failure to complete survival assessments may inhibit approval of future funding.
 - Survival assessments are due for submission to the Forests Ontario database by end of day **November 30th**.
- Landowners will be required to enter into a fifteen (15) year agreement
- Funding for Refill applications will be considered on a first come first served basis and are open until end of day on **November 30th**.
 - Sites must be < 60% survival to be eligible for refill.

Eligible Site Criteria

- Site Plans will be required for funding and must be submitted through Forests Ontario's on-line reporting systems no later than end of day on **February 1st**
- Post-planting reports are required for funding and must be submitted to the Forests Ontario on-line reporting systems by **July 31st** or **September 30th** (for fall plantings) of the planting year
- Sites must have a minimum of 500 trees planted

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- Maximum of eight (8) species per site
- Density requirements should fall within recommendations for specific project type (see “Project Types”)
- PDA’s must use stock that meets Stock Standards
- Source identified species with lot numbers are **required**, native species and non-native, non-invasive species (e.g. – Norway Spruce, European Large) are **strongly recommended**
- Riparian, windrow, and forest restoration/climate change project types (e.g. fire, flooding, windthrow, ice storm damage, insects (EAB)) are eligible provided there is a minimum of 500 trees planted, for further details please see “Project Types”
- Reforestation sites will not be considered eligible (areas harvested for timber, firewood, etc.)
- Trees must not be planted for the purpose of growing Christmas Trees, Landscape Stock production or reforestation.
- Sites that are shallow, infertile, drought prone or very wet that are expected to limit tree growth or survival should be avoided due to survival outcomes
- Property may be on privately or publicly owned land in Ontario (e.g. municipal lands, parks, idle farm land etc.)

Project Types

Riparian Planting

A site that lines the edges of water or waterbodies such as creeks, streams, ponds and rivers.

- Recommend planting at top of bank to ensure trees have strong chances of survival and not within possible flood paths
- Recommended spacing of 6’ x 6’ or 8’ x 8’ or minimum of 2 metres
- Staggered planting is recommended
- Photos and site description will be required with proposed species upon site submission to Forests Ontario.
- Drainage and soil conditions will also be required to submit sites to Forests Ontario

Windrow

A row(s) of trees planted to act as a windbreak or wildlife corridor.

- Recommended spacing of 6’ x 6’ or 8’ x 8’ or minimum of 2 metres
- <https://www.ontariowoodlot.com/publications-and-links/owa-publications/extension-notes/designing-and-caring-for-windbreaks>



Forest Restoration/Underplanting/Climate Change

Sites that have been impacted by Climate Change such as fire, windthrow, insects (EAB) or others and/or require an underplanting to establish regeneration for future forest growth.

- New trees should be spaced a minimum of 2 metres away from existing native trees on site
- Recommended spacing of 6' x 6' or 8' x 8' or minimum of 2 metres



To: Forestry Committee
From: Ronda Boutz, Team Lead, Special Projects
Pat Piitz, Team Lead, Property
Date: November 12, 2019
Subject: Update: 2019 Year End Report

RECOMMENDATION:

The Forestry Committee receive and file the 2019 Year End report update.

DISCUSSION:

The Property and Forestry Teams are responsible for the safe and efficient management of all South Nation Conservation lands and Conservation Areas (CA). The Teams work with landowners to implement stewardship projects on private land that improve forest cover across the jurisdiction. Each year, the Teams undertake a wide variety of projects which provide cost-effective, professional services, to member Municipalities and partner organizations. The Teams also provides support to other SNC staff on a variety of program deliverables.

Accomplishments in 2019 include:

1. Resource Management
 - Developed annual work plans and budgets for Forestry and Property Teams
 - 4 Forestry Committee meetings and 1 SNC Joint Standing Committees meeting
2. Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry County Forest
 - Forest Administration:
 - 2018 Annual report prepared and presented to Council.
 - Completed annual review of High Conservation Values (published on County website)
 - Completed annual reporting to Forest Stewardship Council
 - Forest Operations:
 - Harvest SDG County Forest Compartments 20/21/22/23: 45.8 hectares
 - Prepared two silvicultural prescription for 70.8 hectares
 - Completed tree marking on 132.3 hectares
 - Completed butternut health assessment on 61.5 hectares.
 - Tree planting: SDG 55 – 5400 seedlings
 - Property Management:
 - Property inspections (2): potential acquisitions
 - Property inspection: pipeline maintenance



3. Tree Risk Assessments

- Completed tree risk assessments within 5 Conservation Areas:

Conservation Area	Level II		Level I	Total
	Assessment		Assessment	
	> 10 cm.	< 10 cm.		
Jessup's Falls	78	31	160	269
Cass Bridge	142	6	0	148
St. Albert	8	0	0	8
J. Henry Tweed	8	0	258	266
W.E. Burton	8	0	63	
High Falls	In Progress			
Total	244	37	481	762

