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Board of Directors

Supplemental Agenda

Date: February 20th, 2020

Time: 9:00 am

Location: Watershed Room, SNC

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



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February 20th, 2020 at 9:00 am

1. New Business:

- a. Request for Approval: Collection of Maple Sap at the
Oschmann Forest: John 4-7
- b. Request for Approval: Funding Applications, Infrastructure: Jason 8-9

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Angela Coleman,
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer.

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To: Board of Directors
From: John Mesman, Team Lead, Communications and Outreach
Date: February 13, 2020
Subject: Request for Approval: Collection of Maple Sap at the Oschmann Forest

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board of Directors approve entering into a three-year agreement with a local maple syrup producer for a joint equipment cleaning program and to purchase the maple sap collected at the Oschmann Forest in North Dundas; and

FURTHER THAT: The Board of Directors approve establishing the partnership agreement with the producer who has provided the highest bid on the purchase of maple sap.

DISCUSSION:

In 2019 SNC sold the maple sap collected at the Oschmann Forest to a local maple syrup producer with experience managing partner maple woodlots. Approximately 7,330 gallons of sap were collected from 525 taps and sold for \$4,440.

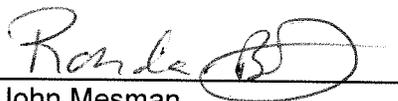
SNC launched an Expression of Interest, which closed on February 7, 2020, to members of the Eastern Ontario Maple Syrup Producers Association to seek a partnership to manage some of the infrastructure on site and sell the maple sap collected (BD-011/2).

SNC plans to enter into a three-year agreement with the local producer who can demonstrate an ability to offer the services requested and provide the highest quote on the sale of maple sap.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:

Compliance with Budget: The Maple Education Program is included in the 2020 SNC Budget under Communications and Outreach: Education and Events, pages 90 and 96.

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

Sir: 

John Mesman
Team Lead, Communications and Outreach.

Attachments: Expression of Interest – Partnership Opportunity with
South Nation Conservation at the Oschmann Forest



January 24, 2020



Eastern Ontario Maple Syrup Producers Association
275 County Road 44, RR #4
Kemptville, ON K0G 1J0



Subject: Expression of interest for partnership opportunity with South Nation Conservation at the Oschmann Forest



South Nation Conservation (SNC) is seeking local maple syrup producers who may be interested in purchasing bulk maple sap and maintaining maple syrup infrastructure at SNC's Oschmann Forest, located near Winchester in the Township of North Dundas.



Donated to SNC in 2017 by the Oschmann Family in memory of Gertrude Oschmann, the 18-acre forest boasts a diverse woodlot that was actively managed for maple syrup production for 50 years until the early 2000's.



Following a year of work and fundraising to construct a new pumphouse and install taps to again render the forest fit for demonstrations of maple syrup production, SNC now hosts its popular annual Maple Syrup Education Program for local youth at the Oschmann Forest.



With 525 taps onsite, there is a potential for 5,000 to 10,000 gallons of sap to be produced every year; 7,730 gallons were collected in 2019.



Those interested have until Friday, February 7th, 2020 to submit the attached expression of interest to jmesman@nation.on.ca.



For more information, or to arrange a site visit at the Oschmann Forest, please contact our head office at 1-877-984-2948.



Sincerely,



John Mesman,
Team Lead, Communications and Outreach
South Nation Conservation





Sale of Maple Sap Produced at Oschmann Forest

South Nation Conservation ("SNC") is seeking local maple syrup producers who are interested in purchasing maple sap and maintaining maple sap infrastructure at Oschmann Forest in the Township of North Dundas (the "Property").

The term of the sale of maple sap and maintenance of maple sap infrastructure will be for three maple sap seasons; beginning in February 2020 and ending on December 2022.

In addition to purchasing the maple sap, interested purchasers must also be willing to undertake the following responsibilities:

- a) operate and maintain the pumphouse, pipelines, and equipment at the Property;
- b) employ industry recognized best practices to maintain tree health;
- c) repair the pumphouse, pipelines, and equipment at the Property prior to the start of the maple sap season;
- d) collect the maple sap from the holding tanks located at the Property;
- e) clean the holding tanks and equipment in the pumphouse immediately following the collection of maple sap;
- f) transport the maple sap to the Purchaser's facility;
- g) clean the pipelines on the Property within 20 days following the end of each maple sap season;
- h) accommodate public shared use of the Property;
- i) provide payment for the all collected maple sap at the amount set by the agreed price within 30 days following the final collection of maple sap at the end of each maple sap season;
- j) provide a valid and current Clearance Certificate from the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board or provide evidence of Workplace Safety and Insurance Board coverage; and
- k) own and maintain commercial general liability insurance on an occurrence basis for third party bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage to an inclusive limit of not less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence.

