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## **Board of Directors**

# **Meeting Agenda**

**Date:** February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Time:** 9:00 am

**Location:** Watershed Room, SNC

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



## Board of Directors

# Meeting Agenda

February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9:00 am

1. Chair's Remarks
  2. Approval of SNC Board of Directors Agenda (Supplemental Agenda)
  3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
  4. SNC Project Update – Powerpoint Presentation: Staff
  5. Request for Approval:
    - a. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 4-13
    - b. SNC Committee Meeting Highlights and Minutes of: 14
      - i. Communications Committee meeting minutes of January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 15-20
  6. New Business:
    - a. Enlargement of Conservation Authority's Area: City of Clarence Rockland: Angela 21-25
    - b. Request for Approval: Upper South Nation Subwatershed Report Card: Katherine 26-35
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  - b. Letter: to Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry:  
Forest Sector Strategy 59-60
  - c. La Nation Municipality: Council Resolution of Support for  
Conservation Authorities 61
10. Dates of Upcoming Meetings, third Thursday, at 9:00 a.m. unless indicated otherwise:
  - March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (*Annual General Meeting – Board Member Photo*)
  - April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020
  - May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020
  - June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020
11. Future Motions of the Board and/or Discussion of SNC Issues
12. Closed Session
  - a. Update: SNC Property Legal Matter: Vincent Dagenais Gibson LLP (verbal)
13. Adjournment

For

Angela Coleman,  
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer.

/dm



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.  
 Meeting No. 01/20

Watershed Room, SNC



**Directors Present:**

Bill Smirle, Stormont Dundas Glengarry, Chair  
 George Darouze, City of Ottawa, Vice Chair  
 Doug Thompson, City of Ottawa, Past Chair  
 Michael Brown, City of Ottawa  
 Steve Densham, Stormont Dundas Glengarry  
 Dana Farcasiu, Leeds Grenville  
 Gerrie Kautz, City of Ottawa  
 Archie Mellan, Stormont Dundas Glengarry  
 Peggy Taylor, Leeds Grenville  
 François St. Amour, Prescott Russell

**Regrets:**

Stephen Blais, City of Ottawa  
 Daniel Lafleur, Prescott Russell  
 Pierre Leroux, Prescott Russell

**Staff Present:**

Angela Coleman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer  
 Carl Bickerdike, Team Lead, Corporate Services  
 Ronda Boutz, Team Lead, Special Projects  
 Cheyene Brunet, Forestry Technician  
 Taylor Campbell, Communications Specialist  
 Michelle Cavanagh, Team Lead, Stewardship  
 Laura Crites, Planning Assistant  
 Philip Duncan, Property and Approvals Assistant II  
 Deborah Edwards, Accounting Assistant II  
 David Fitch, Works Superintendent Assistant  
 Nirali Gosai, Engineering Assistant II  
 Brent Harbers, Watershed Biologist  
 James Holland, Watershed Planner  
 Carley Hutchinson, Stewardship Student  
 Linda Hutchinson, Director, Organization Effectiveness  
 Delaney Jacobs, GIS Technician  
 Omar Kana'n, Water Resources Specialist - Engineering  
 Naomi Langlois-Anderson, Senior Fish and Wildlife Technician  
 Michel Leger, Community Lands Representative  
 Dianne MacMillan, Administrative Assistant II  
 Sandra Mancini, Team Lead, Engineering  
 Alison McDonald, Team Lead, Planning  
 Hannah McMillan, Accounting Analyst



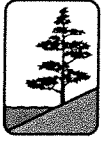
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Michael Melaney, Hydrogeologist  
John Mesman, Team Lead, Communications and Outreach  
Geoff Owens, Regulations Officer  
Karen Paquette, Fisheries Technician  
Pat Piitz, Team Lead, Property  
Ryan Robson, Resource Technician  
Monique Sauve, Lead Inspector, Septic Systems  
David Scholz, Approvals and Administrative Assistant  
Kelsey Smith, Stewardship and Outreach Assistant  
Jason Symington, Environmental Technologist  
Simon Thibeault, Accountant  
Katherine Watson, Water Resources Specialist - Monitoring  
Bradley Wright, Watershed Planner  
Michelle Yu, Engineering Assistant

Guests:

Murray Inch, Standing Committee Member





RESOLVED THAT:

The Members approve the Board of Directors meeting minutes of December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as submitted.

CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS**

**UPDATE: MUNICIPAL JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY**

RESOLUTION NO. BD-003/20

Moved by: Steve Densham  
Seconded by: François St. Amour

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the Attorney General's letter to municipal councils regarding consultation on joint and several liability and municipal insurance costs; and

FURTHER THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the Association of Municipalities Ontario response submission of the Attorney General; and

FURTHER THAT:

Staff prepare a submission to Conservation Ontario.

CARRIED

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: 2020 SNC INSURANCE**

RESOLUTION NO. BD-004/20

Moved by: Dana Farcasiu  
Seconded by: Gerrie Kautz

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve the renewal of the Authority's insurance with Marsh Canada Limited at an upset limit of approximately \$88,700 including HST.

CARRIED



**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: CONSERVATION ONTARIO LEVY**

RESOLUTION NO. BD-005/20

Moved by: George Darouze  
Seconded by: Doug Thompson

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve the payment of the 2020 Conservation Ontario Levy of \$35,509, payable in two installments of \$17,754.50.

CARRIED

**The Board of Directors recessed at 10:38 a.m.**

**The Chair reconvened the Board of Directors meeting at 10:50 a.m.**

**Doug Thompson, City of Ottawa, left the meeting at 10:40 a.m.**

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: ANNUAL AUTHORITY APPROVALS**

RESOLUTION NO. BD-006/20

Moved by: George Darouze  
Seconded by: Dana Farcasiu

RESOLVED THAT:

For banking purposes, the Authority signing officers be one of: Chairman; Vice-Chairman; or Past Chairman; and one of: General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer; Director, Organization Effectiveness; or Team Lead, Corporate Services. For all other purposes, that fall within their signing limit and/or there is a Board Resolution, any of the above; and

FURTHER THAT:

1. The signing officers are authorized to borrow up to \$1,000,000 for the operation of the South Nation River Conservation Authority, if required.
2. Staff be authorized to continue the use of alternative signatures, such as the signature stamp for signing cheques up to \$10,000, or other limits requested by the Board of Directors, or any other electronic signatures introduced in conjunction with our accounting software. These tools are in the custody of the Director,





Organization Effectiveness. The Director may delegate the use of these tools to his/her delegate.

3. Staff continue to utilize various banking features to make payments more cost efficient for SNC, for example: the use of internet banking, electronic fund transfer (EFT) and/or by other electronic means. All payments are presented regularly to the Board of Directors for approval in the "Monies Received and Disbursement Register for the period".
4. The law firm of Ault & Ault, Winchester be appointed as solicitor for general Authority business, and that Emond Harnden, Ottawa be appointed the Authority's Human Resource legal counsel, at a total approximate cost of \$40,000 plus HST. Where in the best interest of the Authority, staff may engage other specialized legal services.
5. The Chartered Accountants Firm of Baker Tilly REO LLP, Winchester be appointed Auditors at an approximate cost of \$24,500 plus HST and Management sign engagement letter.
6. The Royal Bank, Winchester Branch, be the Authority Bank.

CARRIED

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

RESOLUTION NO. BD-007/20

Moved by:

François St. Amour

Seconded by:

Dana Farcasiu



RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve entering into a Funding Agreement with the United Counties of Prescott and Russell to complete the Larose Forest low impact development project at an approximate value of \$22,000; and

FURTHER THAT:

The Board of Directors approve undertaking the project.

CARRIED

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA AGREEMENT**

RESOLUTION NO. BD-008/20

Moved by: Archie Mellan  
Seconded by: Michael Brown

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve entering into an agreement with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, to support updates to the flood forecasting model, at an approximate amount of \$10,000.

CARRIED

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: FUNDING APPLICATIONS**

RESOLUTION NO. BD-009/20

Moved by: Dana Farcasiu  
Seconded by: François St. Amour

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve the submission of the following funding applications:

1. Ontario Power Generation (OPG) Regional Biodiversity Program: requesting up to \$225,000, over 3 years for biodiversity enhancement projects on South Nation Conservation properties.



- 2. RBC Tech for Nature: requesting up to \$75,000, over 2 years for the York Creek Catchment Study.

CARRIED

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: 2020 SNC FOREST HARVEST SCHEDULE**

RESOLUTION NO. BD-010/20

Moved by: Gerrie Kautz  
Seconded by: Archie Mellan

RESOLVED THAT:

The SNC Board of Directors approve the 2020 SNC Forest Harvest Schedule.

CARRIED

**UPDATE: OSCHMANN FOREST AND MAPLE PROGRAM**

Angela Coleman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, having declared a potential conflict of interest, left the room during debate and voting regarding this report. Linda Hutchinson, Director, Organization Effectiveness assumed the position of Acting General Manager/Secretary Treasurer for the duration of this report.

RESOLUTION NO. BD-011/20

Moved by: Michael Brown  
Seconded by: Dana Farcasiu

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the update on the Oschmann Forest property development and the Maple Education Program; and

FURTHER THAT:

The Board of Directors approve launching an Expression of Interest for maple sap collection and sale at Oschmann Forest to area maple syrup producers.

CARRIED

**UPDATE: FLOOD RISK MAPPING**

RESOLUTION NO. BD-012/20

Moved by: George Darouze  
Seconded by: Peggy Taylor

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the South Castor River and Shaw's Creek Flood



Risk Mapping reports and associated maps;  
and

FURTHER THAT:

The final report, with feedback received at the January 29<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> open houses, be brought to the February Board of Directors meeting for approval.

CARRIED

**UPDATE: PLANNING ACTIVITY**

RESOLUTION NO. BD-013/20

Moved by: Archie Mellan  
Seconded by: Dana Farcasiu

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the Planning Activity update.

CARRIED

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: PERMITS ISSUED**

RESOLUTION NO. BD-014/20

Moved by: François St. Amour  
Seconded by: George Darouze

RESOLVED THAT:

The SNC Board of Directors approve permits 1-4 issued under Ontario Regulation 170/06 Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses.

CARRIED

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: MONIES RECEIVED AND DISBURSEMENT REGISTER FOR DECEMBER 2019**

RESOLUTION NO. BD-015/20

Moved by: George Darouze  
Seconded by: Peggy Taylor

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the monies received report for December 2019; and



FURTHER THAT:

The Board approve the Disbursement Register of \$705,795.59 for December 2019.

CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Letter: Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks

**DATES OF UPCOMING MEETINGS, THIRD THURSDAY, AT 9:00 A.M., UNLESS INDICATED OTHERWISE**

- February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – (OGRA: February 23-25, 2020)
- March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (*Annual General Meeting - Board Member Photo*)
- April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020

**FUTURE MOTIONS OF THE BOARD AND/OR DISCUSSION OF SNC ISSUES**

Peggy Taylor, Leeds Grenville, updated Board Members on the Edwardsburgh Land Assembly.

Angela Coleman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer provided Board Members with the Drainage Act discussion paper. Chair Smirle requested Board Members submit comments to SNC by February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**ADJOURNMENT**

RESOLUTION NO. BD-016/20

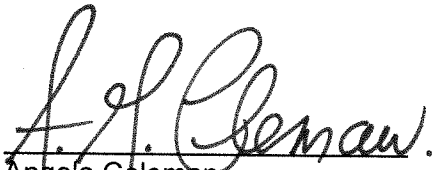
Moved by: François St. Amour  
Seconded by: George Darouze

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors meeting of January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 be adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

CARRIED

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Bill Smirle,  
Chair.

  
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Angela Coleman,  
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer.

