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Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Date: April 16th, 2020

Time: 9:00 am

Location: Watershed Room, SNC

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

NOTE:

**Conference call number, and Conference PIN number
will be provided 48 hours in advance**



Board of Directors

Meeting Agenda

April 16th, 2020 at 9:00 am

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- June 18th, 2020
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- August 20th, 2020 (AMO, August 16th – 19th, 2020 – *Virtual Conference*)
- September 17th, 2020 (OEMC, September 16th – 18th, 2020)

9. Future Motions of the Board and/or Discussion of SNC Issues

10. Adjournment

Angela Coleman,
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer.

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To: Board of Directors
From: Angela Coleman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Date: April 6, 2020
Subject: Request for Approval: South Nation Conservation Administrative By-law Replacement

RECOMMENDATION:

WHEREAS on March 17, 2020, the Government of Ontario enacted a declaration of emergency for the Province related to the outbreak of COVID 19;

AND WHEREAS on March 26, 2020 the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks issued a Minister's Direction pursuant to Subsection 19.1(7) of the *Conservation Authorities Act* to Conservation Authorities regarding the outbreak of COVID 19 (the "Direction");

AND WHEREAS the Direction permits Conservation Authorities to amend their administrative by-laws to allow members of Conservation Authorities to fully participate in meetings via electronic means during a state of emergency including the ability to be counted towards quorum and to participate in meetings closed to the public;

AND WHEREAS the Direction permits Conservation Authorities to amend their administrative by-laws to postpone date and timeline requirements during a state of emergency;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Clause 19.1(1)(a) of the *Conservation Authorities Act*, the Authority may make by-laws respecting the meetings of the Authority, including providing for the calling of the meetings and the procedures to be followed at meetings;

THEREFORE, the Board of Directors approve amending the South Nation Conservation Administrative By-Laws to comply with the Minister's Direction and incorporate meeting procedures applicable during states of emergency.

DISCUSSION:

On March 26, 2020, the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks issued a Minister's Direction to Ontario's Conservation Authorities regarding the outbreak of COVID-19 (the "Direction").

The Direction provides conservation authorities can continue to conduct meetings as necessary by granting the ability to amend their administrative by-laws to allow for electronic meetings. The Direction is also applicable to conservation authorities when meeting as a source protection authority under the *Clean Water Act, 2006*.

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In response to the Direction, Conservation Ontario approached SNC to prepare an amendment to Conservation Ontario's Administrative By-Law Template 2018. SNC engaged with legal counsel, Ault and Ault, to draft the amendment and provide general comments regarding confidentiality during electronic meetings and the possibility of delegations participating electronically.

At the request of SNC, Ault and Ault amended SNC's Administrative By-laws using the Conservation Ontario template. Further amendments were made to remove the requirement that the Annual General Meeting be held before March 31 of each year. The amendments have undergone legal review for compliance with the Direction, the *Conservation Authorities Act*, and other relevant legislation.

IMPLICATIONS TO SNC POLICY:

The amended Administrative By-law (April 2020) comes into force upon approval of the Board of Directors and the current Administrative By-law (November 2018) is repealed and replaced.

Angela Coleman,
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer.

Attachments: Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks: Minister's Direction for Conservation Authorities during the COVID-19 Outbreak, March 26, 2020

South Nation Conservation Administrative By-laws, April 2020
(as amended)

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Ministry of the Environment,
Conservation and Parks

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March 26, 2020

TO: Conservation Authorities as listed in the attached **Schedule "A"**

SUBJECT: Minister's Direction for Conservation Authorities during the COVID-19 Outbreak

As the COVID-19 outbreak continues to evolve locally and globally, I am writing to provide direction on how conservation authorities can continue operations while maintaining a safe physical distance. To ensure conservation authorities can continue to conduct meetings and hearings as necessary, we are giving conservation authorities the ability to amend their administrative by-laws to allow for virtual meetings, including by teleconference.

As such, I am issuing this Minister's Direction ("**Direction**") pursuant to subsection 19.1 (7) of the *Conservation Authorities Act*. This Direction applies to all conservation authorities in Ontario, listed in **Schedule "A"** as attached. For greater certainty, this Direction also applies to conservation authorities when meeting as a source protection authority under the *Clean Water Act, 2006*.

The *Conservation Authorities Act* requires that, "[e]very meeting held by the authority shall be open to the public, subject to such exceptions as may be specified in the by-laws of the authority." Further, at any meeting that is held, "a quorum consists of one-half of the members appointed by the participating municipalities, except where there are fewer than six such members, in which case three such members constitute a quorum". It has been brought to my attention that the administrative by-laws that conservation authorities have adopted pursuant to subsection 19.1 (1) of the Act may create barriers in meeting these provisions of the Act during this time of emergency, where in-person attendance may not be feasible.

