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## **Board of Directors**

# **Supplemental Agenda**

**Date:** March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Time:** 9:00 am



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March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9:00 am

### 1. New Business

- a. Request for Approval: Funding Application: Katherine

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Angela Coleman,  
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer.

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**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Katherine Watson, Water Resources Specialist – Monitoring  
Pat Piitz, Team Lead Property  
**Date:** March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
**Subject:** Request for Approval: Funding Applications

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#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

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

1. **Great Lakes Observing System – Smart Great Lakes Mini-grants Program:** requesting \$82,956.06 from May 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022 for development and installation of the St. Lawrence River Hydrometric Laboratory.
2. **Canada Nature Fund:** requesting up to \$1,000,000 for land acquisitions to be completed before March 31, 2022.

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#### **DISCUSSION:**

These external funding programs have been identified by staff as a potential source of revenue for a South Nation Conservation (SNC) projects. The following grant applications will submitted; SNC is seeking approval from the Board:

1. **Smart Great Lakes Mini-grants Program:**
  - **Project:** Development and installation of the St. Lawrence River Hydrometric Laboratory – a water quantity and water quality data collection platform along the St. Lawrence River at Maitland Tower in Augusta Township.
  - **Request:** \$82,956.06, May 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022
  - **Program will fund:** Up to \$150,000 USD, no matching funds required
  - **Purpose:** The St. Lawrence River Hydrometric Laboratory Project will support initiatives to enhance monitoring the health of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River watershed through the collection and dissemination of climatic, water quantity and water quality information. The site would also be used for future outreach and education opportunities with local School Boards.
  - **Deadline:** March 12, 2021



## 2. Canada Nature Fund

- **Project:** Implementation of South Nation Conservation Land Securement Strategy
- **Request:** Upset limit of \$1 million to complete land transactions before March 31, 2022. Canada Nature Fund funding ratio 1.5:1.0.
- Matching funds would be available from SNC land securement fund, donated value (under negotiation), and other funding sources to be determined.
- **Program will fund:** Land securement. Funding conditional on establishment of stewardship endowment fund (10% of land value; minimum \$5,000).
- **Purpose:** To enhance SNC land securement by leveraging support from the Canada Nature Fund. The Canada Nature Fund supports the conservation of ecosystems, landscape, and biodiversity, including species at risk. These goals are consistent with the SNC Land Securement Strategy.
- **Deadline:** March 19, 2021

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

#### Compliance with Budget:

1. The project is not included in the 2021 Budget. Any matching contributions from SNC would come from resources already included in the 2021 Budget.
2. Land securement is included in the 2021 SNC Budget under Community Lands Capital Expense (pages 34 – 35): \$320,883. Including deferred revenue less commitments available funds: \$679,620.

#### SNC Policy Adherence:

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

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