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Forestry Committee

Meeting Agenda

Date: March 5th, 2020

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Heritage Room, SNC

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

**** PLEASE NOTE TIMES BELOW:**

** Committee Members Lunch: 12:00 p.m.

** Joint Standing Committee meeting: 1:00 pm



Forestry Committee

Meeting Agenda

March 5th, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

1. Chair's Remarks
 2. Approval of Forestry Committee Agenda (Supplemental Agenda)
 3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
 4. SNC Forestry Project Update – PowerPoint Presentation: Staff
 5. Community Engagement
 6. Approval of:
 - a. Forestry Committee meeting minutes of November 26th, 2019 4-8
 7. New Business:
 - a. Request for Approval: Election of Committee Chair: Pat 9-13
 - b. Request for Approval: 2020 Committee Membership: Pat 14-15
 - c. Request for Approval: Forestry Committee Mandate: Pat 16
 - d. Update: 2019 SNC Forest Management Annual Report: Pat 17
 - e. Update: 2020 Forestry Workplan: Pat 18-20
 - f. Request for Approval: Partnership Opportunity: Philip 21
 - g. Request for Approval: Forest Stewards Partnerships: Philip 22
 - h. Update: 2020 Fire Prevention and Preparedness Plan: Cheyene 23-37
 - i. Update: City of Ottawa Green Acres Reforestation Program: Cheyene 38-41
 8. Supplemental Agenda (if any)
 9. Correspondence:
 - a. SNC Submission: A Blueprint for Success: Ontario's Forest Strategy DRAFT 42-43
 10. Roundtable Discussions
 - a. Recommendations for 'Friends of SNC'
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11. Upcoming Events
12. Date of Next Meeting: June 4th, 2020
13. Adjournment

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Pat Piitz,
Team Lead, Property.

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FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday November 26th, 2019, 10:00 a.m. – Meeting 04/19
 Watershed Room, SNC



Present:

- Dave Robertson, Committee Chair
- François Allard, Private Citizen
- Lloyd Benedict, Mohawks of Akwesasne
- Alain Bertrand, Private Citizen
- John Boals, Snowmobile Association
- Maurice Chabot, Private Citizen
- Achille Drouin, EOMC
- Dorothy Hamilton, Stormont Dundas Glengarry OWA
- Elizabeth Holmes, MNRF (teleconference)
- Steve Hunter, United Counties of Prescott and Russell
- Murray Inch, Private Citizen
- Glenn Mackey, Past Board Member
- Jack Sullivan, United Counties of Stormont Dundas Glengarry
- Bill Smirle, SNC Board of Directors, Chair, ex-officio
- Doug Thompson, SNC Board of Directors, Past Chair, ex-officio

Regrets:

- Archie Byers, Private Citizen
- Tony Ricard, Private Citizen
- François St. Amour, Mayor, La Nation
- Ron Toonders, Ag Soil and Crop
- George Darouze, SNC Board of Directors, Vice Chair, ex-officio

Staff:

- Ronda Boutz, Team Lead, Special Projects
- Pat Piitz, Team Lead, Property
- Chris Craig, Senior Forestry Technician
- Phil Duncan, Property and Approvals Assistant II
- Caroline Goulet, Forestry Technician



CHAIR'S REMARKS

Dave Robertson, Committee Chair, convened the Forestry Committee meeting of Tuesday November 26th, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed Committee Members.

APPROVAL OF FORESTRY COMMITTEE AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. FC-036/19

Moved by: Bill Smirle
Seconded by: Glenn Mackey

RESOLVED THAT:

The Members approve the Forestry Committee agenda of November 26th, 2019 as submitted.

CARRIED

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Conflict of Interest.

François Allard joined the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

Murray Inch joined the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

SNC FORESTRY PROJECT UPDATE – POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Staff presented Forestry Program and Project updates.

UPDATE: J. HENRY TWEED PROJECT

Phil Duncan, Property and Approvals Assistant presented a powerpoint update on the J. Hendry Tweed Project.

APPROVAL OF:

FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2019

RESOLUTION NO. FC-037/19

Moved by: Alain Bertrand
Seconded by: Doug Thompson

RESOLVED THAT:

The Members approve the Forestry Committee meeting minutes of September 3rd, 2019 as submitted.

CARRIED



NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

RESOLUTION NO. FC-038/19

Moved by: Doug Thompson
Seconded by: François Allard

RESOLVED THAT:

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

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: OTTAWA ASH TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. FC-039/19

Moved by: Glenn Mackey
Seconded by: Murray Inch

RESOLVED THAT:

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

FURTHER THAT:

The Committee approve reallocating any surplus funds from the approved projects to the next eligible project on the Program waiting list.

CARRIED

UPDATE: FOREST ONTARIO: 50 MILLION TREE PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. FC-040/19

Moved by: John Boals
Seconded by: Dorothy Hamilton

RESOLVED THAT:

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

CARRIED



UPDATE: 2019 YEAR END REPORT

RESOLUTION NO. FC-041/19

Moved by: Jack Sullivan
Seconded by: Maurice Chabot

RESOLVED THAT:

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

CARRIED

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

a. **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Dave Robertson:

- Leeds and Grenville Stewardship Council maintenance of Edwardsburgh Cardinal Butternut Compensation
- Routinely sends tree planting projects to SNC Staff

Murray Inch:

- Oak Valley Pioneer Park presentation to North Dundas Council, 2020 presentation planned once 2019 Annual Report is available
- Forestry Stewards meeting held at SNC on October 30th was very positive

Maurice Chabot:

- Promotion of tree planting to general public

Achille Drouin:

- Opportunity for more tree planting in school yards

Bill Smirle:

- Updates North Dundas Council on a regular basis, and keeps other SDG Municipalities informed of SNC activities

Glenn Mackey:

- Actively encourages Municipality to donate surplus lands to SNC, or encouragement to them plant trees on these sites

Lloyd Benedict:

- Stressed the importance of sharing knowledge



François Allard:

- Promotes tree planting to agricultural clients

Elizabeth Holmes:

- Continues to forward landowners to SNC

b. **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 'FRIENDS OF SNC'**

There were no recommendations at this time.

John Boals and Maurice Chabot left the meeting at 12:21 p.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Forestry Committee – March 5th, 2020 at 10 a.m.
- Joint Standing Committees – March 5th, 2020 at 1:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. FC-042/19

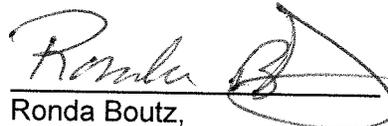
Moved by: François Allard

RESOLVED THAT:

The Forestry Committee meeting of
November 26th, 2019 be adjourned at
12:26 p.m.

CARRIED

Dave Robertson,
Committee Chair.



Ronda Boutz,
Team Lead, Special Projects.