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Review by SNC

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**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** John Mesman, Team Lead, Communications  
**Date:** February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
**Subject:** Request for Approval: SNC Committee Meeting Highlights and Minutes

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Board of Directors approve the actions and recommendations of the Communications Committee meeting minutes of January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**DISCUSSION:**

Communications Committee Meeting of January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020

- Received updates on:
  - Stream of Dreams Education Program
  - Maple Education Program
  - 2019 Social Media and Website Overview
  - Geocaching on Community Lands
  - Event Attendance
  
- Communications Committee made the following recommendations for approval:
  - Community Environmental Grants in the amount of \$300 each to: The Chesterville and District Agricultural Society, the River Institute, and the Greely Community Association.
  - 2019 Annual Report

John Mesman,  
Team Lead, Communications.

Attachment



**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday January 29, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.  
 South Nation Conservation



**Present:**

- Charles Armstrong, Public Citizen
- Gerrie Kautz, Board of Directors
- Tim Jackson, Public Citizen
- Lawrence Levere, Past Board Member
- Cindy Saucier, Councillor, Russell
- Bill Smirle, Board of Directors, Chair, ex-officio
- Karen Switzer-Howse, Public Citizen
- Peggy Taylor, Chair, Communications Committee
- Doug Thompson, Board of Directors, Past Chair, ex-officio
- Tom Van Dusen, Public Citizen
- Byron Vienneau, Public Citizen
- Gary Barton, Public Citizen

**Regrets:**

- Gerry Boyce, Public Citizen
- Murray Inch, Public Citizen

**Absent:**

- Fran Patenaude, Public Citizen

**Staff:**

- John Mesman, Team Lead, Communications
- Taylor Campbell, Communications Specialist
- Karen Paquette, Fisheries Technician
- Kelsey Smith, Stewardship and Outreach Assistant

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RESOLVED THAT: The Communications Committee receive and file the Stream of Dreams education program update.

FURTHER THAT: The Communications Committee approve the presented user fees for the Stream of Dreams Education program.

CARRIED

**2019 ANNUAL REPORT**

RESOLUTION NO. CMN-04/20 Moved by: Byron Vienneau  
Seconded by: Lawrence Levere

RESOLVED THAT: That the Communications Committee recommend that the Board of Directors approve the 2019 Annual Report, to be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED

**MAPLE EDUCATION PROGRAM UPDATE**

RESOLUTION NO. CMN-05/20 Moved by: Karen Switzer-Howse  
Seconded by: Tom Van Dusen

RESOLVED THAT: The Communications Committee receive and file the Maple Education update.

CARRIED

**The Committee took a break at 10:25 am.  
The Chair reconvened the meeting at 10:35 am.**

**COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS**

RESOLUTION NO. CMN-06/20 Moved by: Charles Armstrong  
Seconded by: Gary Barton



RESOLVED THAT:

The Communications Committee recommend the Board of Directors approve the disbursement of Community Environmental Grants in the amount of \$300 to: The Chesterville and District Agricultural Society, the River Institute and the Greely Community Association.

CARRIED

**2019 SOCIAL MEDIA AND WEBSITE OVERVIEW**

RESOLUTION NO. CMN-07/20

Moved by: Charles Armstrong  
Seconded by: Gerrie Kautz

RESOLVED THAT:

The Communications Committee receive and file the 2019 Social Media and Website Overview Update.

CARRIED

**PROGRAM UPDATE: GEOCACHING ON COMMUNITY LANDS**

RESOLUTION NO. CMN-08/20

Moved by: Lawrence Levere  
Seconded by: Doug Thompson

RESOLVED THAT:

The Communications Committee receive and file the update on SNC's Geocaching on Community Lands Program.

CARRIED

**2019 EVENT ATTENDANCE**

RESOLUTION NO. CMN-09/20

Moved by: Tom Van Dusen  
Seconded by: Cindy Saucier

RESOLVED THAT:

The Communications Committee receive and file the report on 2020 event attendance.

CARRIED



## ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

The Communications Committee discussed the following topics:

- Lawrence mentioned that Provincial Minister Steve Clark and the Leeds and Grenville Warden are meeting with the IJC to discuss St. Lawrence River water levels. The Port of Johnstown has expanded and added a new grain elevator. The Prescott Journal has closed, the Martel family have instead started the South Grenville Journal, a weekly publication to replace the Prescott Journal.
- Byron mentioned that the committee should consider online voting for Community Environmental Grants, instead of approving retroactively. Comments were shared around past online voting procedures and updates to the committee Terms of Reference.
- Gerrie shared golf tournament plans with SNC to enhance tournament offering and fundraising efforts.
- Charles provided an update on the Russell environmental awareness group and activities related to the Taggart-Miller citizen advisory committee linking conversations between CPAWS and local community groups to support environmental land securement.
- Bill gave an update on presentations to SDG municipal councils – presents every 4-6 weeks. Recently did a presentation with Dana Farcasiu to the North Grenville Environmental Committee. Bill also commented on the tree giveaways as well as committee mandates that is to be updated this year.
- Cindy is presenting an SNC presentation to the Russell Environmental Committee and mentioned that SNC will once again be doing a tree giveaway for each municipality within the jurisdiction.
- Tim is supportive of electronic voting for Community Environmental grants and updates to the committee Terms of Reference.
- Tom is supportive of current committee structure mandate and supports the current number of meetings held. Tom also commented on the stories in the 2019 Annual Report and is very supportive of the streambank restorations programs on farms.



He would like to bring Marc Berciers' name forward as a Friend of SNC. Tom provided updates on Save our Lake, this was Taggart-Millers first landfill site, comments on desire for land securement.

- Karen made comments on the geocaching program and the new updates made to the SNC website. Doug supports electronic voting for community environmental grants as well as retroactively approving them. He shared support for the community environmental grants which support good, local causes and events.
- Gary shared that there is good value of integrated roles with community groups and politicians.

**NEXT MEETING:**

- Thursday, March 5, 2020, 9:00 a.m., SNC

**ADJOURNMENT:**

RESOLUTION NO. CMN-011/20      Moved by: Lawrence Levere


RESOLVED THAT:                      The Communications Committee meeting of  
January 29, 2020 be adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

CARRIED

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Peggy Taylor,  
Committee Chair.

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John Mesman,  
Team Lead, Communications.



**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Angela Coleman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer  
**Date:** February 20, 2020  
**Subject:** Enlargement of Conservation Authority's Area: City of Clarence-Rockland

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**WHEREAS** the City of Clarence-Rockland, a participating municipality of the South Nation River Conservation Authority, requested a meeting of the South Nation River Conservation Authority to consider the enlargement of the area over which South Nation River Conservation Authority has jurisdiction to include the entire jurisdiction of the City of Clarence-Rockland, in accordance with Section 10(1) of the *Conservation Authorities Act*;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the City of Clarence-Rockland seeks a phased in annual increase to their General Levy and Forested Land Levy to the South Nation River Conservation Authority over a three-year period;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Directors approve the enlargement of the area over which the South Nation River Conservation Authority has jurisdiction to include the entirety of the City of Clarence-Rockland, not currently within the jurisdiction of the South Nation River Conservation Authority, [Note: 3% of Clarence-Rockland remains in the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority and is not impacted by this enlargement], in accordance with Section 10(4) of the *Conservation Authorities Act*;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Board of Directors designates the enlarged area over which the Authority has jurisdiction to include all of the City of Clarence-Rockland, [Note: 3% of Clarence-Rockland remains in the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority and is not impacted by this enlargement].

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**DISCUSSION:**

The City of Clarence-Rockland and South Nation River Conservation Authority (the "Authority") undertakes the following steps to expand the Authority's area of jurisdiction, in accordance with Section 10 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* (the "Act"):

1. **Municipal resolution seeking enlargement of Area:**

The council of a municipality that is completely or partly outside the jurisdiction of a conservation authority may call a meeting to consider the enlargement over the area which the conservation authority has jurisdiction to include an area specified by the municipality [ss. 10(1)].

On February 3, 2020, the City of Clarence-Rockland, a participating municipality of the Authority that is partially outside the jurisdiction of the Authority, passed a resolution calling for a meeting of the Authority to consider enlargement of the



jurisdiction of the Authority to include the entire jurisdiction of the City of Clarence-Rockland [Regular Meeting Resolution 2020-15, attached];

2. **Notice of meeting of the Authority to consider enlargement of Area:**

The conservation authority must give notice of the meeting to consider enlargement to each participating municipality of the Authority as well as the municipality that is considering enlargement of the Authority's area [ss. 10(1.1)]. SNC gave notice of the meeting to consider enlargement via electronic and standard mail to its participating municipalities and the City of Clarence-Rockland on February 6, 2020.

3. **Municipal Representatives:**

Municipal representatives at the meeting consist of the appointed SNC Board of Directors members as prescribed under of Section 2(2) of the Act subject to Order in Council 316/96 and SNC's Administrative By-Laws 2018. Quorum consists of two-thirds of the SNC Board of Directors and the resolution to approve enlargement must be passed by at least two-thirds of the voting members present [ss. 10(3) and 10(5)].

4. **Resolution to enlarge Area:**

At the meeting to consider enlargement of jurisdiction, a resolution may be passed to do all of the following: (1) agree to enlarge the area over which the authority has jurisdiction, (2) designate participating municipalities for the enlarged area, and (3) designate the enlarged area over which the authority has jurisdiction [ss. 10(4)].

On February 20, 2020, the Authority will consider the above resolution to enlarge the Area over which the Authority has jurisdiction in the participating municipality of the City of Clarence-Rockland to include the entire jurisdiction of the City of Clarence-Rockland not currently within the jurisdiction of the South Nation River Conservation Authority.

5. **Effect of Resolution:**

Notice of this resolution shall be immediately provided to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry (the "Ministers") informing them of the enlargement of the Authority. The resolution takes effect on the terms specified despite anything to the contrary in the Authority's establishing order in council [ss. 10(6)]. SNC shall assist the City of Clarence-Rockland in promptly forwarding the resolution passed at this meeting to the Ministers [ss. 10(7)].



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**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:**

Compliance with Budget:

The City of Clarence-Rockland's pre-expansion General and Forested Land Levy for 2020 is \$126,345.13. Year 1 (2020) of the jurisdiction enlargement will increase the City of Clarence-Rockland's General and Forested Land Levy by \$14,623.28 for a total of \$140,968.41.

The proceeding two years of the phased annual increase is dependent on levy apportionment and the City of Clarence-Rockland's annual growth. The following ranges are approximate and will be adjusted in the year of the applicable levy payment.

Payments in addition to current levy:

Year 2 (2021) - \$29,500 to \$30,000

Year 3 (2022) - \$45,000 to \$46,500

SNC Policy Adherence:

The enlargement of the Authority's area of jurisdiction is compliant with the Authority's policies.

Angela Coleman  
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

Attachment: City of Clarence-Rockland Resolution 2020-15

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CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF  
CLARENCE-ROCKLAND  
REGULAR MEETING

RESOLUTION

**Resolution:** 2020-15  
**Title:** Resolution to request a South Nation River Conservation Authority Jurisdiction Expansion  
**Date:** February 3, 2020

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**Moved by** Michel Levert  
**Seconded by** Don Bouchard

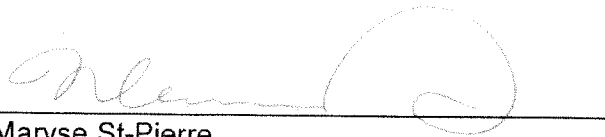
**WHEREAS** the City of Clarence-Rockland is partly within the current jurisdiction of the South Nation River Conservation Authority (SNRCA); and

**WHEREAS** the Council of the City of Clarence-Rockland deems it necessary and advantageous to expand SNRCA's jurisdiction to include the entire jurisdiction of the City of Clarence-Rockland; and

**WHEREAS** a request can be made to the SNRCA Board of Directors to introduce an increase in municipal levy for jurisdiction expansion over a period of three (3) years;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the City of Clarence-Rockland requests a meeting of the South Nation River Conservation Authority Board of Directors to consider the expansion of the South Nation River Conservation Authority's jurisdiction to include the entire jurisdiction of the City of Clarence-Rockland with an increase in the municipal levy introduced over a period of three (3) years.