The primary purpose of this Direction is to enable conservation authorities to convene a meeting electronically in order to make the necessary amendments to their by-laws to deal with emergencies. This Direction identifies the minimum areas where the by-laws should be amended, in the manner deemed appropriate by the authority, to make provision for emergency situations. However, each conservation authority, depending on their individual by-laws, may identify the need to make other necessary amendments to respond to emergencies.

Accordingly, I am directing that the conservation authority review and amend their by-laws, as applicable, to ensure they comply with the following Direction and take the other necessary steps as set out in this Direction.

Electronic participation, emergencies

1. During any period where an emergency has been declared to exist, in all or part of an area over which a conservation authority has jurisdiction, under section 4 or 7.0.1 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, that may prevent members of the authority from meeting in person, the by-laws provide:
 - a. That members of the authority be permitted to participate in meetings electronically, which shall include the ability of those members participating electronically to register votes.
 - b. That any member of the authority who is participating electronically in a meeting may be counted in determining whether or not a quorum of members is present at any point in time during the meeting in accordance with the requirement in subsection 16 (2) of the *Conservation Authorities Act*.
 - c. That any member of the authority can participate electronically in a meeting that is closed to the public.
 - d. That any hearing or appeal that is dealt with in the by-laws can be conducted electronically with provisions for applicants and their agents to participate, if the conservation authority holds any such hearing or appeal during any period where an emergency has been declared to exist.

Meetings open to the public

2. Conservation authorities must continue to implement best practices to make board meetings open to the public in accordance with subsection 15 (3) of the *Conservation Authorities Act*. Where possible, conservation authorities must provide for alternative means to allow the public to participate in any meetings electronically.

General, emergency measures

3. If there is anything that is required to be done under the by-laws during the emergency, including the holding of an annual general meeting, that the by-laws permit postponement to a later date.

Publication of information

4. The conservation authorities listed in Schedule "A" shall make this Direction publicly available on a website or other electronic means.

5. In accordance with subsection 19.1 (4) of the *Conservation Authorities Act*, an authority shall make any by-laws that are amended in accordance with this Direction available to the public in the manner it considers appropriate.

Implementation procedure

6. A conservation authority may hold a special meeting to amend a by-law for the purposes of implementing this Direction.
7. Despite any provision in a by-law made under subsection 19.1 (1) of the *Conservation Authorities Act*, members of the authority can participate electronically in any special meeting that is required to implement this Direction.
8. A member of the authority that is participating electronically in such a special meeting may be counted in determining whether or not a quorum of members is present at any time during the meeting.

Effective date

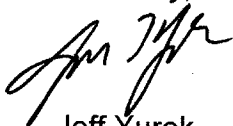
9. This Direction is effective immediately. If it is in the public interest to do so, I will provide further direction or clarification, at a later date, related to the matters set out in this Direction.

If you have any questions related to this Direction, please contact:

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To learn more about how the province continues to protect Ontarians from COVID-19, please visit www.ontario.ca/coronavirus.

Sincerely,



Jeff Yurek
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

c: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Honourable John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
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To: Board of Directors
From: Angela Coleman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Date: April 9, 2020
Subject: Request for Approval: Electronic Meeting Procedures

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board of Directors approve the Electronic Meeting procedures as outlined in this report.

DISCUSSION: As a result of COVID-19, physical attendance at this Board meeting will be limited to the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer and Administrative Assistant.

Options for members of the public to listen to the meeting and ask questions will be available on April 14th at <https://www.nation.on.ca/about/board-directors-committees/board-directors-meetings>.

Meeting Procedures:

- Call in with the conference call number, and conference PIN number, which will be provided 48 hours in advance;
- The Moderator will provide access as each Member calls in; if at all possible, please call in at least 10 minutes prior;
- At 9:00 a.m., the Chair will call the meeting to order;
- The General Manager and Administrative Assistant will do Roll Call for attendance purposes;
- Report Presentations:
 - o Staff will present each report;
 - o The Chair will read the motion; call for a Mover, then call for a Seconder;
 - o Ask for questions - 5-minute speaking rule applies;
 - o The Chair will do a roll call vote of each member;
 - o The Chair will then say 'Carried' or 'Defeated'.
- In Camera Items – Closed Session - are not subject to public discussion or audience.

Reminders

- Please remain on mute unless speaking;
- Please don't speak unless you call for a point of order; then state your name for the Chair to receive permission to speak; and
- Please verbally advise the Chair when leaving the conference call.

Angela Coleman,
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer.



To: Board of Directors
From: Angela Coleman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Date: April 9th, 2020
Subject: Request for Approval: Annual General Meeting Postponement

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board of Directors approve the postponement of the Annual General Meeting 2020.