To: Forestry Committee
From: Pat Piitz, Team Lead, Property
Date: February 27, 2020
Subject: Request for Approval: Election of Committee Chair

RECOMMENDATION:

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

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

DISCUSSION:

As per the South Nation Conservation (SNC) Standing Committees Terms of Reference, each Standing Committee must appoint a Chair annually.

As Election Chair, I will solicit nominations from Committee Members for the Chair position. If only one nomination is made, there will be a motion to approve the nominated Chair. If multiple nominations are made for these positions, I will conduct a vote using the procedures outlined in Appendix A.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:

Compliance with Budget:

No impact on the 2020 SNC Budget.

SNC Policy Adherence:

The Election of Committee Chair adheres to the SNC Standing Committees Terms of Reference and the SNC Administrative By-laws.



Pat Piitz,
Team Lead, Property.



Election Procedures

1. Election Chair declares the position vacant, according to *SNC's Administrative By-laws*
 2. Call for nominations 3 times for election of Chair (no seconder required)
 3. Approval of the following motion:
 - Moved by:
 - Seconded by:
 - That for the year 2020, and until the Joint Standing Committee Meeting of 2021,
 - That Mr./Ms. _____ be elected as Chair of the Forestry Committee
 4. Chair assumes their office
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SNC Election Procedures if there is more than one candidate for Chair

1. Election Chair declares the position vacant, according to *SNC's Administrative By-laws*
2. Election procedures for Chair
 - Nominations require no seconder
 - Election chair calls for nominations from the floor
 - If a nominee does not wish to accept, they should decline immediately
 - If there are no further nominations from the floor, election chair asks if there are any further nominations
 - If none are forthcoming, the election chair declares nominations closed
 - Where a vote is required, ballots will be distributed and scrutineer(s) appointed
 - Announcement of results
3. Chair assumes their office



Appendix A

Procedures for Election of Officers

Voting

- B1.1 Voting shall be by secret ballot.
- B1.2 No Member may vote by proxy.
- B1.3 "Majority Vote" means half of the votes plus one.

Acting Chair

- B2.0 The Committee shall appoint a person, who is not a voting Member, as Acting Chair for the purpose of the election of Committee Chair.

Scrutineers

- B3.1 The Acting Chair shall call a motion for the appointment of one or more persons, who are not Committee Members or Staff of the Authority, to act as scrutineers.
- B3.2 A Committee Member, who will not stand for election, may be appointed as an additional scrutineer if requested.
- B3.3 All ballots shall be destroyed by the scrutineers after the vote.

Election Procedures

- B4.0 The Acting Chair shall advise the Members that the election will be conducted in accordance with the Act as follows:
 - a) the election shall be conducted in the following order:
 - i. Election of the Chair, who shall be a Member of the Committee;
 - b) the Acting Chair shall ask for nominations;
 - c) only current Members of the Committee who are present may vote;
 - d) nominations shall be called three (3) times and will only require a mover;
 - e) the closing of nominations shall require both a mover and a seconder;



- f) each Member nominated shall be asked to accept the nomination. The Member must be present to accept the nomination unless the Member has advised in writing or by email in advance of the election of their willingness to accept the nomination;
- g) if there is only one nominee, the individual shall be declared into the position by acclamation;
- h) in the event of an election, each nominee shall be permitted not more than three (3) minutes to speak for the office, in the order of the alphabetical listing by surnames;
- i) upon the acceptance by nominees to stand for election to the position of office, ballots shall be distributed to the Members by the scrutineers for the purpose of election and the Acting Chair shall ask the Members to write the name of one individual only on the ballot;
- j) the scrutineers shall collect the ballots, leave the meeting to count the ballots, return and advise the Acting Chair who was elected by Majority Vote.

Majority Vote required

- B5.1 A Majority Vote shall be required for election.
- B5.2 If there are more than two nominees, and upon the first vote no nominee receives the majority required for election, the name of the person with the least number of votes shall be removed from further consideration for the office and new ballots shall be distributed.
- B5.3 In the case of a vote where no nominee receives the majority required for election and where two or more nominees are tied with the least number of votes, a special vote shall be taken to decide which one of such tied nominees' names shall be dropped from the list of names to be voted on in the next vote.

Tie vote

- B6.1 Should there be a tie vote between two remaining candidates, new ballots shall be distributed, and a second vote held.
- B6.2 Should there still be a tie after the second ballot a third vote shall be held.



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B6.3 Should there be a tie after the third vote, the election of the office shall be decided by lot drawn by the Acting Chair or designate.

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To: Forestry Committee
From: Pat Piitz, Team Lead, Property
Date: February 20th, 2020
Subject: Request for Approval: 2020 Committee Membership

RECOMMENDATION:

The Forestry Committee recommends to the Board of Directors to add one additional member to the Committee to bring total membership (not including ex-officio members) to 16 members for 2020; and

FURTHER THAT: The Forestry Committee recommends the following membership to the Board of Directors for 2020.

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| - François Allard, Private Citizen | - Glenn Mackey, Past Board Member |
| - Lloyd Benedict, Mohawks of Akwesasne | - Tony Ricard, Private Citizen |
| - Alain Bertrand, Private Citizen | - Dave Robertson, Committee Chair |
| - John Boals, Snowmobile Assoc. | - François St. Amour, Board Member |
| - Archie Byers, Private Citizen | - Jack Sullivan, UCSDG |
| - Maurice Chabot, Private Citizen | - Ron Toonders, Ag Soil and Crop |
| - Dorothy Hamilton, SDG OWA | - Bill Smirle, SNC Chair, ex-officio |
| - Elizabeth Holmes, MNRF(non-voting) | - George Darouze, SNC Vice Chair, ex-officio |
| - Steve Hunter, UCPR | - Doug Thompson, SNC Past Chair, ex-officio |
| - Murray Inch, Private Citizen | |

DISCUSSION:

According to the 2016 Standing Committees Terms of Reference, Committee Membership will consist of:

- 15 members maximum per Committee, plus 3 ex officio Board Members
 - i. strive for watershed representation, both geographic and functional
 - ii. with 75% majority vote of the Committee at which quorum is achieved, additional Members may be added to the Committee, subject to Board approval.
- Budgets for travel/per meeting allowances will not change from the budgeted amount, regardless of committee size
- Staff support will remain nominally the same, regardless of Committee size
- All Committee appointments to be approved annually by the Board of Directors at the March Board meeting
- Any Committee Member (including ex officio members) missing two consecutive meetings without communicating justification, to the Committee Chair, will be removed from the Committee.



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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:

Compliance with Budget:

Committee expenses are included in the approved 2020 SNC Budget, under Communications and Outreach, pages 88-89 (SNC Standing Committees).

SNC Policy Adherence:

SNC Committee's adhere to SNC Administrative By-laws and Standing Committee Terms of Reference.