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Maryse St-Pierre  
Deputy Clerk

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February 6, 2020

Nation Municipality  
958 Route 500 West  
Casselman, ON K0A 1M0

Attention: Mayor François St. Amour, Municipal Council

The City of Clarence-Rockland, a participating municipality of South Nation River Conservation Authority, requests a meeting to consider the enlargement of the area over which South Nation River Conservation Authority has jurisdiction to include the entire jurisdiction of the City of Clarence-Rockland [note: 3% remains within the jurisdiction of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority].

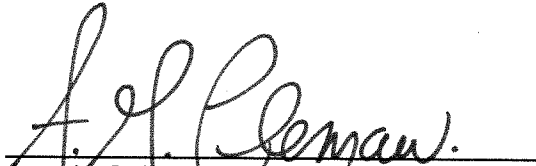
The City of Clarence-Rockland Regular Meeting (of Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020) Resolution 2020-15 is attached.

South Nation Conservation will host the meeting to consider enlargement on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. at the South Nation Conservation Administrative Office, 38 Victoria Street, Finch, Ontario.

You are receiving this letter in accordance with the notice requirement under Subsection 10(1.1) of the *Conservation Authorities Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27.

Our Board of Directors will consider this matter; your municipality is welcome to attend should you wish.

Sincerely,

  
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Angela Coleman,  
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer  
South Nation Conservation



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**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Katherine Watson, Water Resources Specialist  
**Date:** February 6, 2020  
**Subject:** Request for Approval: Upper South Nation Subwatershed Report Card

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Board of Directors approve the Upper South Nation Subwatershed Report Card report.

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**DISCUSSION:**

The Upper South Nation Subwatershed Report Card provides information on the state of forest, wetland and surface water quality conditions within the headwaters of the South Nation River and the South Branch of the South Nation River. This area includes several municipalities including Elizabethtown-Kitley, Augusta, North Grenville, Edwardsburgh-Cardinal, North Dundas, and South Dundas.

The main objectives are to assess resource conditions using published guidelines and objectives and to communicate the information to partner agencies and watershed residents. Some findings are summarized below.

*Forest Conditions*

- Overall, forest conditions are good. Total forest cover is 40% and interior forest cover is 13%. Riparian cover is low at 29% and needs improvement (based on 2014 DRAPE Imagery).

*Wetland Conditions*

- The South Nation River arises out of a series of wetlands in the upper reaches of the jurisdiction. Wetland conditions are excellent at 25% (based on best available data).

*Water Quality Conditions*

- The biological condition of streams is generally fair (data collected 2014 – 2018). A correlation exists between the amount of natural cover on the landscape, particularly forest cover, and the condition of surface water resources.

*Natural Heritage Features*

- Most forest and wetland cover is owned and managed by private landowners, highlighting the importance of working with watershed residents.



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**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:**

Compliance with Budget: Project included in the 2019 budget: Resource Management; Monitoring and Restoration: pages 16-17.

SNC Policy Adherence: All purchases followed SNC Purchasing Policy for purchases \$200-\$5,000. All field work followed SNC's Health and Safety Policies.

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Katherine Watson,  
Water Resources Specialist.



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# UPPER SOUTH NATION

SUBWATERSHED REPORT CARD

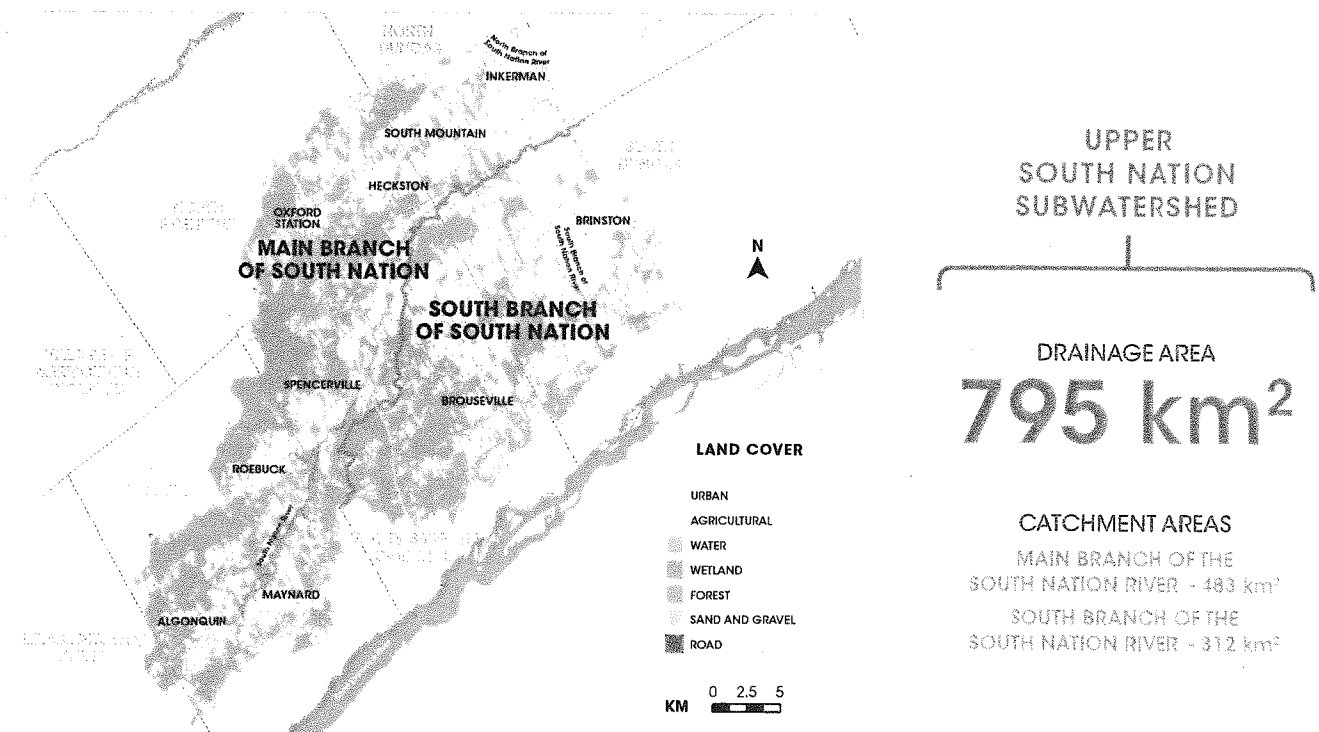
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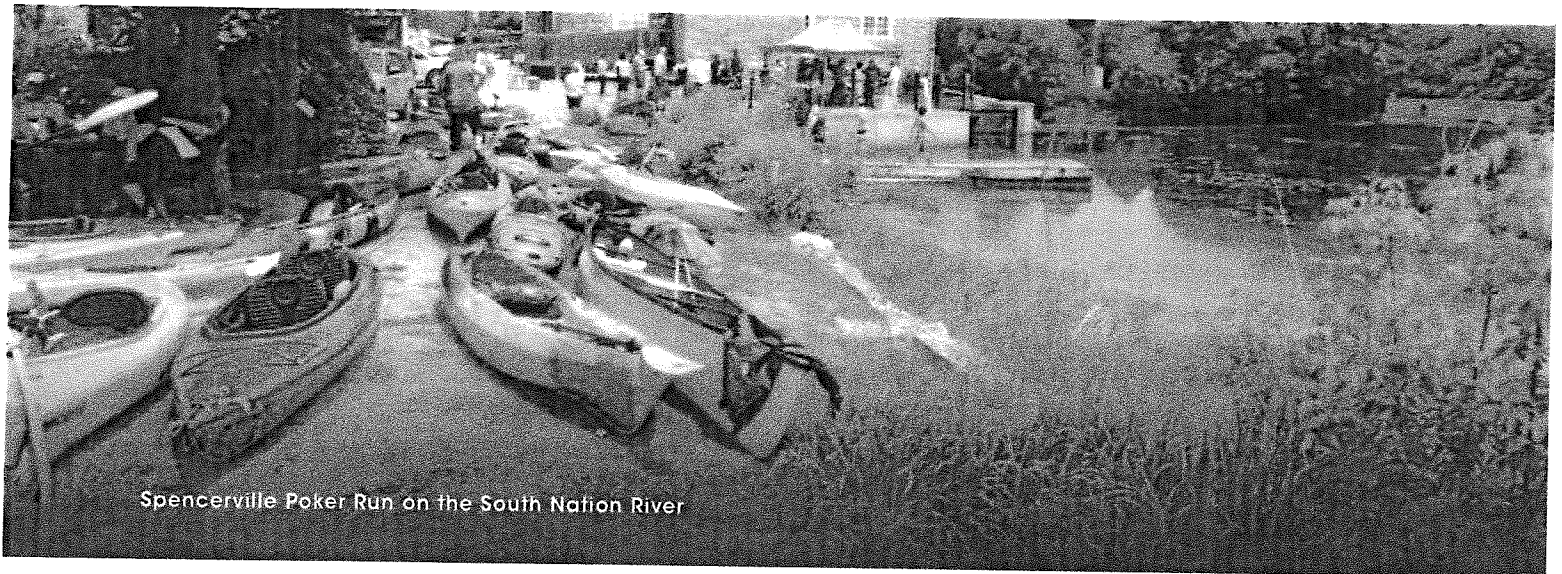
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# SOUTH NATION CONSERVATION

SOUTH NATION CONSERVATION (SNC) works with partners to conserve, restore, and manage natural resources in local watersheds. Monitoring helps us better understand our watershed, focus our efforts where they are needed most, and track changes over time. The South Nation River gets its start through a series of wetlands in the Upper South Nation Subwatershed. The Upper South Nation Subwatershed is part of the larger South Nation Watershed and comprises parts of the following townships: Elizabethtown-Kitley, Augusta, North Grenville, Edwardsburgh/Cardinal, North Dundas and South Dundas. This report is a snapshot of current conditions, using key indicators such as forest, wetland, and water resources. Resource conditions will be revisited within 5 years to review changes and trends.



## SNC MAINTAINS AND PROTECTS 4,384 KM<sup>2</sup> OF EASTERN ONTARIO



Spencerville Poker Run on the South Nation River

## WHAT IS SOUTH NATION CONSERVATION DOING?

### **PROTECTING THE SNC JURISDICTION**

SNC is a local organization with a mandate to conserve, restore, and manage the water, land, and natural habitats of the SNC jurisdiction, a 4,384 km<sup>2</sup> area. SNC works closely with partner municipalities, government agencies, individual landowners, and community groups to maintain and improve the natural environment.

### **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Land use planning input and administration of Ontario Regulation 167/06 (Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses) ensures the protection of people and their property, and that development does not negatively impact wetlands, shorelines, or waterways.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AND REPORTING**

Data collected through a variety of monitoring activities, including surface water, groundwater, and fisheries sampling, is used to evaluate and report on existing watershed conditions, identify changes, and target stewardship activities.

### **FLOOD FORECASTING AND WARNING, AND LOW WATER RESPONSE**

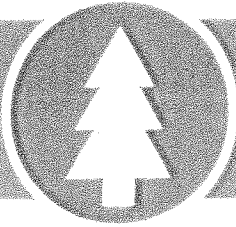
Data, including weather information, water levels and flows, snow pack, and ice conditions, are used to help protect life and property from natural hazards such as high and low water conditions. For watershed conditions, visit [www.nation.on.ca](http://www.nation.on.ca)

### **EDUCATION, OUTREACH, AND STEWARDSHIP**

Public workshops, school programs, and local events provide environmental education opportunities. Programs exist to provide technical advice and financial assistance to landowners to implement stewardship projects that enhance and protect the jurisdiction.