DISCUSSION:

As South Nation Conservation (SNC) supports public health recommendations to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the SNC Annual General Meeting originally scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 9:00 AM. at the SNC Administrative Office is postponed.

As the COVID-19 situation evolves and the advice of medical authorities is updated, SNC will determine a new date for the Annual General Meeting, with appropriate notice of the date provided to the public in accordance with SNC's Administrative By-laws.

ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:

The postponement of the Annual General Meeting is consistent with SNC's Administrative By-laws and the Minister's Direction for Conservation Authorities during the COVID-19 Outbreak, March 26, 2020 (Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks).

Angela Coleman,
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, February 20th, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.
Meeting No. 02/20

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
Daniel Lafleur, Prescott Russell
Pierre Leroux, Prescott Russell
Archie Mellan, Stormont Dundas Glengarry
Peggy Taylor, Leeds Grenville
François St. Amour, Prescott Russell

Regrets:

Stephen Blais, City of Ottawa

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
Chris Craig, Senior Forestry Technician
Laura Crites, Planning Assistant
Philip Duncan, Property and Approvals Assistant II
David Fitch, Works Superintendent Assistant
Nirali Gosai, Engineering Assistant II
Caroline Goulet, Forestry Technician
Brent Harbers, Watershed Biologist
Lorie Henderson, Administrative Assistant II
James Holland, Watershed Planner
Linda Hutchinson, Director, Organization Effectiveness
Naomi Langlois-Anderson, Senior Fish and Wildlife Technician
Kaya Leblanc, Property and Approvals Co-op Student
Dianne MacMillan, Administrative Assistant II
Sandra Mancini, Team Lead, Engineering
~~Alison McDonald, Team Lead, Approvals~~
~~Eric McGill, Corporate Counsel~~
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
Monique Sauve, Lead Inspector, Septic Systems
David Scholz, Approvals and Administrative Assistant
Kelsey Smith, Stewardship and Outreach Assistant
Simon Thibeault, Accountant
Katherine Watson, Water Resources Specialist - Monitoring
Bradley Wright, Watershed Planner
Michelle Yu, Engineering Assistant

Guests:

Guy Desjardins, Mayor, Clarence-Rockland
Samuel Cardarelli, Councillor, Clarence-Rockland
Helen Collier, CAO, Clarence-Rockland
Ian Houle, Vincent Dagenais Gibson LLP
Murray Inch, Standing Committee Member
Fred Schueler, Chair, Fish and Wildlife Committee
Aleta Karstad, Fish and Wildlife Committee



CHAIRS REMARKS

Bill Smirle, Chair, called the SNC Board of Directors meeting of February 20th, 2020 to order at 9:00 a.m. The Chair updated Members on the following items:

- SNC Standing Committee Chairs meeting
- SNC Annual General Meeting March 19th, 2020

APPROVAL OF SNC BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. BD-017/20

Moved by: Doug Thompson
Seconded by: François St. Amour

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve the
February 20th, 2020 agenda as submitted.

CARRIED

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Peggy Taylor, Leeds Grenville, Declared a Conflict of Interest regarding Main Agenda Item #5b, i.: Communications Committee meeting minutes of January 29th, 2020.

Angela Coleman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer declared a potential Conflict of Interest regarding Supplemental Agenda Item #1 a.: Request for Approval: Collection of Maple Sap at the Oschmann Forest.

Michael Brown, Ottawa, Declared a Conflict of Interest regarding Main Agenda Item #6. j.: Update: Planning Activity.

SNC PROJECT UPDATE – POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Staff presented project and program updates.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL:

A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 23RD, 2020

RESOLUTION NO. BD-018/20

Moved by: Archie Mellan
Seconded by: Dana Farcasiu



RESOLVED THAT:

The Members approve the Board of Directors meeting minutes of January 23rd, 2020 as submitted.

CARRIED

B. SNC COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS AND MINUTES OF:

- i. Communications Committee meeting minutes of January 29th, 2020
Peggy Taylor, Leeds Grenville, having Declared a Conflict of Interest, left the room during debate and voting regarding this report.

RESOLUTION NO. BD-19/20

Moved by: Michael Brown
Seconded by: Steve Densham

RESOLVED THAT:

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

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

**ENLARGEMENT OF CONSERVATION AUTHORITY'S AREA:
CITY OF CLARENCE-ROCKLAND**

RESOLUTION NO. BD-020/20

Moved by: François St. Amour
Seconded by: Pierre Leroux

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].