- Tree Removals: 75+ trees (all sizes)

4. Forest Conservation

- Implemented recommendations from the Protecting and Improving Forest Cover in the South Nation Conservation Jurisdiction report, including:
 - Tree planting subsidies for over the counter tree seedling purchases to establish windbreaks or shoreline buffers
 - Plantation tour targeted to previous tree planting property owners to educate them on managing different plantation woodlots
 - Tree Give-aways in partnership with all 16 SNC member municipalities (including 3 City of Ottawa Wards)
 - Communication products to promote forest conservation

5. SNC Forest

- Renewed SNC Conservation Lands Tax Incentive Program (542.1 hectares)
- Completed 2018 SNC Forest Annual Report
- Completed 2020 SNC Forest Annual Operating Plan
- Completed 1 harvest inspections; others in progress
- Completed a review of High Conservation Value
- Completed six silvicultural prescriptions for 82.2 hectares (SNC5; SNC7; SNC18; SNC25; SNC160; SNC164)
- Completed 69.7 hectares tree marking
- Completed 8.0 hectares tree planting: 6,000 seedlings (SNC 13; SNC 23)
- In-progress 32.2-hectare harvest in South Dundas (SNC 2/3)
- In-progress 30.4-hectare harvest in North Stormont (SNC 25)

6. Stewardship:

Tree Planting:

- 137,070 seedlings planted in spring 2019



- 200 potted trees and shrubs planted through special projects (TD Tree Days, L'Academie De La Seigneurie)
- In-progress 62-shrub planting at J Henry Tweed (74 trees to be planted spring 2020)
- 3 caliper trees planted through special projects (Saint Viateur Elementary)
- 32 site visits were conducted for spring 2020 planting
- 64 seedling survival assessments completed
- Administered and supervised 2 tree planting contracts, 1 tending contract and 2 site preparation contracts

Woodlot Advisory Service:

- 0 site visits with landowners were conducted in the United Counties of Prescott and Russell
- 22 site visits with landowners were conducted in the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry
- Awarded 23 eligible landowners, up to \$500 in grants for Forest Management Plans in the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry
 - 1,504.73 acres of forest are now managed
- Awarded 20 eligible landowners, up to \$500 in grants for Forest Management Plans in the United Counties of Prescott and Russell
 - 1,177.79 acres of forest are now managed

Ottawa Ash Tree Replacement Program:

- 94 applications approved
- \$197,593 grants awarded
- 583 ash trees replaced with native trees (potted or caliper stock)

7. Projects

SDG Roadside Tree Project:

- Planted 542 trees (4 species) at 5 sites on County Roads in SDG

UCPR Roadside Tree Project:

- Planted 240 trees (2 species) at 1 site on a County Road 17 (Old Highway 17) in UCPR

Butternut Compensation Project:

- Survival assessment and reporting at the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal compensation project site on Blair Road
- Survival assessment and reporting at South Dundas compensation project site at Reveler Conservation Area
- Replanting, tending and watering as required

Ontario Power Generation (OPG) Biodiversity Project:

- Larose Site



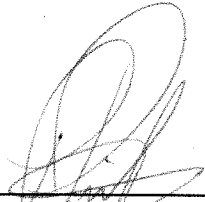
- Completed survival assessment of 2018 planting and replaced 240 plants that did not survive
- Completed invasive Phragmites herbicide application using hand-wicking method.
- Participated in OPG video to highlight work completed through the Regional Biodiversity Program
- J. Henry Tweed Conservation Area
 - Designed and completed two restoration projects to stabilize the shoreline and plant native trees and shrubs to increase biodiversity
- Buffer Demonstration Site
 - Completed landowner workshop in partnership with Boisés Est
 - Completed Specialist High Skills Major certification at the Brinston buffer site and installed coconut mats around buffer plantings with the students
 - Built birdhouses in partnership with local schools and the Friends of the Sanctuary

EcoAction Buffer Demonstration Project:


- Established 4 buffer demonstration sites and planted a combined total of approximately 2,000 potted and caliper native fruit and nut trees/shrubs and approximately 16 kg of native grass seed
 - Completed 3 Specialist High Skills Major certifications and planted the trees/shrubs at the buffer sites with the students
 - 1 elementary school and 1 Scouts Canada group also assisted with two of the planting sites
- Designed signage and a factsheet on the project
- Produced a short video on the project for social media
- Presented the Project at the A.D. Latonnell Conservation Symposium

Western Chorus Frog Habitat Project:

- Designed and constructed 10 vernal pools at 2 SNC properties (5 pools on each) in partnership with Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
- Installed staff gauges in the pools to monitor water levels in 2020
- Provided ECCC with an interim project report



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