### **FORESTRY PROGRAM**

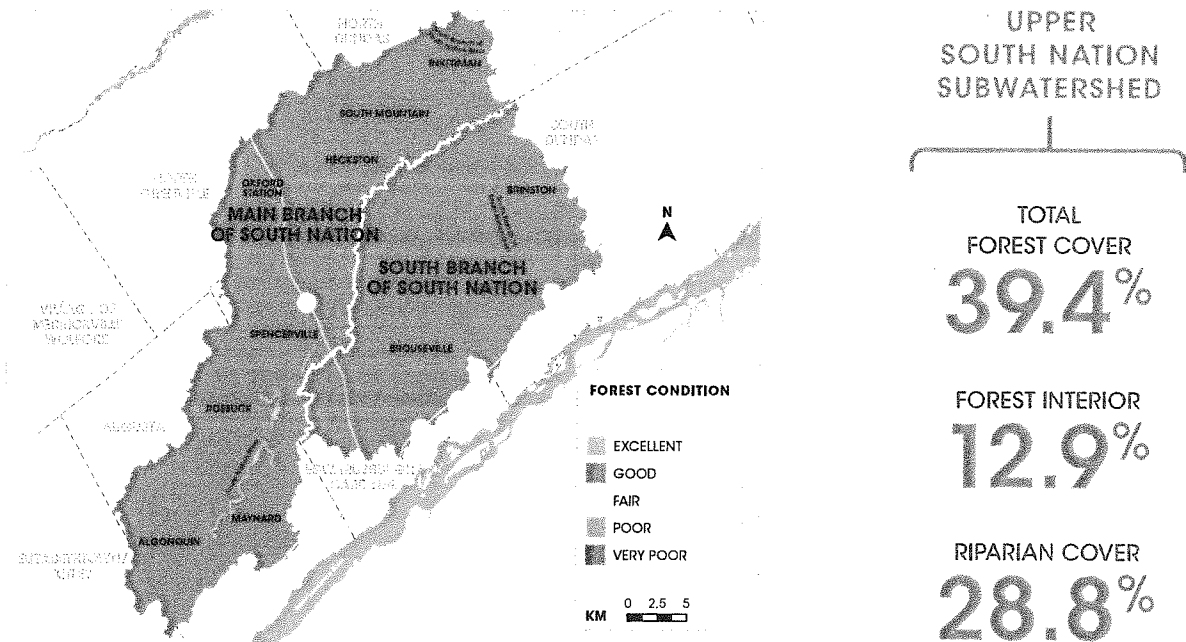
SNC has planted over 3 million trees locally to act as windbreaks, control erosion along stream banks, and reforest idle land. More than 1,000 landowners in the SNC jurisdiction have been served by our tree planting program. SNC is a partner in the management of over 20,000 acres of community forest land in Eastern Ontario. SNC encourages responsible, recreational use of our forests.



# FOREST CONDITIONS

Forests are an essential part of a healthy watershed. Trees filter our air and water, prevent flooding and erosion, and provide food and habitat for wildlife. They also provide many economic, recreational, cultural, and social benefits. The quality of forest cover conditions is based on: **FOREST COVER** – the total area that is covered in trees; **FOREST INTERIOR** – the wooded area that is more than 100 metres from a forest's edge (required by many species for survival); and **FOREST RIPARIAN ZONE** – the amount of forest within 30-metres on either side of a watercourse.

Environment and Climate Change Canada recommends a minimum of 30% Forest Cover, 10% Forest Interior, and that 75% of stream length should be naturally vegetated on both sides of the stream.



Forest Cover in the Upper South Nation Subwatershed is excellent with total forest cover at 39% and forest interior at 13%. The riparian cover is fair at 29% cover and needs improvement. With such productive agricultural land in the South Nation jurisdiction, SNC is helping landowners and municipalities increase forest cover through Tree Planting Programs, Woodlot Advisory Services, and the Clean Water Grant Program. Over 60,000 TREES have been planted in the past 5 years in this subwatershed, with approximately 400 ACRES being approved under the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program (MFTIP).

## EMERALD ASH BORER

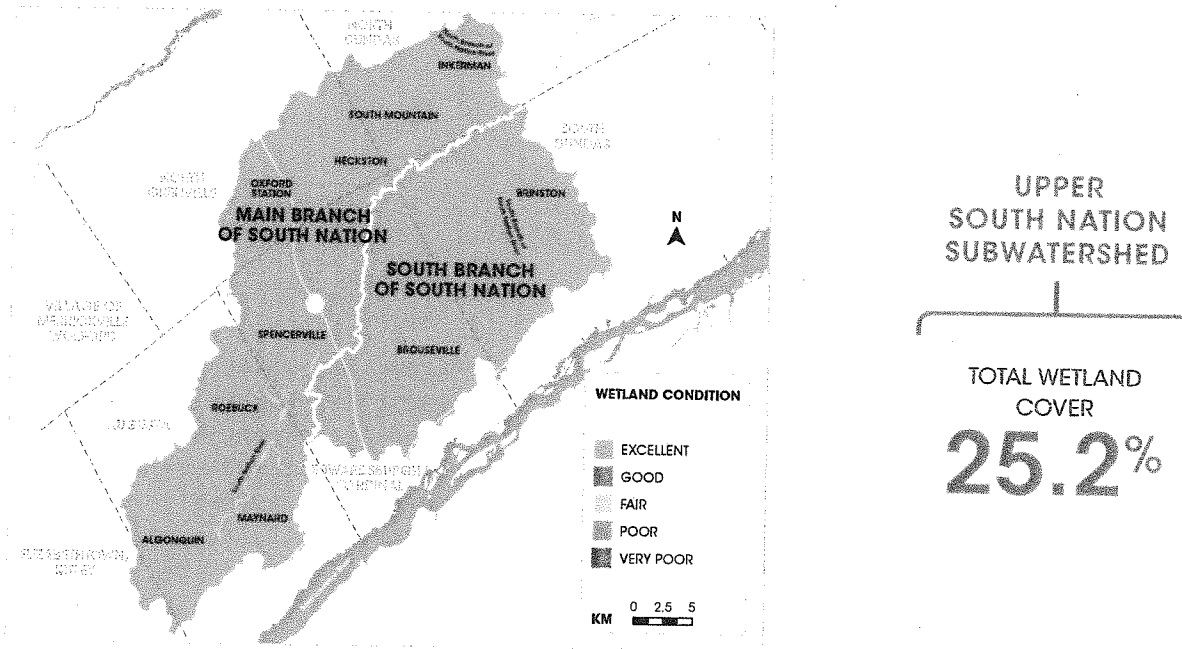
The emerald ash borer (EAB) is an invasive beetle, native to Asia, that has caused considerable damage to ash trees across SNC's jurisdiction. SNC is helping to manage these pests by releasing 1 mm non-stinging wasps, within controlled areas throughout the jurisdiction, that target EAB eggs and larvae. Invasive species management initiatives help SNC protect biodiversity across the watershed.



# WETLAND CONDITIONS

Wetlands provide natural flood control during peak flows and act as water reservoirs during dry weather. They filter pollutants before they enter streams, provide important habitat for plants and animals, and provide numerous economic, recreation, and aesthetic benefits. **WETLAND COVER** is the total area that is covered in swamp, marsh, fen, and bog habitat.

Environment and Climate Change Canada recommends 10% wetland cover.

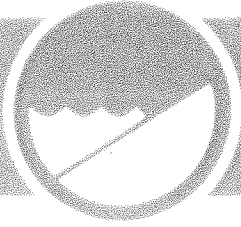


Wetland cover is excellent across the Upper South Nation Subwatershed at 25% total wetland cover. Higher wetland cover is located throughout the Main Branch of the South Nation Catchment where shallow soil over limestone creates gentle gradients and poor drainage. Important wetlands in this area include the Long Swamp Fen, Charleville Creek Wetland, Limerick Wetland and the Edwardsburgh Marsh.

## LIMERICK FOREST

Limerick Forest is a 5782-hectare community forest located in Eastern Ontario, owned and managed by the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville. It forms part of the headwaters of the Upper South Nation Subwatershed and is home to several significant natural features including the Groveton Bog – an Area of Natural and Scientific Interest. Groveton Bog is comprised of undisturbed domed peatland otopped a sand plain outwash deposit. The bog is approximately 1,200 ha in size and is home to many flora and fauna.



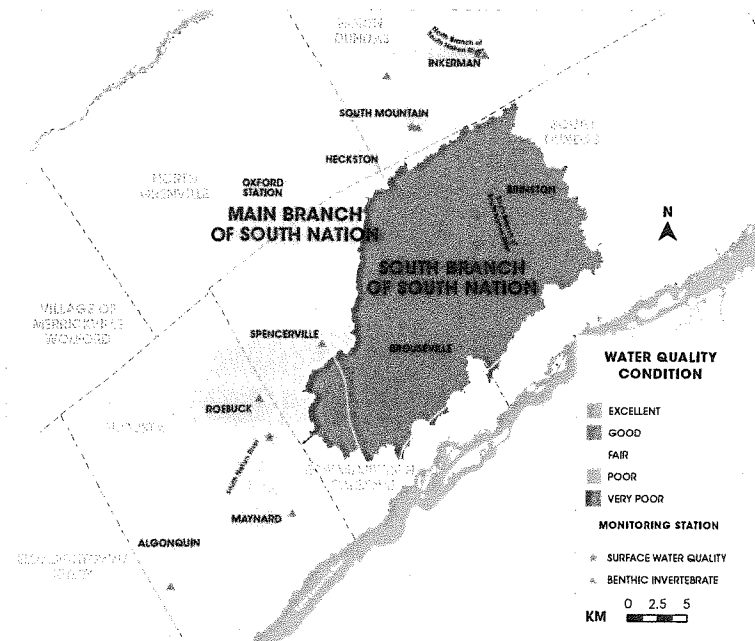


## SURFACE WATER QUALITY

Healthy river systems provide invaluable services and benefits that sustain life and fuel human economies. Surface water quality is essential to healthy rivers. Two indicators that help determine water quality are:

- **TOTAL PHOSPHORUS** is naturally occurring in rivers, but can be elevated due to detergents, fertilizers, and sewage. Too much can result in algae blooms, affecting oxygen levels, and the fish and biota that live there.
- **BENTHIC MACROINVERTEBRATES** are small creatures that live in the river including: insects, mollusks, and worms. They are very sensitive to pollution and are excellent indicators for water quality and stream health.

Overall, water quality in the Upper South Nation Subwatershed is fair. Phosphorus levels slightly exceed the Provincial Water Quality Objective (0.03 mg/L), while benthic invertebrate communities range from good condition to poor condition depending on location. Sites in good stream health have good forest cover, especially along the banks of the rivers. Sites requiring improvement have low forest cover and are prone to erosion. Good surface water quality is essential to healthy rivers.