Pat Piitz,
Team Lead, Property.

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To: Forestry Committee
From: Ronda Boutz, Team Lead, Special Projects
Date: February 25, 2020
Subject: Request for Approval: Forestry Committee Mandate

RECOMMENDATION:

The Forestry Committee review the draft Forestry Committee mandate and provide feedback to staff; and

FURTHER THAT: The Forestry Committee recommends a Forestry Committee mandate to the Board of Directors.

DISCUSSION:

The South Nation Conservation Standing Committees Terms of Reference references a mandate for each committee; to date, there is no Board of Directors approved mandate for any of the Standing Committees.

Staff have drafted a mandate for the Forestry Committee and are requesting feedback on the proposed wording. Final standing committee mandates will be brought to the Board of Directors for approval at their March 19th meeting.

Forestry Committee Mandate (draft)

The Forestry Committee will provide stakeholder input to SNC's delivery of its forestry stewardship programs and management of SNC Forests, including the 20-Year Forest Management Plan and 5-Year Operating Plans. Committee members will help increase public awareness of SNC's landowner stewardship initiatives, support the creation of partnerships and build community support with the public, stakeholder groups, government agencies, academics and other environmental organizations. Members may also serve as Forest Stewards helping SNC to monitor and report on various SNC owned properties.

Stakeholder representation may include, but is not limited to, the following: local woodlot associations; Counties Forests; First Nations; forest industry; Eastern Ontario Model Forest; Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry; local environmental groups; local woodlot owners, and public members-at-large with knowledge of local forests and/or the forestry industry.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:

Compliance with Budget: No impact to SNC's 2020 Budget.

SNC Policy Adherence: SNC Standing Committees adhere to SNC's Administrative By-law and the SNC Standing Committees Terms of Reference.


Ronda Boutz,
Team Lead, Special Projects.

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To: Forestry Committee
From: Pat Piitz, Team Lead Property
Date: February 26, 2020
Subject: Update: SNC Forest Annual Report 2019

RECOMMENDATION:

The Forestry Committee receive and file the SNC Forest Annual Report 2019 update.

DISCUSSION:

The SNC Forest Annual Report summarizes activities that occur within the SNC Forest during the annual operating period.

Highlights of the current Annual Report include:

- An increase in the forest area (two new acquisitions)
- Compliance with operating standards (FSC)
- Staff training and development
- Increase in the number of silvicultural prescriptions
- Increase in tree planting on SNC land
- Efforts to control invasive species
- Increase in forest infrastructure investment

The report is available on the Forestry Committee webpage.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:

Compliance with Budget:

In compliance with the 2019 SNC Budget: Community Lands: SNC Forest.

SNC Policy Adherence:

In compliance with SNC Forest Policy.



Pat Piitz,
Team Lead Property.

Handout: SNC Forest Annual Report 2019



To: Forestry Committee
From: Pat Piitz, Team Lead, Property
Date: February 25, 2020
Subject: Update: 2020 Forestry Work Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

The Forestry Committee receive and file the 2020 Forestry Work Plan update; and

FURTHER THAT: The Committee Members provide comments for consideration on the 2021 Work Plan deliverables.

DISCUSSION:

The following deliverables identified in the 2020 SNC Budget are items that will be brought to the Forestry Committee in 2020.

1. Partner Programs: Forests

- Tree planting
 - Purchase 125,000 seedlings.
 - Conduct 40 site visits.
 - Conduct 45 seedling survival assessments.
 - Supervise site preparation, tree planting and tree tending contracts.
 - Co-host, with municipalities, 18 municipal tree giveaways.
- Ottawa Ash Tree Replacement Program
 - Replace 500 infected ash with native trees.
- Woodlot Advisory Service
 - Conduct 20 site visits.
 - Produce 20 woodlot management reports.
 - Provide 30 \$500-grants to eligible woodlot owners.
- Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Forest
 - 53 hectares harvested.
 - 50 hectares tree marking.
 - 2 Harvesting Plans.
- Roadside Tree Program
 - Implement a five-year plan for Stormont Dundas and Glengarry roadside tree planting, planting five sites (500 trees) on County roads.
 - Plant two to three sites (150 trees) along Prescott and Russell County roads.



- Butternut Compensation Program
 - Replace dead trees as required.
 - Provide year four (Edwardsburgh/Cardinal) survival monitoring report.
2. Community Lands: Conservation Areas
- Maintain:
 - 14 parks with 35 kilometers of trails.
 - 11 docks.
 - Conservation area asset inventory.
 - Implement recommendation of Tree Risk Assessments:
 - Tree removals: 30
 - Tree pruning: 28
 - Tree planting: 15
 - Monitor park use to guide future improvements.
 - Welcome over 100,000 visitors to the conservation areas from May through October.
 - Replace footbridge at J. Henry Tweed.
3. Community Lands: Lands
- Promote the land donation through Land Trust Program.
 - Celebrate through official opening events, three land donations and acquisitions.
 - Work with Communications to continue to actively sign our conservation lands.
 - Update lease and partner agreements.
 - Undertake invasive species and noxious weed control.
 - Graffiti vandalism.
 - 10 pounds of honey, \$0.60 per maple tap, increase in agricultural and recreational lease income.
 - Land acquisition.
 - Facilitate operations and access replace the following SNC assets:
 - 4 culverts
 - 1 gate
 - 150 tonnes aggregate
4. SNC Forest
- Site preparation: 12.9 ha.
 - Drainage: 425 m.
 - Tree planting: 6.0 ha.



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- Invasive species control: 4.0 ha.
- Tree marking: 125.6 ha.
- Harvest: 133.5 ha.
- Inventory 114.0 ha
- Planning: six harvest plans – 114.0 ha.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:

Compliance with Budget:

Above deliverables are consistent with the 2020 SNC Budget. Details can be found on the following pages:

- Resource Management: Partner Programs, Forests, pages 16-17
- Property: Community Lands, Conservation Areas, Lands, SNC Forest, pages 34-38

SNC Policy Adherence:

All expenditures related to the above deliverables adhere to SNC's Purchasing Policy.

Pat Piitz,
Team Lead, Property.

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To: Forestry Committee
From: Philip Duncan, Property and Approvals Assistant
Date: February 26, 2020
Subject: Request for Approval: Partnership Opportunity- QDMA

RECOMMENDATION:

The Forestry Committee recommends to the Board of Directors that SNC negotiate a partnership agreement with the Quality Deer Management Association.

DISCUSSION:

SNC recently met with members of the Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) to discuss potential partnership opportunities. QDMA is a wildlife conservation organization that strives to ensure the future of white-tailed deer and wildlife habitat through science-based programs. QDMA promotes the hunting heritage and ethical hunting as a means of conservation.