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: UPPER SOUTH NATION SUBWATERSHED
REPORT CARD**

RESOLUTION NO. BD-021/20

Moved by: Pierre Leroux
Seconded by: Doug Thompson

RESOLVED THAT:

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

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: FLOOD AND EROSION HAZARDS MAPPING

RESOLUTION NO. BD-022/20

Moved by: Doug Thompson
Seconded by: Daniel Lafleur



RESOLVED THAT:

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.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: 2020 SNC FLOOD CONTINGENCY PLAN

RESOLUTION NO. BD-023/20

Moved by: Dana Farcasiu
Seconded by: Michael Brown

RESOLVED THAT:

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

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: FUNDING APPLICATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. BD-024/20

Moved by: François St. Amour
Seconded by: Peggy Taylor

RESOLVED THAT:

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.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: FORESTS ONTARIO AGREEMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. BD-025/20

Moved by: Gerrie Kautz
Seconded by: Daniel Lafleur

RESOLVED THAT:

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.

CARRIED

The Board of Directors recessed at 10:30 a.m.

The Chair reconvened the Board of Directors meeting at 10:40 a.m.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: 2020-2021 TREE PLANTING CONTRACTS

RESOLUTION NO. BD-026/20

Moved by: Dana Farcasiu
Seconded by: Peggy Taylor

RESOLVED THAT:

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.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: CAMP SHELDRIK MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION NO. BD-027/20

Moved by: Doug Thompson
Seconded by: Peggy Taylor

RESOLVED THAT:

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.

CARRIED

UPDATE: SAFE SEPTIC PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. BD-028/20

Moved by: Michael Brown
Seconded by: Gerrie Kautz

RESOLVED THAT:

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

CARRIED

UPDATE: PLANNING ACTIVITY

Michael Brown, Ottawa, having Declared a Conflict of Interest, left the room during debate and voting regarding this report

RESOLUTION NO. BD-029/20

Moved by: Pierre Leroux
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-030/20

Moved by: François St. Amour
Seconded by: Daniel Lafleur

RESOLVED THAT:

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.

CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORT

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: MONIES RECEIVED AND DISBURSEMENT REGISTER FOR JANUARY 31st, 2020

RESOLUTION NO. BD-031/20

Moved by: Doug Thompson
Seconded by: Pierre Leroux

RESOLVED THAT:

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

FURTHER THAT:

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

CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: COLLECTION OF MAPLE SAP AT THE OSCHMANN FOREST

Angela Coleman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, having declared a potential conflict of interest, left the room during debate and voting regarding this report. Carl Bickerdike, Team Lead, Corporate Services, assumed the position of Acting General Manager/Secretary Treasurer for the duration of this report.

RESOLUTION NO. BD-032/20

Moved by: George Darouze
Seconded by: Archie Mellan

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve entering into a three-year agreement with a local producer to manage some of the maple sap collection



infrastructure at the Oschmann Forest in North Dundas; and

FURTHER THAT:

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

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: FUNDING APPLICATIONS, INFRASTRUCTURE

RESOLUTION NO. BD-033/20

Moved by: Peggy Taylor
Seconded by: George Darouze

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve the submission to Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, (MNRF) 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.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter: to Minister Yakabuski from Conservation Ontario
- b. Letter: to Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry: Forest Sector Strategy
- c. La Nation Municipality: Council Resolution of Support for Conservation Authorities



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

- March 19th, 2020 (*Annual General Meeting - Board Member Photo*)
- April 16th, 2020
- May 21st, 2020
- June 18th, 2020

CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Directors meeting moved into Closed Session for the following report:

- a. Update: SNC Property Legal Matter: Vincent Dagenais Gibson, LLP (verbal)

RESOLUTION NO. BD-034/20

Moved by: George Darouze
Seconded by: Dana Farcasiu

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors meeting move into Closed Session.

CARRIED

OPEN SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. BD-035/20

Moved by: Peggy Taylor
Seconded by: Michael Brown

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors meeting move into Open Session.

CARRIED

UPDATE: SNC PROPERTY LEGAL MATTER: VINCENT DAGENAIS GIBSON, LLP

RESOLUTION NO. BD-036/20

Moved by: Michael Brown
Seconded by: Pierre Leroux

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors proceed with the advice of Vincent Dagenais Gibson LLP regarding upcoming legal proceedings in this matter.

CARRIED



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ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. BD-037/20

RESOLVED THAT:

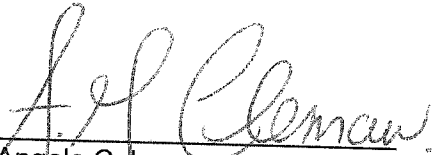
Moved by: Peggy Taylor

The Board of Directors meeting of
February 20th, 2020 be adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Bill Smirle,
Chair.

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Angela Coleman,
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer.