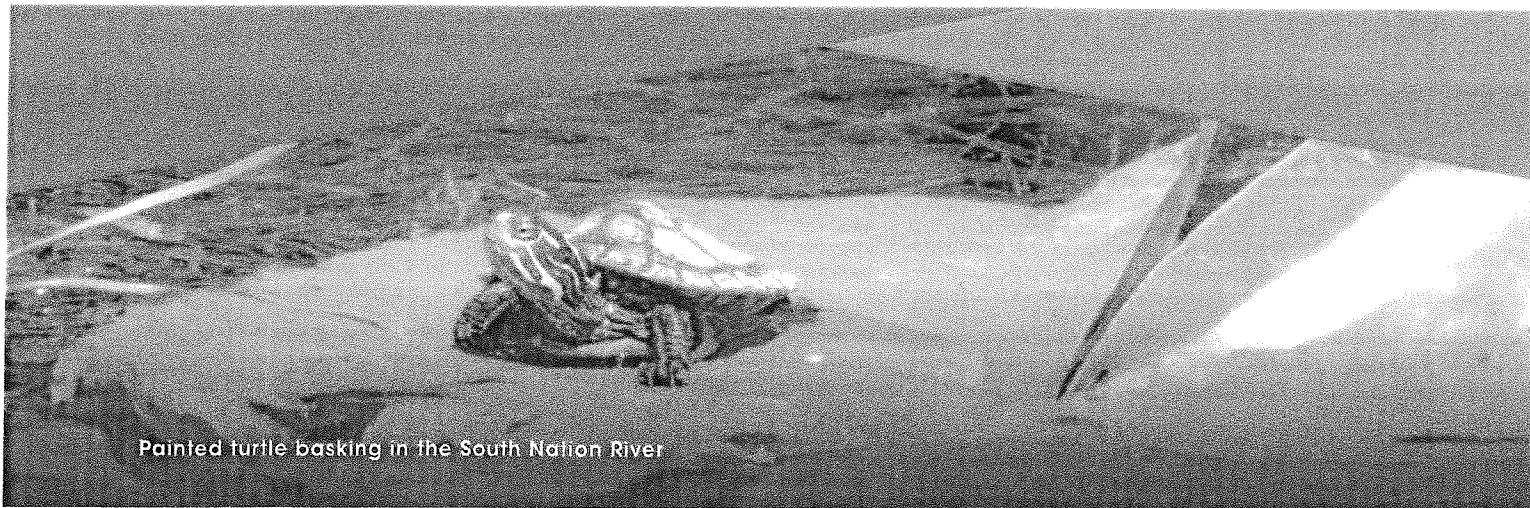


Programs of funding by SNC and units to landowners to help improve riparian forest cover. These programs have been successful and have allowed landowners to effectively protect riparian areas and water quality.

## GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS

Groundwater, an important and vital natural resource found in aquifers below the Earth's surface, supplies more than 95% of the rural population in SNC's jurisdiction with water. Approximately 42% of the population within SNC's jurisdiction rely on groundwater for drinking water supplies, with 12% coming from municipal wells, and 30% from private wells.





Painted turtle basking in the South Nation River

## TOGETHER WE CAN IMPROVE THE UPPER SOUTH NATION SUBWATERSHED

### BE A WATERSHED STEWARD!

By working together, we can make a difference. Improving the health of the Upper South Nation Subwatershed requires us to make choices that balance environmental concerns with everyday life. Here are some examples of stewardship activities that we can help you undertake to enhance your property and protect human and environmental health.

### STREAM WATCH

The Stream Watch program uses a macro stream assessment protocol and local volunteers for surveying streams. Volunteers are guided by an experienced coordinator to help collect field data in shallow streams. Volunteers participate in activities such as fish sampling, aquatic invertebrate sampling, stream clean-ups, and habitat rehabilitation projects.

### WOODLOT ADVISORY SERVICE

Would you like to save up to 75% on your property taxes, while maximizing the potential of your woodlot? SNC's Woodlot Advisory Service promotes efficient and sustainable management of forests and establishes additional forest cover across the jurisdiction. A Woodlot Advisory Service technician will assist you in becoming aware of the value of your forest and the benefits it can provide.

### CLEAN WATER GRANTS

There is funding available to landowners in the SNC jurisdiction for cost-share projects that help improve water quality including: stream bank erosion control, decommissioning abandoned wells, education initiatives, among many others. Ask for more information on the Clean Water Program and Ottawa Rural Clean Water Program.

### PROVIDING NATURAL SPACES AND OPPORTUNITIES TO GET OUTDOORS

SNC wants you to get outdoors and enjoy natural spaces. SNC has over 12,000 acres of public natural space that includes 14 day-use parks and trails, 9 river access points, 5 canoe/kayak routes along the South Nation River, and 3 Geo-Passports – self-guided geocaching adventures. SNC looks to acquire environmentally significant properties, protecting important natural resources for future generations.

### TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Everyone can benefit from planting suitable trees on their property. SNC partners with Forest Ontario to offer seedlings, site preparation/tending, and planting for a subsidized fee to landowners within the jurisdiction. There may be additional subsidies available if you are a City of Ottawa resident through the Green Acres Program or the Ottawa Rural Clean Water Program.

This subwatershed report was prepared following the  
2012 Conservation Authority Watershed Report Card Guidelines.

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**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Sandra Mancini, Team Lead, Engineering  
**Date:** February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
**Subject:** Request for Approval: Flood and Erosion Hazards Mapping

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Board of Directors receive and file the South Castor River and Shaw's Creek Flood Hazard and Erosion Hazard Mapping reports and associated maps as the best information available to establish flood hazard and regulation limits along the two watercourses; and

FURTHER THAT: The reports and maps be used by South Nation Conservation's planning and regulations programs and other watershed management activities effective immediately.

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**DISCUSSION:**

Residents from the South Castor River and Shaw's Creek areas were invited to open houses hosted by South Nation Conservation Authority (SNC) at the Kenmore Community Centre (January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020), and École élémentaire catholique Saint-Guillaume (January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020) respectively.

Invitations were sent to 120 property owners and 21 stakeholders (ex: SNC member municipalities, utility companies, school boards, First Nation Councils, provincial and federal government, etc.). Public notice of the meetings was published in the Ottawa Citizen and the Ottawa Sun 20 days before the meetings, and were promoted via SNC's website, social media, and a press release.

There were approximately 50 visitors between both open houses, consisting of landowners, developers, consultants, and politicians. Visitors met with staff, one-on-one, to view proposed maps, and property-specific information on computer displays.

The following verbal and written feedback was provided:

- Attendees found the event informative and valued the personal interaction with staff;
- Questions asked included:
  - What is floodplain;
  - What is erosion;
  - Is my property in a floodplain;
  - Is my property in the regulated area;
  - How would this affect current/future development in the area;
  - What are the natural hazards regulations and what does it mean;
  - Can I build a shed in the regulated area;
  - Why is floodplain bigger/smaller on my lot;
  - When will the regulations be passed; and
  - Will I be able to develop my land.



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None of the public feedback received implicates the SNC regulation limit. The 1:100 year flood and erosion lines delineated for these reaches are suitable for use in the SNC regulation limits mapping (referred to in Section 2 of Ontario Regulation 170/06) and in municipal land use planning and development approval processes under the *Planning Act*.

Upon Board approval, the mapping will be sent to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR), and the City of Ottawa.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:**

Compliance with Budget:

This project was included in the 2020 SNC Budget under Property and Approvals Projects, pages 58 to 59.

SNC Policy Adherence: MNR's Natural Hazards Technical Guide (MNR, 2002, Conservation Ontario Guidelines (2005), and SNC policies regarding Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alteration to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation – Ontario Regulation 170/06 Pursuant to Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* of Ontario.

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Sandra Mancini,  
Team Lead, Engineering.



**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Sandra Mancini, Team Lead, Engineering  
**Date:** February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
**Subject:** Request for Approval: 2020 SNC Flood Contingency Plan

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Board of Directors approve the 2020 SNC Flood Contingency Plan.

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The Flood Contingency Plan is SNC's strategy on dealing with current and escalating flood situations. It contains the roles and responsibilities of parties in the system and information regarding the watershed's flood risk areas.

SNC Flood Contingency Plan is reviewed annually, and the flood messaging distribution list is updated accordingly. Digital reports are available in French and English and are located on the Board Members section of the SNC website. Hard copies are available from staff upon request.

In addition, SNC staff sit on numerous Municipal and Provincial Emergency Management Committees such as the City of Ottawa Spring Freshet Taskforce, Lower Ottawa Flood Warning Working Group, and the Great Lakes Water Level Briefings. SNC staff relay and provide information to our partners on areas that we assist them with.

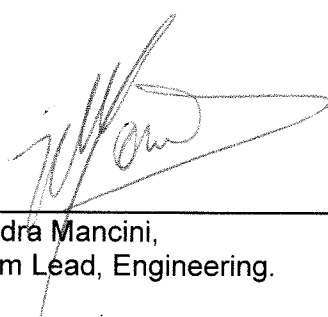
**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:**

Compliance with Budget:

The Flood Contingency Plan is included in the 2020 SNC Budget under Resource Management, Water Response Programs, pages 14-15.

SNC Policy Adherence:

This report lists the Emergency Preparedness Plans for the Authority.



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Sandra Mancini,  
Team Lead, Engineering.



**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Ronda Boutz, Team Lead, Special Projects  
Michelle Cavanagh, Team Lead, Stewardship  
**Date:** February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
**Subject:** Request for Approval: Funding Applications

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#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Board of Directors approve the submission of the following funding applications:

1. **EcoAction Community Funding Program:** requesting up to \$100,000, over 2 years, for shoreline restoration at Oak Valley Conservation Area.
  2. **Habitat Stewardship Program:** requesting up to \$100,000, for acquisition of land with species at risk habitat potential, as per SNC's Land Securement Strategy.
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#### **DISCUSSION:**

External funding programs have been identified by staff as potential sources of revenue for South Nation Conservation (SNC) projects. The following grant applications have been, or will be submitted; SNC is seeking approval from the Board:

1. **EcoAction Community Funding Program:**
  - **Project:** Oak Valley Conservation Area Shoreline Restoration
  - **Request:** up to \$100,000
  - **Program will fund:** Up to \$100,000 over 3 years, 50% matching funds required
  - **Purpose:** To repair shoreline erosion and restore a riparian buffer at the Oak Valley Conservation Area in 2021.
  - **Deadline:** March 3, 2020
2. **Habitat Stewardship Program:**
  - **Project:** Protecting Species at Risk Habitat through Land Securement
  - **Request:** Up to \$100,000 over 2 years, 50% matching funds required
  - **Program will fund:** Up to \$100,000 over 3 years, 50% matching funds required
  - **Purpose:** To secure land that has species at risk habitat potential or existing habitat in need of restoration. Property selection would adhere to SNC's Land Securement Strategy.
  - **Deadline:** February 27, 2020



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**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:**

Compliance with Budget:

1. **EcoAction Community Funding Program:**

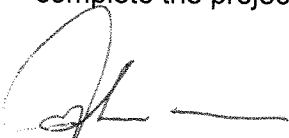
No impact on 2020 Budget, matching funds would be included in 2021 draft Budget and subject to Board approval. Partner contributions would be sought to provide part of the required 50% matching contribution.

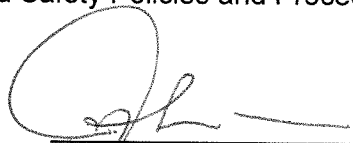
2. **Habitat Stewardship Program:**

No impact on 2020 Budget, matching funds would be included in 2021 draft budget as part of the annual allocation for land acquisition and subject to Board approval.

SNC Policy Adherence:

All expenditures will adhere to SNC's Purchasing Policy, including seeking three quotes and required authorizations according to purchasing limits. All work undertaken to complete the projects will adhere to SNC's Health and Safety Policies and Procedures.

  
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for Ronda Boutz,  
Team Lead, Special Projects.

  
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for Michelle Cavanagh,  
Team Lead, Stewardship.

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**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Ronda Boutz, Team Lead, Special Projects  
**Date:** February 4, 2020  
**Subject:** Request for Approval: Forests Ontario Agreements

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Board of Directors approve entering into agreements with Forests Ontario for the following programs:

1. 50 Million Tree Program – tree planting subsidy of \$1.41/seedling, approximate annual amount of \$180,000; and
2. Highway of Heroes Fund - tree planting subsidy of \$0.34/seedling, approximate annual amount of \$9,000.

**DISCUSSION:**

**1. 50 Million Tree Program (50MTP)**

The 50MTP provides Ontario property owners with a subsidy to plant trees on eligible properties. Funding is provided by Environment and Climate Change Canada via Forests Ontario (FO); FO then signs Partner Delivery Agent (PDA) agreements with organizations delivering tree planting under the 50MTP.

South Nation Conservation (SNC) has been delivering the 50MTP since it began in 2007. In previous years, FO signed the PDA agreement with Conservation Ontario on behalf of all Conservation Authorities; under the new federal funding, each individual Conservation Authority is required to sign a PDA agreement directly with FO.