Potential partnership opportunities include:

- Develop an SNC White-tailed Deer Management Strategy
- Promote hunting on SNC land
- Identify 4 properties to be used as youth access locations for the First Hunt Program;
- Organize and promote youth events focused around hunting and conservation initiatives;
- Conduct seminars on best management practices for wildlife, hunting workshops, and forestry;
- Participate in the Forest Stewards Program and assist with stewardship opportunities such as tree planting and invasive species removals on CA lands.

QDMA offers financial and volunteer support to achieve its objectives

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:

Compliance with Budget: Forest Steward expenses are included in the approved 2020 SNC Budget, under Community Lands- SNC Forests, pages 38 and 39. QDMA to provide in-kind and financial contributions.

SNC Policy Adherence: All project expenditures will adhere to SNC's Purchasing Policy.

Philip Duncan,
Property and Approvals Assistant.



To: Forestry Committee
From: Philip Duncan, Property and Approvals Assistant
Date: February 26, 2020
Subject: Update: Forest Steward Program

RECOMMENDATION:

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

DISCUSSION:

Forest Stewards assist in the management and monitoring of SNC's forested properties. The program currently engages with 20 stewards to cover 45 of SNC's 164 properties. In return for their service, forest stewards receive training and support from SNC staff and the chance to learn more and play an active role in managing their local environment.

The focus for the program in 2020 will be to develop stronger relations with the program stewards.

- Implementation of new Smartphone App to facilitate data collection and reporting on Survey 123
- Forest Stewards will also be invited to participate in relevant training workshops with SNC staff such as: identification of invasive species and species at risk, SNC policies and procedures, and outings to facilitate the installation of property signage
- Stewards will be notified of changes to properties and upgrades to the current condition of SNC's assets. Forest Stewards will assist with future maintenance and monitoring requirement

SNC has 8 new participants interested in becoming Forest Stewards and will be meeting with each over the next month. Annual meeting will take place in October.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:

Compliance with Budget: Forest Steward expenses are included in the approved 2020 SNC Budget, under SNC Forests 38-39.

SNC Policy Adherence: All project expenditures will adhere to SNC's Purchasing Policy.

Philip Duncan,
Property and Approvals Assistant.



To: Forestry Committee
From: Cheyene Brunet, Forestry Technician
Date: February 26, 2020
Subject: Update: 2020 Fire Prevention and Preparedness Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

The Forestry Committee provides feedback on the 2020 SNC Fire Prevention and Preparedness Plan.

DISCUSSION:

SNC annually updates the emergency plans in mid-May during Emergency Preparedness Week, including the SNC Fire Prevention and Preparedness Plan. The goal of the plan is to minimize damage to SNC property by providing information to municipal fire services.

Changes suggested for 2020 include:

- Renaming of document to 'SNC Forest Fire Emergency Plan'
- Reorganizing the document into Appendices for easy reference
 - Appendix A – SNC Property Maps
 - Appendix B – Municipal Fire By-Laws
 - Appendix C – Emergency Contact List (internal only)
- The addition of SNC properties 155 and 156
- Review and update of Appendix B and C: Municipal Fire By-Laws and Emergency Contact Lists
- General formatting updates as required

Maps for each municipality showing the location of SNC properties have been updated and are included in the plan.

A copy of the Plan is available online on the Committee Members page. Staff will also have a copy of the current plan available at the Committee meeting.

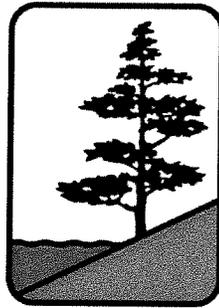
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:

Compliance with Budget: Forest management is included in the 2020 SNC Budget under Property, Community Lands, SNC Forests on pages 38-39.

SNC Policy Adherence: Complies with SNC Health and Safety Policy and SNC Forestry Policy.



for Cheyene Brunet,
Forestry Technician.



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Forest Fire Emergency Plan

March 2020

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Appendix A: Municipal Fire By-Laws



1.0 – INTRODUCTION

South Nation Conservation (SNC) manages 11,633 acres of land on 165 properties across 13 Municipalities within the jurisdiction. In addition to the forested properties, SNC also owns a variety of day use Conservation Areas.

The goal of this plan is to:

1. Minimize property damage by appointing an SNC Fire Prevention Coordinator; and
2. Outline clear steps to be taken when a fire occurs on any SNC owned property.

This plan will assess the risk of forest fires on SNC owned property and will provide information related to fire prevention measures and activities to be undertaken to optimize response for fire suppression efforts.

2.0 – RESPONSIBILITY

The SNC jurisdiction is located outside the “fire region”, as defined by the Forest Fires Prevention Act, 1997, S.O. 1990, c. F.24. Figure 1 illustrates the Fire Regions in Ontario. The responsibility for forest fire suppression outside the “fire region” is delegated to Municipal Fire Departments under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997, S.O. 1997, c.4 (FPPA).

Under the FPPA, every municipality shall enact bylaws (Appendix A), establish a program in the municipality which must include public education with respect to fire safety and certain components of fire preventions and provide such other fire protection services as it determines may be necessary in accordance with its needs and circumstances. A council of a municipality may pass by-laws regulating fire prevention, including; the prevention and spreading of fires and regulating the setting of open-air fires, including establishing the times during which open air fires may be set. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) may, under extraordinary circumstances, provide fire protection support to the Municipalities.



Figure 1 Map of Ontario's fire regions as defined by the Forest Fires Protection Act



2.1 SNC Fire Prevention Coordinator

SNC appoints **Chris Craig, Senior Forestry Technician** as the Fire Prevention Coordinator. The roles of the Fire Prevention Coordinator include aiding the Municipal Fire Departments with property knowledge, including but not limited to: geographic location, access points, topography, physical/natural features, and fuel type.

Municipal Fire Departments require *SP-103 Municipal Fire Department Wildland Firefighting Training*. The SNC Fire Prevention Coordinator will have the following training: *SP-102 Forestry Industry Wildland Firefighting Training*.

3.0 – COST OF FOREST FIRE SUPPRESSION

The cost of forest fire suppression is borne by the Municipality, as per the FPPA (Part VIII). However, a Municipality may prescribe cost collection from a landowner for fires that are in contravention of a bylaw(s), for example a fire that is intentionally set without a burn permit. If it can be proven that the fire originated on Crown Land, the cost of suppression is covered by MNR.

4.0 – ASSESSMENT OF FOREST FIRE RISK

Several factors were considered to assess the risk of ignition and rate of spread of forest fire on SNC owned property. The following criteria were used to evaluate the level of forest fire risk on each of SNC's forest properties based on the probability of ignition and/or rate of spread.