Review by SNC



To: Board of Directors
From: John Mesman, Team Lead, Communications and Outreach
Date: April 9, 2020
Subject: Request for Approval: COVID-19 Management of Conservation Areas

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board of Directors receive and file the emergency order under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act to close all outdoor recreational amenities; and

FURTHER THAT: the Board of Directors approve the temporary closure of some Conservation Areas and the maintenance of some Conservation Areas trails for passive recreation, in accordance with the provincial order which states "*green spaces, trails, ravines and conservation areas that aren't otherwise closed would remain open for walkthrough access, but individuals must maintain the safe physical distance of at least two metres apart from others.*"

DISCUSSION:

South Nation Conservation (SNC) owns and maintains many public recreational sites and Conservation Areas through agreements with 16 member municipalities.

Regularly, all park, trail and river access sites are fully open between May and October, with the sites that have recreational trails maintained and open in winter and spring.

SNC has worked with Conservation Ontario and partner agencies to establish consistent management practices of public sites. Guidance was received from insurer and health authorities on appropriate operating procedures.

Open Conservation Areas

- SNC plans to maintain open Conservation Areas for passive trail users with noted precautions, signage and messaging.
- Should visitation increase and permit parking lot or trail interactions or should staff or public note users not respecting guidelines, the sites will be closed.

Closed Conservation Areas

- Staff continue to inspect closed Conservation Areas sites weekly.
- There are no plans to open park facilities in closed Conservation Areas.
- Advice will be sought for providing future boat and fishing access to rivers.
- Gates are closed and signage is installed at all closed sites.



Open Conservation Areas

- Two Creeks Forest Conservation Area (Morrisburg)
- Robert Graham Conservation Area (Glen Stewart)
- Warwick Forest Conservation Area (Berwick)
- Nokomis Park (Limoges)
- J. Henry Tweed Conservation Area (Russell)
- W. E. Burton Conservation Area (Russell)
- Oschmann Forest Conservation Area (Ormond)
- Reveler Conservation Area (Crysler)

Closed Conservation Areas

- Findlay Creek Conservation Area (Ottawa)
- Alfred Bog Walk (Alfred)
- Cass Bridge Conservation Area (Winchester)
- High Falls and Doran Park Conservation Areas (Casselman)
- Jessup's Falls Conservation Area (Plantagenet)
- St. Albert Conservation Area (St. Albert)
- McIntosh Park Conservation Area (Berwick)
- Oak Valley Pioneer Park Conservation Area (Winchester Springs)
- Camp Sheldrick Conservation Area (Winchester)

In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, SNC closed all washrooms, play structures, picnic areas, and boardwalks on March 14th, 2020 and installed new COVID-19 precautionary signage at all sites (open and closed) beginning on March 16th, 2020.

The Province of Ontario declared a State of Emergency on March 17th, 2020.

Maintenance work is regularly undertaken from March – May to open remaining sites; planned activities are delayed or updated with appropriate measures. Due to the presence of structures, seating areas and lack of trails SNC will maintain closures at seasonally closed areas. Minor vandalism has occurred to signage and barricades at half of the closed sites.

This information has been shared with municipal partners, media and public on March 16th and again publicly on March 31st, 2020, following the Provincial Government's extension of the Emergency Declaration.



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The Provincial Order states:

"This new order would close all communal or shared, public or private, outdoor recreational amenities everywhere in Ontario, including but not limited to playgrounds, sports fields, basketball and tennis courts, off-leash dog parks, benches, skateboard and BMX parks, picnic areas, outdoor community gardens, park shelters, outdoor exercise equipment, condo parks and gardens, and other outdoor recreational amenities.

Green spaces in parks, trails, ravines and Conservation Areas that aren't otherwise closed would remain open for walkthrough access, but individuals must maintain the safe physical distance of at least two metres apart from others. Ontario's provincial parks and conservation reserves remain closed."

SNC public messaging and trail maintenance decisions were approved by the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, including:

"All of SNC's facilities including outdoor washrooms, play structures and seating areas are closed. Some Conservation Area trails remain open for people to walk through. Do not access closed sites; please follow direction of local health authorities.

To help stop the spread of COVID-19 people should stay home except for essential reasons and should limit the number of essential trips.

SNC requests that visitors take extra care, pick up after themselves, maintain distancing (two metres away from anyone outside your household) and be respectful of trail users: dogs are not permitted to be off leash.

If people do not respect physical distancing, meet in groups, access or vandalize closed facilities, or are walking dogs off leash, SNC will close it's Conservation Area trails."

SNC is monitoring the pandemic and response closely and will provide updates on changes to operations and business continuity as they become available at www.nation.on.ca/coronavirus.



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Visitation is monitored at all sites which are open and maintained (2014 – 2020).