FO will provide \$1.41/seedling to the PDA for eligible sites, funding supports stock purchase, site preparation, planting, tending, and survival assessments. PDAs are required to deliver the 50MTP as per the approved 2020 Program Guidelines provided by FO, sign a 15-year agreement with participating landowners, and provide annual reporting on planting projects.

The PDA agreement term is January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2024.

**2. Highway of Heroes Fund (HOH)**

The HOH is a new funding initiative Forests Ontario has under the Proposed Partnership to Support Highway of Heroes Campaign (dated October 26, 2019). Projects approved under the 50MTP that are within 30 kilometers (north and south) of Highway 401, are eligible for an additional subsidy of \$0.34/seedling. PDAs delivering the 50MTP are required to sign this second agreement to receive the additional subsidy.



**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:**

Compliance with Budget:

1. 50 Million Tree Program – revenue is included in the 2020 SNC Budget under Resource Management: Partner Programs: Forests, pages 16-17.
2. Highway of Heroes Fund – revenue is not included in the 2020 SNC Budget, additional subsidy will offset program expenses under Resource Management: Partner Programs: Forests, pages 16-17.

SNC Policy Adherence:

Purchase of seedlings and contracted services to deliver the tree planting program adheres to SNC's Purchasing Policy as follows:

- Tree seedling purchase – page 6, section (E) Non-Competitive Purchasing
- Contracted services for site preparation, planting, and tending – pages 3 and 4, section (C) Purchasing Limits and Authorizations Required, subsections (iii) and (iv) purchases \$5,000 up to \$15,000 and purchases \$15,000 up to \$100,000 respectively.

Ronda Boutz,  
Team Lead, Special Projects.



**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Cheyene Brunet, Forestry Technician  
**Date:** February 5, 2020  
**Subject:** Request for Approval: 2020-2021 Tree Planting Contracts

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Board of Directors approve service contracts for tree planting, to plant approximately 120,000 trees per year, in 2020 and 2021 at an annual amount of approximately \$45,000, plus HST; and

FURTHER THAT: Staff are directed to update the Board of Directors following contract award; and

FURTHER THAT: Trees can be reallocated between contractor(s), if necessary, to meet planting deadlines and to allow for contractor capacity.

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**DISCUSSION:**

Staff are seeking approval to request quotes and award tree planting service contracts for SNC's Tree Planting Program. The term of the contracts will be for two years: 2020 and 2021. SNC reserves the right to divide and award contracts separately.

The actual number of trees to plant are established through site visits that occur from June to September of each year. Table 1 provides a summary of annual planting costs for 2016 – 2019.

Table 1: Annual Costs for Tree Planting for 2016 – 2019 excluding HST.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Tree Planting Cost</b>	<b># of trees planted</b>
2016	\$47,878	134,840
2017	\$29,954	86,730
2018	\$40,024	112,935
2019	\$43,441	120,690

Tree to be planted in 2020 total approximately 55,100 for Larose Forest and 75,000 on private lands. Numbers for 2021 will be determined through site visits conducted in 2020. Annually tree planting orders are approximately 120,000 seedlings, numbers are slightly higher for 2020 due to an increased order for Larose Forest.

Project costs are recovered through the tree planting program from Forests Ontario, Green Acres (City of Ottawa), the United Counties of Prescott-Russell (Larose Forest), and landowner contributions.



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Staff will monitor the planting and reallocate the number of trees between contractors if needed to meet planting deadlines and allow for contractor capacity.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:**

Compliance with Budget:

The tree planting program is included in the 2020 budget under Resource Management: Partner Programs: Forests: Page 16-17. The cost for tree planting is included in the 2020 Budget. The Tree Planting Program is approximately 90 percent cost recovery through Forests Ontario subsidies, landowner contributions, and other funding sources.

SNC Policy Adherence:

Contracting of services adherence to SNC Purchasing Policy, page 4, section (C), subsection (iv) Purchases \$15,000 up to \$100,000. South Nation Conservation adheres to Best Management Practices for Tree Planting and site plans are signed by an Ontario Registered Professional Forester.

Cheyene Brunet,  
Forestry Technician.



**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Pat Piitz, Team Lead Property  
**Date:** February 13, 2020  
**Subject:** Request for Approval: Camp Sheldrick Management Agreement

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The SNC Board of Directors approve negotiating renewal of the Camp Sheldrick Management Agreement with Scouts Canada; and

FURTHER THAT: The Agreement be brought back to the Board for approval.

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**DISCUSSION:**

Since 1984, SNC has maintained a partnership with the Scouts Canada to manage SNC lands known as Camp Sheldrick, named after local resident Bill Sheldrick, who dreamed of creating a place where area Scouts could go and have fun in a safe outdoor learning environment. The 36-year partnership between SNC and Scouts Canada contributes to the sustainable management of this SNC property and provides outdoor education for youth through Scouting.

Today, Camp Sheldrick is a busy year-round facility with camp sites, washrooms, cabins, chapel, sports field, and picnic shelter. Camp Sheldrick hosts three large events (100+ Scouts) annually and over 40 smaller events throughout the year. In 2020, Camp Sheldrick will expect more than 800 youth in attendance at a jamboree on the first weekend in June.

The Scouts coordinate use of Camp Sheldrick and encourage use by other groups. Average annual attendance, including private non-Scouting groups, is 950 people. Camp Sheldrick is used approximately 35 weekends per year totalling 86 days.

Scouts Canada provides insurance coverage for the use and management of Camp Sheldrick with SNC as named insured. The insurance coverage requested under the Management Agreement has been reviewed by corporate services to ensure coverage is adequate. Non-scouting groups are required to provide proof of insurance.

The current agreement expires on June 30, 2020. Scout Canada volunteers are committed to further use, development and improvement of the site in cooperation with SNC. Staff recommend that the Board of Directors approve renewal of the Camp Sheldrick Management Agreement until June 30, 2030.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:**

Compliance with Budget:

SNC costs associated with administration of the management agreement are included in the 2020 SNC Budget: Community Lands: Conservation Areas: Salaries and Benefits (\$300) and Supplies and Materials (\$200); pages 34-35.



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SNC Policy Adherence:

SNC By-Laws. April 2019. Part II: Governance. Section 8: Powers of the Board of Directors. (d) The powers of the Board of Directors include but are not limited to designating and empowering signing officers to sign contracts, agreements and other documents on behalf of the Authority.

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Pat Piitz,  
Team Lead Property.



**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Monique Sauve, Chief Building Official/Risk Management Official.  
**Date:** February 10, 2020  
**Subject:** Update: Safe Septic Program

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Board of Directors receive and file the Safe Septic Program Update.

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**DISCUSSION:**

South Nation Conservation (SNC) serves as the Building Official under Part 8 of the Ontario Building Code (On-Site Sewage Systems) through agreements with 13 municipalities. As such, we are required to implement a Mandatory Maintenance Inspection Program for private sewage systems where they pose a significant threat to municipal drinking water sources (Division C – Section 1.10.2).

This program is implemented on a mandated five-year cycle for private septic systems in the following communities:

Casselman:	4 properties
Moose Creek:	11 properties
Finch:	13 properties
Winchester:	23 properties
Newington:	52 properties

SNC staff first visited these properties in 2014/2015. Property owners received an inspection, educational materials, and free septic permit records.

Staff have begun working on the second round of five-year inspections; beginning with Newington. SNC worked with the Township of South Stormont to develop a proactive approach to minimize costs. Property owners were provided with information on how to independently retain a qualified person to complete a pump-out and inspection. Septic staff provided a third-party certificate form, (compliant with Division C -1.10.2.3 and 1.10.2.5) to local, certified companies. Once the forms are filed by SNC the property is cleared.

Municipal staff assisted the program by distributing communications materials to residents and covering costs related to development of the materials.

Staff will be following-up with residents who do not complete the independent inspection in the spring; this phase will be completed on a cost-recovery basis.



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**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:**

Compliance with Budget:

Work is completed on a cost-recovery basis.

SNC Policy Adherence:

Work is completed in compliance with the Ontario Building Code, the *Clean Water Act*, and the Raisin-South Nation Source Protection Plan.

*Monique Sauve*

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Monique Sauve,  
Chief Building Official/Risk Management Official.





**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Alison McDonald, Team Lead, Approvals  
**Date:** February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
**Subject:** Update: Planning Activity

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Board of Directors receive and file the Planning Activity update.

**DISCUSSION:**

SNC staff provide comments on planning applications and technical reviews to support planning applications. Applications are sent to SNC by local Municipalities; costs are recovered according to the Board approved fee schedule.

The list below includes planning applications received in January. Pre-consultations are not included in this list.

#	SNC Number	Landowner Name	Former Municipality	Application
1	SNC-1060-2019	Jacqueline Susan Pilon	Winchester	Severance
2	SNC-1061-2020	La Fromagerie Coopérative de St-Albert	Cambridge	Severance
3	SNC-1062-2020	Robert Laferrière	Cambridge	Severance
4	SNC-1063-2020	Conrad and Jeanine Lamadeleine	Casselman	Severance
5	SNC-1064-2020	François and Hélène Blanchard	Russell	Severance
6	SNC-1065-2020	Ménard-Patenaude Inut Itée	Cambridge	Severance
7	SNC-1066-2020	Jean-Pierre Bergeron	Russell	Severance
8	SNC-1067-2020	Gary, Ricky and James Walter and Mylène Lamarke	Champlain	Severance
9	SNC-1072-2020	Jim and Wilma Winters	Osnabruck	Severance
10	SNC-1073-2020	Jeff Shipman	Osgoode	Zoning By-law Amendment
11	SNC-1074-2020	Ryan Poulton	Gloucester	Zoning By-law Amendment
12	SNC-1075-2020	Donald and Cheryl Griffith	Osnabruck	Severance
13	SNC-1076-2020	Anne Fergues	North Plantagenet	Severance
14	SNC-1077-2020	Not provided	Clarence	Zoning By-law Amendment
15	SNC-1078-2020	Richard and Francine Bercier	North Plantagenet	Severance



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#	SNC Number	Landowner Name	Former Municipality	Application
16	SNC-1079-2020	Daniel Albert Sarrazin and H�el�ene Sarrazin	Alfred	Severance
17	SNC-1080-2020	Carole S�equin and Luc Cot�e	West Hawkesbury	Severance
18	SNC-1087-2020	Beverly Howes	Champlain	Severance
19	SNC-1082-2020	Pierre Bernard	Rockland	Severance
20	SNC-1083-2020	Not provided	Casselman	Zoning By-law Amendment
21	SNC-1084-2020	Not provided	Cambridge	Zoning By-law Amendment
22	SNC-1086-2020	Not provided	Winchester	Zoning By-law Amendment
23	SNC-1087-2020	Garry Brugmans	Mountain	Severance
24	SNC-1088-2020	Twelve R Spencerville Inc.	Edwardsburgh	Severance
25	SNC-1089-2020	Am�elie Berlinguette / 1248964 Ontario Inc.	Champlain	Severance
26	SNC-1093-2020	Thomas and Leslie Joiner	Cambridge	Severance
27	SNC-1094-2020	Aline Parisien	West Hawkesbury	Severance
28	SNC-1095-2020	Aline Parisien	West Hawkesbury	Severance
29	SNC-1096-2020	Aline Parisien	West Hawkesbury	Severance
30	SNC-1097-2020	Par-5 Holdings Inc	West Hawkesbury	Severance
31	SNC-1098-2020	Gerrit and Nancy Zwart	Mountain	Severance
32	SNC-1099-2020	Geoffrey and Trevor Wilson	Matilda	Severance
33	SNC-1100-2020	Not provided	Cumberland	Official Plan Amendment
34	SNC-1101-2020	RCR Investor Inc.	Osgoode	Zoning By-law Amendment
35	SNC-1102-2020	Riverdown Holsteins Inc.	Osgoode	Zoning By-law Amendment
36	SNC-1103-2020	Osgoode Care Center	Osgoode	Official Plan Amendment
37	SNC-1104-2020	Leo and Kimberly Nyentap	Osgoode	Zoning By-law Amendment
38	SNC-1105-2020	Dean and Ford Patterson	Osgoode	Zoning By-law Amendment
39	SNC-1106-2020	Ross Video Ltd.	Matilda	Site Plan Control
40	SNC-1107-2020	Irving Swedko Holdings Ltd.	Clarence	Subdivision
41	SNC-1108-2020	Not provided	Cambridge	Zoning By-law Amendment



### Technical Reviews

SNC offers professional and technical review services in engineering, hydrogeology, biology, and private servicing. The following table includes the technical reviews completed in January 2020.