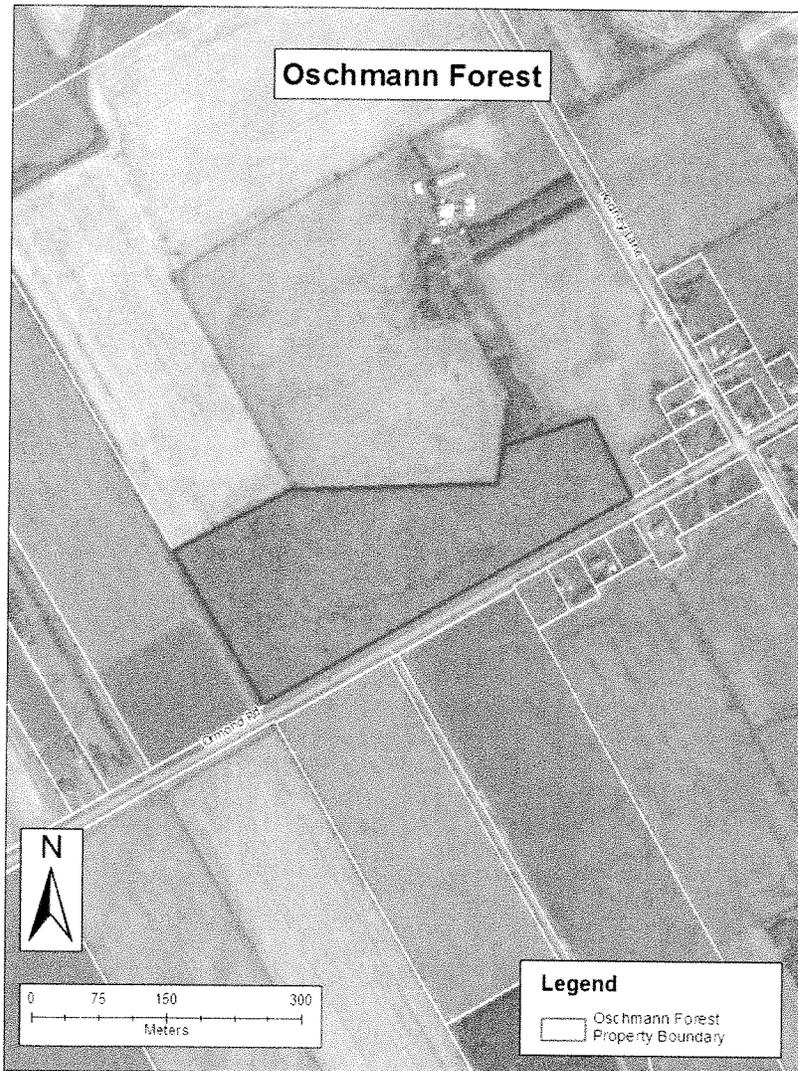
Interested purchasers are invited to contact John Mesman, Team Lead, Communications and Outreach (jmesman@nation.on.ca) to arrange a site visit to the Property. Expressions of interest will be received by the Team Lead, Communications and Outreach until **1:30:00 PM, on Friday, the 7th day of February 2020.**



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Map of Oschmann Forest

Ormond Road, PT LT 4 CON 12 Winchester PT 1 ON 8R5536, North Dundas



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To: Board of Directors
From: Jason Symington, Environmental Technologist
Date: February 5, 2020
Subject: Request for Approval: Funding Applications, Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board of Directors approve the submission to Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, (MNR) under the 2020-2021 Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure, (WECI) program totalling \$178,500 for the following projects;

1. Mitigating Flood Risk at the Chesterville Dam- Phase 2 (\$80,000)
2. Casselman Weir Concrete Assessment and Remediation (\$60,000)
3. Crysler Dyke Integrity Assessment (\$38,500)

FURTHER THAT: The Board of Directors approve \$40,000 to be taken from reserves for the Chesterville Dam project, to match the \$40,000 funded through WECI.

DISCUSSION:

The call for 2020-2021 submissions to the WECI program for Conservation Authorities was received on January 24, 2020 and the deadline to submit project proposals is February 21, 2020.

Following Board approval, SNC staff will apply for the following three projects:

	Project	Description	Budget
1	Mitigating Flood Risk at the Chesterville Dam – Phase 2	Retain qualified services to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install a new furnace and replace corroded electrical connections inside the automatic gate. • Replace the ground fault indicator lights with I-Gard Voltage Indication Alarm. 	\$80,000
2	Casselman Weir Concrete Assessment and Remediation	Retain qualified services to address the 2019 Dam Safety Review recommendation regarding the concrete conditions and proceed with remediation as required.	\$60,000
3	Crysler Dyke Integrity Assessment	Assess the integrity of the dyke.	\$38,500
		Total Cost	\$178,500

Funding received from the Province must be matched by Conservation Authorities, (\$89,250 each partner), and each project must be completed by March 15, 2021.

Projects 1 and 2 are consultant recommendations resulting from the previously approved



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projects funded by the 2019 National Disaster Mitigation Program (BD-151/18), to undertake studies, repairs and upgrades to the Chesterville Dam, and to update the hazard classifications of the Casselman and Russell weirs.

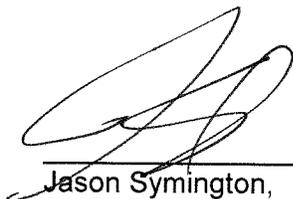
Project 3 is a consultant recommendation from the January 2014 Crysler Dyke Integrity Assessment recommending regular structural assessment. The last inspection was completed in November 2013.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:

Compliance with Budget:

- 1) Mitigating Flood Risk at the Chesterville Dam – Phase 2: SNC's matching contribution to be taken from reserves.
- 2) Casselman Weir Concrete Assessment and Remediation: The Log replacement project was included in the 2020 SNC Budget under Properties – Buildings and Infrastructure – Erosion and Water Control, Page: 44-45. However, the concrete assessment has been identified as a higher priority in the Engineer's report. Therefore, funds previously allocated for the log replacement will be reallocated to undertake the concrete assessment.
- 3) Crysler Dyke Integrity Assessment: Approved in the 2020 Budget Page: 44-45, Properties – Buildings and Infrastructure – Erosion and Water Control.

SNC Policy Adherence: Project expenditures will adhere to SNC's Purchasing Policy, including authorizations according to purchasing limits.



Jason Symington,
Environmental Technologist.