J. Henry Tweed and W. E. Burton Conservation Areas receive the highest number of annual visitors, 21,106 and 16,218 respectfully. The monthly visitation average is:

- January: 500 – 750 visitors
- February: 500 – 1,100 visitors
- March: 750 – 1,750 visitors
- April: 1700 – 2,100 visitors
- May: 1,000 – 2,100 visitors

Whereas the following sites have the lower average annual visitation:

- Two Creeks Forest Conservation Area – 3,229 visitors
- Robert Graham Conservation Area – 755 visitors
- Warwick Forest Conservation Area – 1,232 visitors

Of the Conservation Area trails that remain open, all are inspected and managed weekly and trail use is recorded from monitoring devices to inform operational decisions.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:

Compliance with Budget:

Conservation Area maintenance and visitation monitoring is included in 2020 Budget, Community Lands, Conservation Areas, pages 34-35.

SNC Policy Adherence:

Any purchases will adhere to SNC's Purchasing Policy.

John Mesman,
Team Lead, Communications and Outreach.



To: Board of Directors
From: Sandra Mancini, Team Lead, Engineering
Date: March 12th, 2020
Subject: Request for Approval: Flood and Erosion Hazards Mapping

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board of Directors receive and file the South Indian 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 creek; 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.

DISCUSSION:

Residents from the South Indian Creek area were invited to an open house hosted by South Nation Conservation Authority (SNC) at Limoges Annexe on March 11th, 2020.

Invitations were sent to 175 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 meeting was published in The Review and the Russell Villager newspapers 20 days before the meetings, and were promoted via SNC's website, social media, and a press release.

There were approximately 30 visitors, 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.

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

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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 (MNRF), 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 60 to 61.

SNC Policy Adherence: MNRF's Natural Hazards Technical Guide (MNRF, 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.

Sandra Mancini,
Team Lead, Engineering.

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To: Board of Directors
From: Alison McDonald, Team Lead, Approvals
Date: April 7th, 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 February and March. Pre-consultations are not included in this list.

#	SNC Number	Landowner Name	Former Municipality	Application
1	SNC-1093-2020	Not provided	Cambridge	Zoning By-Law Amendment
2	SNC-1094-2020	Thomas and Leslie Joiner	Cambridge	Severance
3	SNC-1095-2020	Aline Parisien	Champlain	Severance
4	SNC-1096-2020	Aline Parisien	Champlain	Severance
5	SNC-1097-2020	Aline Parisien	Champlain	Severance
6	SNC-1098-2020	Gestion Par-5 Inc.	West Hawkesbury	Severance
7	SNC-1099-2020	Geoffrey and Trevor Wilson	Matilda	Severance
8	SNC-1100-2020	Dean and Ford Patterson	Osgoode	Zoning By-Law Amendment
9	SNC-1101-2020	Grant and Nancy Zwart	Mountain	Severance
10	SNC-1102-2020	Minto Communities Canada	Cumberland	Minor Variance
11	SNC-1103-2020	Minto Communities Canada	Cumberland	Minor Variance
12	SNC-1105-2020	Not provided	Russell	Zoning By-Law Amendment
13	SNC-1106-2020	Not provided	Russell	Zoning By-Law Amendment
14	SNC-1107-2020	Not provided	Russell	Zoning By-Law Amendment
15	SNC-1108-2020	Drew Lawrence	Edwardsburgh	Severance



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#	SNC Number	Landowner Name	Former Municipality	Application
16	SNC-1109-2020	Drew Lawrence	Edwardsburgh	Severance
17	SNC-1110-2020	Drew Lawrence	Edwardsburgh	Severance
18	SNC-1111-2020	Terrence Prendergast	Russell	Site Plan Control
19	SNC-1113-2020	Claude Robert and Claudette Dubois	Cambridge	Severance
20	SNC-1114-2020	Marnie Chown and Patrick Van der Burg	Edwardsburgh	Severance
21	SNC-1116-2020	Sonia Desnoyers	Cambridge	Severance
22	SNC-1117-2020	Mathieu and Pierre Desforges	Caledonia	Severance
23	SNC-1118-2020	Paul and Kathleen Sauvé	Cambridge	Severance
24	SNC-1119-2020	Jacques Lamarche	South Plantagenet	Severance
25	SNC-1120-2020	Rudolph and Luzia Blaser / Blaser Farms Inc.	Osgoode	Severance
26	SNC-1121-2020	David Mallette	Cumberland	Minor Variance
27	SNC-1122-2020	2342152 Ontario Inc.	Osgoode	Severance
28	SNC-1123-2020	Warren Schneckeburger	Williamsburg	Severance
29	SNC-1125-2020	Stanley Farms	Roxborough	Severance
30	SNC-1126-2020	Not provided	Mountain	Zoning By-Law Amendment
31	SNC-1128-2020	Virginia Ann Laforge	Matilda	Severance
32	SNC-1129-2020	David and Clair Sadler	Edwardsburgh	Severance
33	SNC-1130-2020	Jennifer Cinkant	Matilda	Severance
34	SNC-1131-2020	Normand Rochon	Russell	Subdivision
35	SNC-1132-2020	Luc Belisle	Cambridge	Subdivision
36	SNC-1133-2020	Adam Nicholson	Clarence	Minor Variance
37	SNC-1134-2020	David Hanson	Winchester	Severance
38	SNC-1135-2020	Richard and Marie Matte	Winchester	Severance
39	SNC-1136-2020	La Gantoise Inc.	Alfred	Minor Variance
40	SNC-1137-2020	Daniel Gauvin and Sophie Roy	Roxborough	Severance
41	SNC-1138-2020	TNT West Ventures Ltd.	Matilda	Severance
42	SNC-1139-2020	Christopher Moke	Osnabruck	Severance
43	SNC-1140-2020	Karl and Brenda Winter	Mountain	Severance