4.1 Fire History

The historical frequency and severity of fires within the SNC jurisdiction provides an indication of the level of risk that is associated with SNC owned properties. There have been three documented fires on SNC properties since 1961, including; two small grass fires that occurred on recently planted sites and third fire which occurred in a young plantation. A wildfire occurred in the Newington Bog in the late 1990's and, although not on SNC property, SNC assisted in the fire suppression effort.

From an historical perspective, the risk of fire on SNC owned property is low, having three small fires of less than 1 acre per occurrence in over 5 decades.

4.2 Fuel Type

The type of forest cover, associated understory vegetation, and the usual thickness of the duff layer provide an indication of the likelihood of ignition, rate of spread and the probable intensity of a forest fire. It should be noted that under extreme fire conditions,



all fuel types have a much higher probability of ignition, with faster rates of spread and a higher likelihood of intense fires.

Due to the size and distribution of the SNC jurisdiction, some generalizations have been made in order to assess the fuel types that occur in this region. The main fuel types have been grouped as follows:

1. Wetlands – This fuel type includes areas that have standing water for most of the year and support mainly herbaceous and shrub growth with few, if any trees (e.g. peat bogs, fens, marshes, alder swamps, etc.). These areas pose little fire concern except under extreme conditions. If fires do ignite on these sites, they tend to burn underground and can be some of the most difficult fires to suppress (e.g. Newington Bog Fire).
2. Grasslands and Poorly Stocked Forests – This fuel type includes areas where herbaceous vegetation dominates. It also includes forest areas where less than 40% of the area is covered by trees > 3 meters in height (i.e. barren and scattered). Prior to green-up, these sites tend to be a high risk of ignition and have the potential to spread rapidly. Low intensity fires can be expected, unless the fire spreads to an area with more substantial fuel loading.
3. Poplar and Intolerant Hardwoods – This fuel type includes poplar, white and grey birch, red maple and other deciduous trees primarily on fresh-moist sites, but it can occur across the full range of moisture regimes. The understory tends to be dominated by deciduous trees and shrubs. There is minimal risk of ignition and spread on these sites except under extreme drought, and leafless conditions.
4. Tolerant and Lowland Hardwoods – This fuel type is composed of upland deciduous forests and treed swamps that are dominated by deciduous trees. Little or no surface fuels exist in this forest type and the duff layer is shallow with limited fuel for combustion. Self-pruning in these areas is good and there are few dead limbs below the live crown which is typically above 7 meters. This forest type is a low risk for fire ignition and rate of spread can be expected to be slow. There would be increased risk of ignition and spread in the spring before green-up, especially in areas with greater leaf litter accumulation (i.e. oak dominated sites) or areas with heavy herbaceous accumulation. However, even under very dry spring conditions, a fire in this fuel type could be expected to progress slowly and would most likely be of low intensity.
5. Lowland Coniferous – This fuel type is composed of treed swamps that are dominated by naturally occurring coniferous trees (e.g. cedar, tamarack, spruce) and conifer plantations on wet sites (e.g. tamarack). These areas are typically low stocked with gaps in crown closure. Surface fuels on these sites are minimal and the duff layer is shallow. The coniferous trees in these stands typically have dead limbs right to the forest floor which would allow for fire to climb into the crowns under the right weather conditions, but stocking gaps would result in a spotty burn. The risk of ignition would be low under normal conditions due to flooding that is common prior to green up. A fire could be expected to progress



slowly and would likely be of low intensity due to inconsistent fuel distribution.

6. Upland Coniferous – This fuel type primarily occurs on fresh-moist upland sites that are dominated by naturally occurring coniferous trees (e.g. spruce, balsam fir, cedar, white pine, hemlock, etc.), often mixed with deciduous trees (e.g. poplar, white birch, red maple, etc.). The duff layer on these sites is shallow and surface fuels are limited. Self-pruning is generally good and ladder fuels are not abundant, except where the understory is dominated by coniferous trees and shrubs. The risk of ignition and spread are quite high in the spring and fall, but drops significantly after green-up. A moderate intensity fire could be expected on these sites in the spring or fall.
7. Mature Pine Plantation – This fuel type includes Scots, jack, red or white pine dominated plantations usually more than 25 years of age, primarily on dry-fresh upland sites. Most of these areas are well-stocked and exhibit good self-pruning or have been manually pruned and crown height is more than 7 meters from the ground. Needle litter is continuous, there is minimal down and dead material and hardwood regeneration is common. Slow moving, low intensity fires could be expected on these sites with minimal damage to the over story trees.
8. Immature Pine Plantation – The fuel type includes Scots, jack, red and white pine dominated plantations usually less than 25 years of age, primarily on dry-fresh upland sites. Most of these sites have not reached or have just reached full site occupancy. In most cases, self-pruning or manual pruning has not occurred or is only partially complete. As a result, crown height is less than 7 meters from the ground, often with limbs right to the ground. These sites are quite volatile and rapidly spreading, intense fires can be expected.
9. Spruce Plantation – This fuel type is characterized by well stocked plantations on fresh-moist sites with a thin duff layer and very little surface fuel. Understory vegetation is absent except where there are gaps in stocking. Most trees have limbs right to the ground, which would facilitate crowning. Slow moving, low intensity fires can be expected under low and moderate fire danger. Under higher fire danger indices, this fuel type is quite volatile and would result in an intense, rapidly spreading fire.
10. Upland Cedar – This fuel type is composed of pure cedar stands on fresh-moist sites, occasional associates are poplar, maple, hemlock and white pine. These areas have a thin duff layer and little or no surface fuels to support a fire. Understory vegetation is absent except where there are gaps in stocking. Self-pruning on these sites is very good. Due to the general lack of surface and ladder fuels, slow moving, low intensity fires could be expected on these sites.

Recent harvest activity (i.e. < 5 years) increases fuel loading and can increase the risk of ignition, rate of spread, and intensity. However, SNC employs partial cutting systems and slash build up after harvest tends to be scattered and discontinuous which results in a “spotty” burn. In addition, SNC’s operational standards keep slash build up to a



minimum and encourage rapid decomposition. Finally, it should be noted that unmanaged forests tend to have more fuel build up over time than managed forests, since the trees that typically die and become fuel are those that are normally targeted for removal in a managed forest.

5.0- FACTORS AFFECTING FIRE PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION

5.1 Emergency Response and Property Location

Emergency response time can vary and is largely dependent on the proximity of the property to a Municipal Fire Station.

5.2 Forest Access Roads and Trails

SNC does not maintain fire roads to all properties. All SNC trail locations are accessible for use by the Municipal Fire Departments. This does not imply that all SNC properties have access routes.

6.0 - EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

In the event of a fire on SNC owned property, the local Municipal Fire Departments will be the primary contact, followed by the SNC Fire Prevention Coordinator.

In case of an emergency, please dial 911.