#	SNC Number	Development Size	Review Type
1	SNC-3226-2015	Area > 2ha	Stormwater Management
2	SNC-5498-2017	Area < 0.5ha	Stormwater Management
3	SNC-1066-2020	Small Scale Development	Environmental Impact Study
4	SNC-1082-2020	Area ≤ 2ha	Environmental Impact Study
5	SNC-1082-2020	Area ≤ 2ha	Hydrogeological Report

Staff will continue to track applications and associated timelines to ensure timely reviews.

Alison McDonald,  
Team Lead, Approvals.



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**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Geoff Owens, Regulations Officer  
**Date:** February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
**Subject:** Request for Approval: Permits Issued

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The SNC Board of Directors approve permits 5 – 11 issued under Ontario Regulation 170/06 Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses.

**DISCUSSION:** SNC staff issue permits in accordance with SNC policies and then presents them to the Board for approval at each Board meeting. The list below indicates the permits that have been issued since January 10, 2020.

#	Permit No.	Landowner	Former Municipality	Project
5	2019-RUS-R246	Russell Township	Russell	Culvert Replacement
6	2019-RUS-R245	Russell Township	Russell	Culvert Replacement
7	2019-RUS-R243	Russell Township	Russell	Culvert Replacement
8	2019-EDW-R227	J.F. Dobbie & Sons Ltd.	Edwardsburgh	Watercourse Clean Out
9	2019-EDW-R226	J.F. Dobbie & Sons Ltd	Edwardsburgh	Watercourse Clean Out
10	2019-ALP-R252	Alain Carriere	N. Plantagenet	Relocate Watercourse
11	2020-CUM-R008	Ronald Rollin	Cumberland	Demolish/Reconstruct Home

**Complaints/Issues:** Sites visited in 2020 through the regulatory program: 2

Location	Issue	Outcome
South Dundas	Interference with associated PSW	Landowner agreed to allow land to re-naturalize
Nation	Interference with associated PSW	Ongoing file

Staff will continue to track complaint site visits and will provide a memo email to the Clerk of the municipalities where future visits take place.

Geoff Owens,  
Regulations Officer.

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**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Deborah Edwards, Accounting Assistant  
**Date:** February 6, 2020  
**Subject:** Request for Approval: Monies Received and Disbursement Register for January 2020

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Board of Directors receive and file the money received report for January 2020; and

FURTHER THAT: The Board approve the Disbursement Register of \$ 558,725.97 for January 2020.

**BACKGROUND:** The list of major money receipts by customers are shown below:

<u>Received From:</u>	<u>January 2020</u>
City of Ottawa	232,081.17
United Counties of Prescott & Russell	77,600.00
Ontario Power Generation Inc.	56,500.00
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry	50,804.92
Raisin Region Conservation Authority	30,459.52
Septic Revenue	25,253.95
Planning Revenue	19,172.20
Township of Russell	17,911.58
Workplace Safety & Insurance Board	5,477.81
Forests Ontario	7,521.40
Royal Bank of Canada	6,071.91
Trees	4,511.27
Land	206.00
Other	5,632.63
<b>TOTAL \$</b>	<b>539,204.36</b>

<u>January 2020</u>	<u>Total</u>
Accounts Payable Cheques	90,198.08
Internet Banking	284,645.60
Electronic Funds Transfer Payment	183,882.29
<b>TOTAL \$</b>	<b>558,725.97</b>

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:**

SNC has approved Policies for cheques, internet banking and electronic funds transfer.

Deborah Edwards,  
 Accounting Assistant  
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Number	Code	Accounts Payable checks	Amount
19113	ABWO0090	A BETTER WORLD	1,465.61
19114	ATRE0131	2019-EAB-052	3,500.00 Ash Tree Grant
19115	ATRE0132	2019-EAB-036	250.00 Ash Tree Grant
19116	ATRE0133	2019-EAB-075	2,000.00 Ash Tree Grant
19117	DASI1610	DAVE'S RELIABLE SIGNS	632.80
19118	JRAD4004	J&R ADAMS LTD.	5.07
19119	PLAC1967	PLACE 1967	426.40
19120	PURO7040	PUROLATOR COURIER LTD.	50.21
19121	SNCW0415	2019-NAT-CW20 A	1,000.00 Clean Water Grant
19122	JRAD4004	J&R ADAMS LTD.	7,975.76 Building repairs
19123	THRE7560	THE REVIEW	90.40
19124	WIPS9500	WINCHESTER PRINT & STATIONARY	27.12
19125	AFMO0172	ASSOCIATION FRANCAISE DES MUNICIPALITES DE L'ONTARIO	426.18
19126	DUUL2005	DUCKS UNLIMITED	40.00
19127	LENE7512	LEXISNEXIS CANADA INC.	109.99
19128	ONPR6505	ONTARIO PROFESSIONAL PLANNERS INSTITUTE	543.19
19129	SEEM8999	SEAWAY EMBROIDERY	10.74
19130	THRE8090	THOMSON REUTERS CANADA	367.50
19131	ATRE0134	2019-EAB-054	2,081.46 Ash Tree Grant
19132	BUSI0578	DESJARDINS CARD SERVICES (STAPLES)	772.26
19133	CIOT0270	CITY OF OTTAWA	7,127.18 Ottawa Baseline Monitoring Lab Analysis
19134	DDPR1500	THE FINCH MARKET	39.79
19135	EXTR0050	407 ETR EXPRESS TOLL ROUTE	72.31
19136	MOTI5525	MOREWOOD TIRE SERVICES	1,166.16
19137	SNCW0416	2019-NGL-CW18	2,000.00 Clean Water Grant
19138	EXTR0050	407 ETR EXPRESS TOLL ROUTE	122.30
19139	MAME5558	MATILDA MEMORIAL RECREATION COMMITTEE	300.00
19140	THRE8090	THOMSON REUTERS CANADA	367.50
19141	CHPR1030	CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS OF CANADA	158.54
19142	EOMO2012	EASTERN ONTARIO MODEL FOREST	103.00
19143	INBI4200	INNOVATIVE BUSINESS INTERIORS INC.	3,246.49
19144	KIMS4530	KIM'S MOBILE LOCKSMITH SERVICE	384.83
19145	PURO7040	PUROLATOR COURIER LTD.	63.47
19146	CLMC1170	CLARENCE MCDONALD EXCAVATION LTD	3,521.65 Culvert
19147	DDPR1500	THE FINCH MARKET	113.04
19148	FIRE2650	FIRST REFERENCE INC.	1,045.25
19149	POST7250	POSTMEDIA	4,022.80 Floodpain Open House advertisement
19150	PUSE3050	PUBLIC SERVICES HEALTH & SAFETY ASSOCIATION	810.21
19151	SODU7960	SOUTH DUNDAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	300.00
19152	TRTO8830	TREE TOP SERVICES	2,781.43 Tree Removal J Henry Tweed & Russell
19153	SAEN8005	SANCHEZ ENGINEERING INC.	8,136.00 Casselman & Russell Weirs Dam Safety reviews
19154	STCO8010	STANTEC CONSULTING LTD.	18,663.35 Chesterville Dam Electrical & Furnace Assessment
19155	ROCL7550	ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 589	75.00
19156	ABWO0090	A BETTER WORLD	3,141.40 Refinishing floors and cleaning carpet
19157	BICO0527	BII CONSULTING	5,695.20 Benthic Invertebrate Sample ID.
19158	AULT0138	AULT & AULT	1,830.59
19159	CATR1280	J. CARTY'S TREE SERVICE LTD.	2,226.67 Mulching cleanup - Glen Stewart
19160	GT204050	NORTH GRENVILLE	300.00
19161	KIMS4530	KIM'S MOBILE LOCKSMITH SERVICE	317.50
19162	MFOA5730	MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO	282.50
19163	PURO7040	PUROLATOR COURIER LTD.	9.23
			<u>90,198.08</u>
		<b>Internet Banking</b>	
20200116	BAMO0650	THE BANK OF MONTREAL	7,961.52 Pension
20200130	BAMO0650	THE BANK OF MONTREAL	8,037.79 Pension
10002654	BELL0510	BELL CANADA	42.77
10002673	BELL0510	BELL CANADA	194.23
10002678	BELL0510	BELL CANADA	54.14

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10008291	BELL0510	BELL CANADA	1,031.69
10002669	FIFE2505	FINCH FEED & SEED LTD. PURINA	361.63
10000170	HYDR3560	HYDRO ONE	27.92
10002658	HYDR3560	HYDRO ONE	598.80
10002663	HYDR3560	HYDRO ONE	29.48
10002665	HYDR3560	HYDRO ONE	1,711.07
10002682	MACE5505	MACEWEN PETROLEUM INC.	642.10
20200116	PAYW0139	Payworks	124,082.45 Pay 2
20200130	PAYW0139	Payworks	127,539.19 Pay 3
20200131	ROBA7530	ROYAL BANK OF CANADA	717.52
10008287	TELU8550	TELUS MOBILITY	1,419.28
10002656	UNIO9003	UNION GAS LIMITED	1,467.56
20191231	VISA7611	VISA	8,726.46
			<u>284,645.60</u>

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8916	AC401010	ANGELA COLEMAN	2,037.49
8925	BRAS0525	BRINKMAN & ASSOCIATES REFORESTATION LTD.	4,836.28 Tree Planting - Site Prep.
8926	WISP8055	WINCHESTER SPRINGS MOBILE WASH	395.50
8928	BESE0590	BEGG-SEGUIN HARDWARE LIMITED	519.13
8929	CHFA1030	CHRISTINE FALARDEAU	5,311.20 Graphic Design & Signage
8930	CHRE1051	ETCETERA PUBLICATIONS (CHESTERVILLE) INC	318.10
8931	JM405530	JOHN MESMAN	2,461.53
8932	LANN5020	LANNIN'S GARAGE	122.00
8933	MIBL8450	M.R. BLAIS SALES & SERVICES INC	110.39
8934	NOVA6200	NOVA NETWORKS	494.70
8935	AC401010	ANGELA COLEMAN	2,914.47
8936	CAQU1034	CRYSLER AUTOMOTIVE CENTRE	90.40
8937	CYSO1420	CYAN SOLUTIONS LTD	1,905.46
8938	MI303650	MURRAY INCH	1,244.00
8939	MS408050	MARTIN STREIT	20.00
8940	NOVA6200	NOVA NETWORKS	1,028.30
8941	TRCA8650	TRADUCTIONS CATMAC TRANSLATIONS	1,002.43
8942	ASMO0182	ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES OF ONTARIO	858.80
8943	BUFF0576	BUFFETT TAYLOR & ASSOCIATES INSURANCE AGENCIES INC	14,382.82
8944	CAOR1030	CANADIAN ORGANIC GROWERS - OTTAWA CHAPTER	565.00
8945	COMM1130	UNIVERSAL FIELD SUPPLIES	514.60
8946	EM405490	ERIC MCGILL	2,334.58
8947	JECA4000	JEAN CLAUDE CAYER ENTERPRISES LTD.	180.79
8948	LANN5020	LANNIN'S GARAGE	0.00
8949	LANN5020	LANNIN'S GARAGE	1,253.41
8950	LEVA5032	LEVAC PROPANE INC	411.14
8951	RASE7421	RANGARD SECURITY	497.20
8952	SADE8008	1595246 ONTARIO - SAFE AND DEPENDABLE	73.45
8953	BRAS0525	BRINKMAN & ASSOCIATES REFORESTATION LTD.	8,095.15 Tree Planting - Site Prep.
8954	LANN5020	LANNIN'S GARAGE	355.89
8955	MIBL8450	M.R. BLAIS SALES & SERVICES INC	2,260.00
8956	NOVA6200	NOVA NETWORKS	6,665.87
8957	NS206050	TOWNSHIP OF NORTH STORMONT	235.82
8958	RARE7503	RAISIN REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY	3,047.00 Eastern Ontario Water Resources Program Grant
8959	NOVA6200	NOVA NETWORKS	4,175.35
8960	OMER6450	OMERS	36,820.03 Pension Plan
8961	AC401010	ANGELA COLEMAN	522.83
8962	COAU1115	COOTER'S AUTOMOTIVE	820.70
8963	EM405490	ERIC MCGILL	1,401.20
8964	EMHA2000	EMOND HARNDEN	1,342.44
8965	FERG3000	FERGUSON FOREST CENTRE	13,454.35 Municipal Tree Giveaway
8966	LAHO5250	LANNIN HOME BUILDING CENTRE	21.20
8967	LANN5020	LANNIN'S GARAGE	499.61
8968	MIBL8450	M.R. BLAIS SALES & SERVICES INC	222.69
8969	MM405526	MICHAEL MELANEY	248.60
8970	OK403800	OMAR KANA'N	101.70
8971	RIDE7565	RIDEAU VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY	49,785.81 Ottawa Rual Clean Water Claim