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#	SNC Number	Landowner Name	Former Municipality	Application
44	SNC-1141-2020	Reem Khalaf	Mountain	Severance
45	SNC-1142-2020	Patrick Leduc	Roxborough	Severance
46	SNC-1143-2020	Riverland of Rockland Inc.	Rockland	Zoning By-Law Amendment
47	SNC-1144-2020	Not provided	Rockland	Official Plan Amendment
48	SNC-1145-2020	Riverland of Rockland Inc.	Rockland	Site Plan Control
49	SNC-1146-2020	Pierre, Ginette and Cedric Labelle	Russell	Site Plan Control
50	SNC-1148-2020	Not provided	Williamsburg	Zoning By-Law Amendment
51	SNC-1149-2020	Not provided	Casselman	Minor Variance
52	SNC-1150-2020	Not provided	Casselman	Minor Variance
53	SNC-1151-2020	Estate of Donovan Mahon	Champlain	Subdivision
54	SNC-1153-2020	Archdiocese of Ottawa	Russell	Site Plan Control
55	SNC-1154-2020	Not provided	Rockland	Zoning By-Law Amendment
56	SNC-1156-2020	United Counties of Prescott and Russell	Clarence	Site Plan Control
57	SNC-1161-2020	Luc Seguin	Cumberland	Zoning By-Law Amendment
58	SNC-1162-2020	Oligo Group	Russell	Site Plan Control

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 February and March 2020.

#	SNC Number	Development Size	Review Type
1	SNC-1082-2020	Area \leq 2ha	Environmental Impact Study
2	SNC-1082-2020	Area \leq 2ha	Hydrogeological Report
3	SNC-1132-2020	Area $<$ 0.5ha	Hydrogeological Report
4	SNC-5207-2017	Area $<$ 0.5ha	Stormwater Management Review
5	SNC-1111-2020	Small Scale Development	Stormwater Management Review
6	SNC-6133-2018	Area \leq 2ha	Stormwater Management Review



#	SNC Number	Development Size	Review Type
7	SNC-1131-2020	Area > 2ha	Stormwater Management Review
8	SNC-5178-2017	Area > 2ha	Stormwater Management Review
9	SNC-1145-2020	Area < 0.5ha	Stormwater Management Review
10	SNC-1146-2020	Area ≤ 2ha	Stormwater Management Review
11	SNC-1151-2020	Area > 2ha	Stormwater Management Review
12	SNC-1151-2020	Area > 2ha	Environmental Impact Study
13	SNC-1153-2020	Small Scale Development	Stormwater Management Review
14	SNC-1156-2020	Area ≤ 2ha	Hydrogeological Report
15	SNC-1156-2020	Area ≤ 2ha	Environmental Impact Study
16	SNC-6531-2019	Area < 0.5ha	Stormwater Management Review

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

Alison McDonald,
Team Lead, Approvals.



To: Board of Directors
From: Geoff Owens, Regulations Officer
Date: April 7, 2020
Subject: Request for Approval: Permits Issued

RECOMMENDATION:

The SNC Board of Directors approve permits 12 – 42 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 February 10, 2020.