South Nation Conservation Fire Response Emergency Contact Directory

SNC Emergency Contact Number 1-877-984-2948			
NAME, TITLE	BUSINESS	CELL PHONE	EMAIL
Pat Piitz, Team Lead, Property	(613) 984-2948	(613) 889-3519	ppiitz@nation.on.ca
Chris Craig, Senior Forestry Technician, Forest Fire Coordinator	(613) 984-2948		ccraig@nation.on.ca
Cheyene Brunet, Forestry Technician	(613) 984-2948		cbrunet@nation.on.ca
Caroline Goulet, Forestry Technician	(613) 984-2948		cgoulet@nation.on.ca
Mike Leger, Community Lands Representative	(613) 984-2948	(613) 551-9059	mleger@nation.on.ca



SNC Emergency Contact Number 1-877-984-2948			
NAME, TITLE	BUSINESS	CELL PHONE	EMAIL
Philip Duncan, Property and Approvals Assistant II	(613) 984-2948		pducan@nation.on.ca

Municipal Fire Departments by Municipality

UNITED COUNTIES OF STORMONT, DUNDAS, AND GLENGARRY

North Dundas

- **Chesterville**
 - Fire Hall 1 Industrial Drive, Chesterville
 - Phone: 613-448-2865
 - Chief: Michael Gruich
Deputy: David Lannin
- **Mountain**
 - Fire Hall A 1650 County Road 1, Hallville
 - Fire Hall B: 2967 Lough Rd, South Mountain
 - Phone: 613-229-2555
 - Chief: Ray Sherrer
 - Deputy Chief: Don Levere
- **Morewood**
 - Fire Hall 21 Russel St, Morewood
 - Phone: 613-229-1327
 - Chief: Ken Byers
 - Deputy Chief: Shawn Mattice
- **Winchester**
 - Fire Hall 547 St. Lawrence St.
 - Phone: 613-223-8687
 - Chief: Dan Kelly
 - Deputy Chief: Sandy Johnston

South Dundas

- Director of Fire & Emergency Services: Cameron Morehouse
 - Phone: 613-543-2673
- **Iroquois**
 - 1 Dundas Street, Iroquois, ON K0E 1K0
 - Phone: 613-652-4505
 - Deputy Chief: Ray Hunter



- **Morrisburg**
 - 6 Fifth St. West, Morrisburg, ON K0C 1X0
 - Phone: 613-543-2171
 - Deputy Chief: Mike VanAllen
- **Williamsburg**
 - 4334 Villa Drive Williamsburg, ON K0C 2H0
 - Phone: 613-535-2216
 - Deputy Chief: Brian Vanhoof

North Stormont

- Fire Chief: Dan Gauvin, 613-930-3362
- Deputy Fire Chief: Dennis Mainville, 613-447-4106
- Deputy Fire Chief: Dereck Hoar, 613-447-2617
 - **Avonmore**
 - 16307 County Rd. 43, Avonmore
 - **Crysler**
 - 18 Second Street, Crysler
 - **Finch**
 - 11 John Street Finch, ON K0C 1K0
 - **Moose Creek**
 - 60 Sabourin Street, Moose Creek

South Stormont

- Fire Chief: Gilles Crepeau
 - Phone: 613-534-2419 ext. 250
- Fire Prevention Office: Nick MacGillivray
 - Phone: 613-534-8889
- **Long Sault**
 - 50 Mille Roches Road, Long Sault, ON K0C 1P0
 - District Chief Paul McAlear
- **Ingleside**
 - 1 Maple Avenue, Ingleside, ON K0C 1M0
 - District Chief Larry Barkley
- **Newington**
 - 3931 County Road 12, Newington ON K0C 1Y0
 - Deputy Chief: Drew Cameron
- **St. Andrews West**
 - 5205 Highway 139 St. Andrews West, ON K0C 2A0
 - District Chief Paul McAlear

North Glengarry

- Fire Chief: Matthew Roy



- 613-577-3254
- Deputy Chief: Vacant
- **Alexandria: Station 1**
 - 188 Kenyon St. West Alexandria, ON
 - District Chief: Denis Lalonde
 - Phone: 613-551-6568; station1@northglengarry.ca
- **Apple Hill: Station 2**
 - 18494 Hughie Munro St. Apple Hill, ON
 - Acting District Chief: Robbie Smeall
 - Phone: 613-551-6505; Station2@northglengarry.ca
- **Maxville: Station 3**
 - 12 Catherine St. W Maxville, ON
 - District Chief: Jonathan Hamelin
 - Phone 613-551-2896; station3@northglengarry.ca

City of Cornwall

- Chief: Pierre Voisine
 - 613-930-2787 ext. 2338
- **Headquarters Station**
 - 10 Fourth Street West, Cornwall
 - 613-930-7419 Ext. 2336
- **# 2 Station**
 - 1351 Second St. East, Cornwall
 - Tel: (613) 930-2787 ext. 2138
 - Fax: (613) 930-9089

UNITED COUNTIES OF PRESCOTT & RUSSELL

Russell

- 1195 S Russell Rd, Russell, ON K4R 1E5
 - Phone: 613-445-3326
- Chief: Bruce Armstrong
- Deputy: Darcy Provost
- **Embrun**
 - 1182 Route 300, Embrun, ON
 - Phone: 613-443-5528
 - Chief: Brian Duhamel
 - Deputy: Luc Deschamps

Casselman

- 699 St-Joseph St. Casselman ON K0A 1M0
- Chief: Alain Menard
 - Phone: 613-764-3139 ext. 550

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- Deputy: Yvon Laplante

Nation

- Chief: Tobias Hovey
 - Email: THovey@nationmun.ca
- Deputy Chief: Florent Bertrand
 - Email: fbertrand@nationmun.ca
- **St. Bernardin Fire Station**
 - Vankleek Hill, ON K0B 1R0
 - Station Chief: Gabriel Lalonde; email: glalonde@nationmun.ca
- **St. Isidore Fire Station**
 - 25 Arena St, Saint Isidore, ON K0C 2B0
 - Station Chief: Daniel Desforges; email: drdesforges@nationmun.ca
- **Fournier Fire Station**
 - 3248 County Rd. 9, Fournier, ON K0B 1G0
 - Station Chief: Shawn Lavertue; email: slavertue@nationmun.ca
- **Limoges Fire Station**
 - 673 County Rd. 5 Limoges, ON K0A 2M0
 - Station Chief: Daniel Voisine; dvoisine@nationmun.ca
- **St. Albert Fire Station**
 - 150 Principal Street, St. Albert, ON
 - Station Chief: Stephane Savage; ssavage@nationmun.ca