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8972	SM405455	SANDRA MANCINI	56.79
8973	TEDM5522	TED MORAN & SONS LTD.	1,841.90
8974	CB400505	CARL BICKERDIKE	244.87
8975	CHFA1030	CHRISTINE FALARDEAU	1,000.00
8976	EM405490	ERIC MCGILL	57.03
8977	LANN5020	LANNIN'S GARAGE	66.00
8978	MIBL8450	M.R. BLAIS SALES & SERVICES INC	163.65
8979	OMER6450	OMERS	514.26 Pension Plan Adj.
8980	AC401010	ANGELA COLEMAN	457.58
8981	AM405500	ALISON McDONALD	354.41
8982	CH403550	CARLEY HUTCHINSON	68.95
8983	LANN5020	LANNIN'S GARAGE	103.96
8984	LEVA5032	LEVAC PROPANE INC	668.47
8985	MIBL8450	M.R. BLAIS SALES & SERVICES INC	428.04
8986	MS408003	MICHELLE CAVANAGH	78.40
8987	PP407015	PATRICK PIITZ	156.11
8988	RIDE7565	RIDEAU VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY	1,017.00
8989	TENA8506	TENAQUIP INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT	645.46
			<u>183,882.29</u>
	Grand total		<u><u>558,725.97</u></u>





January 17, 2020

The Honourable John Yakabuski  
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry  
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**RE: Ontario's Special Advisor on Flooding Report to Government: An Independent Review of the 2019 Flood Events in Ontario**

Dear Minister Yakabuski,

I am writing to congratulate you on the speed with which you made the public release of "Ontario's Special Advisor on Flooding Report to Government: An Independent Review of the 2019 Flood Events in Ontario" (Flood Advisor Report). We appreciate the recognition in the report that flood management is a shared responsibility, and that the watershed approach and the conservation authority model help to reduce flood risk very effectively within this collaborative framework. We also recognize that under a changing climate, there is always room for improvement.

While only 15 of the 66 recommendations directly reference conservation authorities, many more relate to our collaborations and/or business relationships with landowners, all three levels of government and, more specifically, our close working relationship with your Ministry.

Conservation authorities are considered to be the 'boots on the ground' agencies implementing watershed management programs which help to prevent and reduce risk, monitor conditions and warn of flood events. They also work closely with others during and after actual events. As such, we feel their long-time local expertise provides unique insights and we have worked with them to undertake a review of the Flood Advisor's Report. We look forward to sharing this more detailed information with your staff.

We do have a few specific comments which we would like to share with you.

**More flood events and higher damage costs are in our future and it makes good business sense for the Province to continue to rely on the conservation authorities' experience, expertise and cost effective programs to reduce the risk of flooding in Ontario.**

- We strongly support the Flood Advisor's recommendation (#66) for no further cuts to the Province's flood program and we interpret this to include no further cuts to CA Transfer Payments. To be able to support the Province and other partners effectively, conservation authorities need their 2018 transfer payments re-instated and, ideally, increased to address the real and escalating costs of managing flooding. This would help to meet the Province's larger agenda of 'building healthier and safer communities'. And, it helps to reduce costly damages and business disruptions.

- Conservation authorities already work in well-established local and provincial partnerships to reduce flood risk and this collaboration should be supported.

**Current provincial funding levels do not adequately address the concerns around aging flood control infrastructure or outdated floodplain mapping, required to build additional resilience against climate change.**

- Aging infrastructure and floodplain mapping have been historically underfunded by provincial transfer payments and many smaller and mid-range conservation authorities with more rural municipalities cannot address these within current budgets. Budget pressures are also felt by larger conservation authorities with high risk flood-prone areas which require more complex solutions.
- Provincial investment in floodplain mapping matched with municipal and federal investments would greatly accelerate Ontario's ability to adapt and be resilient to climate change. Lack of investment in both floodplain mapping and flood control infrastructure is hurting Ontario's economy and it raises significant concern with regard to increasing risk to public safety and increased liability to the Province, municipalities and conservation authorities.

The conservation authorities have years of experience in improving Ontario's resilience to flooding and it should be considered a cornerstone of any provincial climate change actions and worthy of provincial investment.

Thank you again for the timely release of the Flood Advisor's Report and we appreciate the challenge the Province faces moving forward to address the recommendations. Conservation authorities want to continue to collaborate with the Province in order to protect the public's safety and prevent future costly impacts.

Sincerely,



Wayne Emmerson  
Chair, Conservation Ontario

c.c.

Hon. Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)

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February 5, 2020

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Sent online: *Environmental Registry of Ontario (ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-0880)*

**RE: Comments Submission: A Blueprint for Success: Ontario's Forest Sector Strategy DRAFT, EBR Posting 019-0880**

South Nation Conservation (SNC), one of Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities, has a strong history in watershed management and leadership in applying sustainability practices, including forest management.

SNC owns and manages over 13,000 acres of lands, the majority in forests and plantations. SNC manages an additional 9,000+ acres of forests for the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry (SDG). Forest Management meets or exceeds Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification on both SNC and SDG forests.

As a forest owner and manager, SNC is pleased to provide the following comments on A Blueprint for Success: Ontario's Forest Sector Strategy DRAFT.

SNC supports the Government's commitment to develop a forest sector strategy for Ontario that encourages economic growth. SNC urges the Ontario government to expand its strategy to include privately owned forests, in addition to Crown lands.

Eastern Ontario has lost many local forestry businesses [processors, logging contractors, and sawmills]: forcing woodlot owners to travel further distances to sell wood products (often at low prices), or leaving woodlots unharvested and unmanaged altogether.

This situation means fewer people are willing to plant and invest in woodlots.

Future projected shortages in wood and wood products, lower levels of forest cover in the region, and fewer jobs in the local economy are the result if action is not taken.

SNC, in partnership with local counties, municipalities, woodlot associations, the Eastern Ontario Model Forest, local First Nations communities, and logging contractors, would benefit from support to complete a market analysis and distribution platform for wood harvesting.

Forest owners currently market their available harvests individually. A consolidated approach is required to get wood and wood products to markets in an economically feasible way. There is an opportunity for marketing wood in Eastern Ontario by coordinating harvest tenders of Crown Land with private forests. This would allow for a

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cost-effective harvest by logging contractors and provides market opportunities to smaller woodlot owners who, on their own, lack sufficient supply for commercial markets. SNC is well positioned in Eastern Ontario to assist the Ontario government with coordinating wood harvest tendering.

Expanding the Strategy to include opportunities for private forest owners to explore local, domestic, and international markets for wood harvested in Eastern Ontario, especially markets relying on FSC certified wood products, would support government's commitment to long-term health of forests while encouraging economic growth and investment in the forest industry.

Specifically, an analysis of the following would benefit Eastern Ontario:

- Hardwood timber market potential;
- Development of new markets;
- New transportation corridors (International Ports, Rail) to markets;
- Investment in existing and new Eastern Ontario mills and logging contractors;
- Opportunities to connect niche markets (e.g. local artisans and firewood);
- Opportunities to provide assistance to provincial forests to support sustainable forest management and harvest operations; and
- Creating an online marketing platform as a model to generate additional sales and bundle harvesting opportunities in the Region.

South Nation Conservation looks forward to opportunities to work with the Ontario government on strengthening the forestry sector in Eastern Ontario. If you have any questions regarding our comments, please contact Ronda Boutz, Team Lead, Special Projects at [rboutz@nation.on.ca](mailto:rboutz@nation.on.ca) or 613-984-2948.

**CORPORATION DE LA MUNICIPALITÉ DE LA NATION  
CORPORATION OF THE NATION MUNICIPALITY**

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Résolution No.: 44-2020

Proposée par/Moved by: Marie-Noëlle Lanthier  Alain Mainville  Danik Forgues  Francis Brière

Appuyée par/Seconded by: Marie-Noëlle Lanthier  Alain Mainville  Danik Forgues  Francis Brière

OFFICES DE LA PROTECTION DE LA NATURE

Attendu que la municipalité de La Nation a été bien desservie par la Conservation de la Nation Sud;

Attendu que nous apprécions les efforts de l'Office de protection de la nature pour surveiller les inondations, gérer la protection des sources d'eau et assurer l'intégrité des bassins versants de notre municipalité et conserver notre environnement naturel;

Attendu que le gouvernement provincial actuel examine le mandat et le financement potentiel des offices de protection de la nature;

Qu'il soit résolu que la municipalité de La Nation demande au gouvernement provincial d'améliorer son financement des offices de protection de la nature afin de fournir une base de financement plus stable qui empêcherait le déchargement coûts aux municipalités;

Qu'il soit aussi résolu que le gouvernement provincial maintiendra et ne diminuera pas le mandat de base des offices de protection de la nature;

Qu'il soit aussi résolu que cette résolution soit envoyée au ministre de l'Environnement, de la Protection de la nature et des Parcs, au ministre des Ressources naturelles et au premier ministre.

CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES

Whereas The Nation Municipality has been well served by the South Nation Conservation;

Whereas we value the efforts of the Conservation Authority to monitor floods, to manage source water protection and to ensure the integrity of the watersheds within our municipality and conserve our natural environment;

Whereas the current Provincial Government is reviewing the mandate and potential funding to Conservation Authorities;

Be it resolved that The Nation Municipality requests that the Provincial Government improve their funding of Conservation Authorities to provide a more stable funding base that would prevent any downloading of costs to municipalities;

And further that the Provincial Government will maintain and not diminish the core mandate of Conservation Authorities;

And further that we forward this motion to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Natural Resources, and the Premier.

Recorded Vote/Vote Enregistré

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Francois St. Amour	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Marie-Noëlle Lanthier	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Alain Mainville	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Danik Forgues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Francis Brière	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Cette résolution est:

This resolution is:

Adoptée/Carried

Rejetée/Defeated:

Modifiée/Amended:

**DÉCLARATION D'INTÉRÊT / DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

Nom / Name: \_\_\_\_\_ a (ont) déclaré ses (leur) intérêts,  laissé son (leur) siège(s) et  quitté la salle du Conseil./Disclosed his (her, their) interest,  vacated his (her, their) seat(s) and  left Council chambers.

Greffière  
Clerk