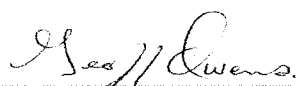
#	Permit No.	Landowner	Former Municipality	Project
12	2020-ALP-R023	Township Alfred and Plantagenet	Alfred	Repair Docks and Boat Ramp
13	2019-AUG-R251	Nestar Enrique Torres	Augusta	Erosion Control
14	2020-AUG-R006	Doug Rigby and Karen Pogue	Augusta	New Dock
15	2020-AUG-R013	Douglas Malanka	Augusta	Erosion Control
16	2019-CAS-R257	Alain Beland	Casselman	New Dock
17	2020-CUM-R002	St George and St. Anthony Church	Cumberland	Storm Water Outlet
18	2020-CUM-R014	City of Ottawa	Cumberland	Replace Culvert
19	2020-CUM-R026	City of Ottawa	Cumberland	Municipal Drain Improvements
20	2020-CUM-R027	City of Ottawa	Cumberland	Municipal Drain Improvements
21	2020-CUM-R028	City of Ottawa	Cumberland	Municipal Drain Improvements
22	2020-CUM-R035	City of Ottawa	Cumberland	Replace Culvert
23	2020-CUM-R036	City of Ottawa	Cumberland	Replace Culvert
24	2019-OSG-R256	City of Ottawa	Osgoode	Replace Culvert
25	2020-OSG-R037	Venom Powersport	Osgoode	New Septic System
26	2020-EDW-R001	James C. Plumb	Edwardsburgh	Erosion Control
27	2020-EDW-R003	Roxane Haerle	Edwardsburgh	New Dock

#	Permit No.	Landowner	Former Municipality	Project
28	2020-EDW-R030	Albert Dewit	Edwardsburgh	Erosion Control
29	2020-EDW-R042	Trans Canada Pipelines	Edwardsburgh	Integrity Dig
30	2019-NAT-R195	Claude Robert	Cambridge	Establish Site Access
31	2020-NAT-R009	United Counties of Prescott and Russell	Cambridge	Replace Culvert
32	2020-NAT-R019	Fondation Valoris de Prescott Russell	Cambridge	Erosion Control
33	2020-NDU-R033	The Counties SDG	Mountain	Replace Culvert
34	2020-NST-R017	Fabien Baker	Roxborough	New Septic System
35	2019-RUS-R244	Township of Russell	Russell	Replace Culvert
36	2020-RUS-R010	United Counties of Prescott and Russell	Russell	Replace Bridge
37	2020-RUS-R011	South Nation Conservation	Russell	Replace Bridge
38	2020-RUS-R012	EMB Developments Inc.	Russell	New House
39	2020-RUS-R032	Jean-Pierre Bergeron	Russell	New House
40	2020-SDU-R020	2509036 Ontario Inc	Williamsburg	New Storage Building
41	2020-SDU-R025	Gaetan and Louise Pilon	Iroquois	New Garage
42	2020-SDU-R041	Trans Canada Pipelines	Matilda	Integrity Dig

Complaints/Issues: Sites visited in 2020 through the regulatory program: 4

Location	Issue	Outcome
South Dundas	Interference with associated PSW	Landowner agreed to allow land to re-naturalize
Nation	Interference with associated PSW	Ongoing file
Clarence-Rockland	Building in Regulated Area	Ongoing file
Augusta	Working around Creek and PSW	Explained to Landowner the areas/activities where permits are needed

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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Board of Directors Meeting
April 16, 2020
Correspondence



**Ministry of Natural Resources and
Forestry**

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April 1, 2020

Ms. Angela Coleman
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
South Nation River Conservation Authority
38 Victoria Street P.O. Box 29
Finch, Ontario K0C 1K0

acoleman@nation.on.ca

Dear Ms. Coleman,

The Ontario government recognizes the importance of conservation authorities, and the services that you provide to communities across this province.

Conservation authorities are a valued partner in protecting people and property from the effects of flooding. I am writing to inform you that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) is maintaining operational funding this year. For the 2020/21 fiscal year, \$3.85 million in funding will be provided to conservation authorities in the province.

This funding will help to assist conservation authorities in providing flood forecasting and warning, dam operations and municipal planning support related to natural hazards. The ministry will also provide \$5 million in capital funding through the Water Erosion Control Infrastructure program to support the maintenance of critical water and erosion control infrastructure.

Building healthy and safe communities is our top priority and that is why we have developed Ontario's Flooding Strategy, the province's first comprehensive strategy to protect people and property from flooding impacts. For more information on the strategy, please visit our [website](#).

Sincerely,

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Kathy Woeller
Director

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Board of Directors
April 16, 2020
Correspondence



March 27, 2020

The Honourable Jeff Yurek
Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto, ON, M7A 2J3

RE: Minister's Direction for Conservation Authorities during the COVID-19 Outbreak

Dear Minister Yurek,

I am writing to congratulate you on the speed with which you released your Minister's Direction for Conservation Authorities during the COVID-19 Outbreak.

Your team has been responsive and collaborative in its approach to identify the needs of the conservation authorities and this is greatly appreciated.

On behalf of our member conservation authorities, thank you for the timely release of the Minister's Direction in support of all our efforts to continue to serve Ontarians during these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Wayne Emmerson
Chair, Conservation Ontario

c.c.

The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)
The Honourable John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Chloe Stuart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Land and Water Division, MECP
CAOs, All Conservation Authorities

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