Clarence-Rockland

- Chief: Brian Wilson
 - 613-446-6022 ext. 2303
- Deputy Fire Chief: Mario Villeneuve
 - 613-446-6022 x 2302
- Fire Prevention and Public Education Officer: Martin Saumure
 - 613-446-6022 x 2305
- **Fire Station 1**
 - 2163 Laval Rd. Bourget, ON K0A 1E0
- **Fire Station 2**
 - 1484 Landry St. Clarence Creek
- **Fire Station 1**
 - 1560 Laurier St. Rockland, ON

Alfred-Plantagenet

- Fire Chief: Dominic Cote
 - 613-673-4797 Ext. 223
- **Fire Station 1**



- 207 Old Highway 17, Plantagenet ON K0B 1L0
- Phone 613-673-4797
- **Fire Station 2**
 - 261 St. Philippe St. Alfred, ON
- **Fire Station 3**
 - 1971 Hotel de Ville St. Lefavre

Champlain

- **Vankleek Hill Fire Station**
 - 11 Main St. Vankleek Hill
 - District Chief Michel Martin
 - Phone: 613-551-2701; michel.martin@champlain.ca
 - Phone: 613-551-2701
- **L'Orignal Fire Station**
 - 10 Elgin St. L'Orignal, ON
 - District Chief Richard Sincennes
 - Phone 613-675-4727; richard.sincennes@champlain.ca
 - Phone: 613-675-1050

UNITED COUNTIES OF LEEDS & GRENVILLE

Augusta

- Chief: Rob Bowman
 - Phone: 613-658-3455 ext. 201
- Deputy Chief: Chad Davis
- Operations and Fire Coordinator: 613-925-4231 Ext. 101
- **Fire Station 1**
 - 19 Church St. Maitland, ON K0E 1P0
 - Phone: 613-658-3455
- **Fire Station 2**
 - 8112 Mill St. North Augusta, ON

Edwardsburgh-Cardinal

- Chief: Brian Moore
 - Phone: 613-658-3001
- **Spencerville Fire Station**
 - 6055 County Road 44, Spencerville
- **Cardinal Fire Station**
 - 4035 Dishaw Street, Cardinal



Elizabethtown Kitley

- Chief: Jim Donovan
 - Phone: 613-498-2460
- **Station 1 – Lyn**
 - 44 Main St. E Lyn, ON
- **Station 2 – New Dublin**
 - 7519 New Dublin Road
- **Station 3- Frankville**
 - 270 County Road 29 Frankville

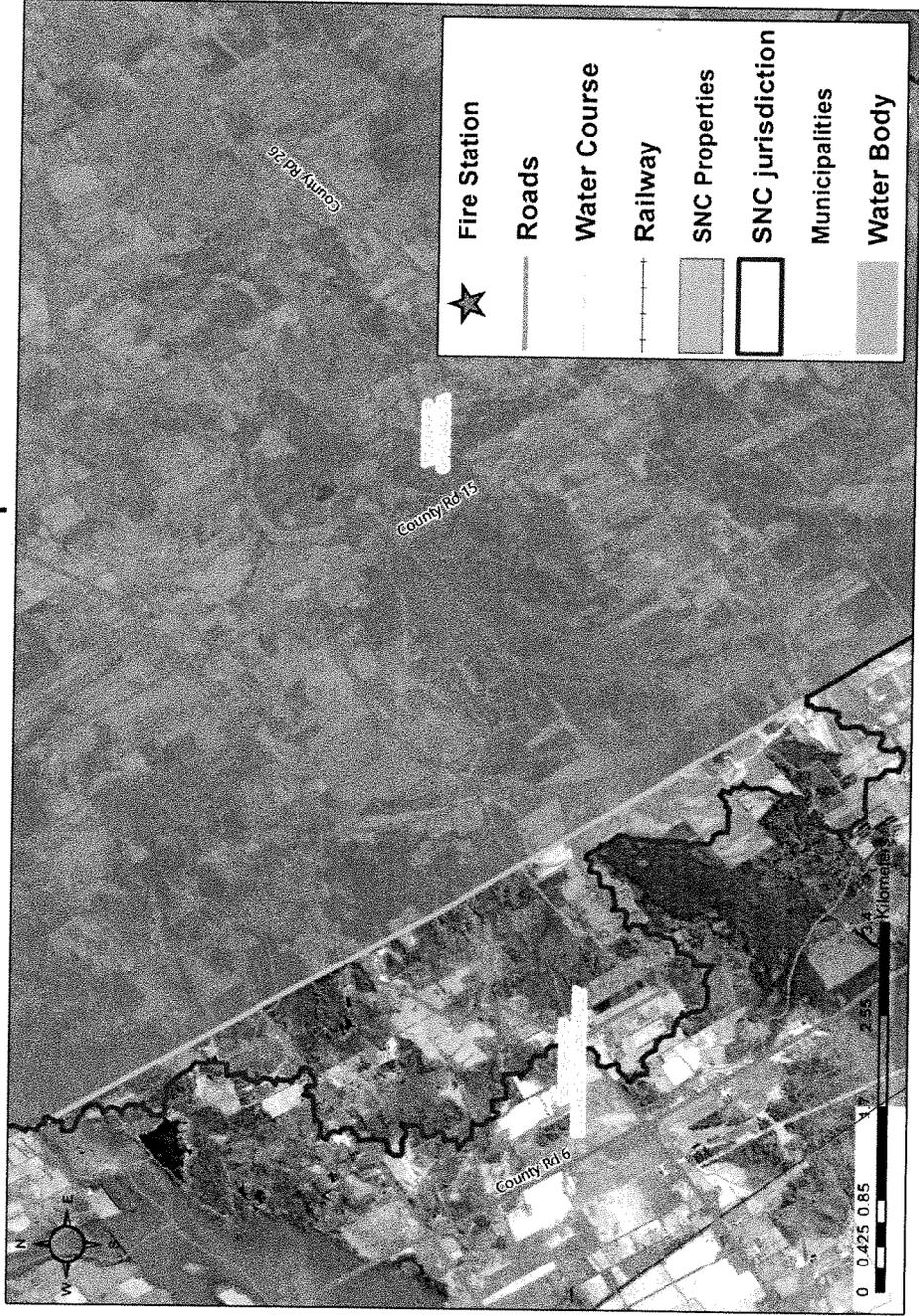
Town of Prescott

- Chief: Barry Moorhouse
 - Phone: 613-925-2206
- **Prescott Fire Department**
 - 302 Centre St. Prescott K0E 1T0
 - Phone: 613-925-4777



7.0- MAPS OF SNC PROPERTIES BY MUNICIPALITY

Municipality: Elizabethtown-Kitley Overview Map





To: Forestry Committee
From: Cheyene Brunet, Forestry Technician
Date: February 19, 2020
Subject: Update: City of Ottawa Green Acres Reforestation Program

RECOMMENDATION:

The Forestry Committee receive and file the 2019 City of Ottawa Green Acres Reforestation Program report.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Ottawa's Green Acres Reforestation Program (Green Acres) was created in 2001 to help achieve and maintain the City's official plan target of 30% forest cover. Green Acres is delivered by the Ottawa Conservation Partners (Mississippi Valley, Rideau Valley, and South Nation Conservation Authorities) on behalf of the City of Ottawa.

To be eligible, landowners must be rural property owners within City of Ottawa boundaries, have a minimum of 0.4 hectares (1 acre) of suitable land and must agree to cover the subsidized cost of the tree seedlings, site preparation, planting and tending as well as agreeing to reasonably protect the plantation.

The Green Acres cost-share funding is to maximum of 50% in year 1 and 75% of subsequent tending costs in years 2 and 3, if required. Projects through the Green Acres that meet program requirements can be topped-up through the Ottawa Rural Clean Water Program (planting projects adjacent to a watercourse) and/or the Forests Ontario: 50 Million Tree Program. South Nation Conservation (SNC) staff time for site visits is also covered by Green Acres at 100% cost-recovery.

SNC contributes to annual Green Acres targets in the Cumberland and Osgood Wards. SNC planted 13,300 tree seedlings in 2019 through this program and have 7,550 planned for spring 2020.

Attached is a copy of the 2019 Green Acres Reforestation Program 2019 Annual Report for the Committee's information.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:

Compliance with Budget:

The Green Acres program is included in the 2020 SNC budget under Resource Management: Partner Programs: Forests: Pages 16-17.

SNC Policy Adherence:

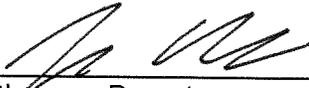
Purchase of seedlings and contracted services to deliver the tree planting program



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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) purchased \$5,000 up to \$15,000 and purchased \$15,000 up to \$100,000 respectively.



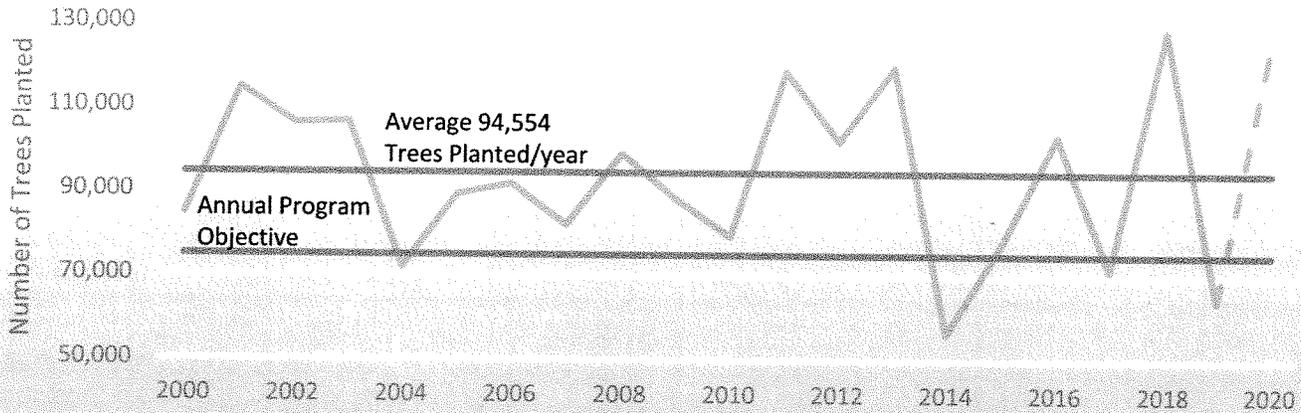
Cheyene Brunet,
Forestry Technician.

Attachments: Green Acres Reforestation Program 2019 Annual Report

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Green Acres Reforestation Program 2019 Annual Report

Tree Planting - Historical and Projected



Ward	2019 Trees Planted	2019 Projects Tree Orders	2000 to 2019 Trees Planted	Ward Area (ha)	Ward Wooded Area Percentage
Alta Vista			4,800	2,043	4.0%
Barrhaven			1,460	2,623	9.8%
Bay/Baie			32,100	6,417	13.6%
Beacon Hill-Cyrville			0	1,960	7.1%
Capital/Capitale			350	1,096	5.2%
College/Collège			1,150	4,608	30.1%
Cumberland	10,500	7	174,214	37,984	25.7%
Gloucester-South Nepean					
Gloucester-Nepean-Sud			5,750	3,701	13.5%
Gloucester-Southgate			11,050	7,616	28.6%
Innes	100	1	1,550	4,039	21.2%
Kanata North/Kanata-Nord			1,500	2,424	17.6%
Kanata South/Kanata-Sud			1,300	1,642	6.0%
Kitchissippi			0	1,513	3.8%
Knoxdale-Merivale			8,990	4,751	12.8%
Orléans			0	2,539	9.1%
Osgoode	3,300	5	218,410	46,356	25.8%
Rideau-Goulbourn	9,700	13	525,336	73,656	36.7%
Rideau-Rockcliffe			1,300	1,984	9.5%
Rideau-Vanier			0	795	2.4%
River/Rivière			0	2,689	9.0%
Somerset			0	638	2.4%
Stittsville			2,550	2,321	10.9%
West Carleton-March	40,650	22	866,617	76,557	34.4%
Total	64,250	48	1,858,427	289,952	

Green Acres Reforestation Program **2019 Annual Report**

Revenue

Green Acres	\$ 165,000.00
Carry Forward from Green Acres 2018	\$ 2,120.00
Partners contributions (Forest Ontario, RVCF, landowners)	\$ 42,322.48
Total Revenue	\$ 209,442.48

Expenditures

Program Delivery	\$ 78,696.96
Program Operations	\$ 132,087.85
Total Expenditures	\$ 210,784.81

Green Acres 2019 Balance

\$ (1,342.33)

Planting Year	Landowner Inquiries	Number Projects / Tree Orders	Trees Planted	Planted Area (Ha)
2000	165	66	85,000	40
2001	152	102	115,000	47
2002	103	77	106,450	45
2003	124	88	106,630	48
2004	111	69	72,050	35
2005	81	58	89,500	45
2006	81	60	91,920	45
2007	78	50	82,150	39
2008	71	57	99,150	46
2009	68	49	88,400	41
2010	80	73	79,560	40
2011	42	36	118,740	59.5
2012	44	34	102,190	50
2013	62	51	119,803	49
2014	53	47	56,314	28.2
2015	51	48	77,850	38.9
2016	48	41	103,360	43.7
2017	52	44	71,500	27.2
2018	60	54	128,610	46.6
2019	60	48	64,250	32.1
Total	1,586	1,152	1,858,427	846.2



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February 5, 2020

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
70 Foster Drive, Suite 610
Sault Ste Marie, ON P6A 6V5

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 or 613-984-2948.

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