



SOUTH NATION
CONSERVATION
DE LA NATION SUD

38 rue Victoria Street, Finch, ON K0C 1K0 Tel: 613-984-2948 Fax: 613-984-2872 Toll Free: 1-877-984-2948 www.nation.on.ca

Clean Water Committee

Meeting Agenda

Date: March 4th, 2021

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Watershed Room, SNC

Address: 38 Victoria Street, Finch K0C 1K0

****Conference/Video Call:** Meeting link, call in number, and conference PIN to follow by email



Clean Water Committee

Meeting Agenda

March 4th, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

1. Chair's Remarks
2. Approval of Clean Water Committee Agenda (Supplemental Agenda)
3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
4. SNC Project Update – PowerPoint Presentation: Staff
5. Community Engagement: Roundtable
6. Approval of Clean Water Committee virtual meeting minutes of November 25th, 2020 3-13
7. New Business:
 - a. Request for Approval: Election of Committee Chair: Ronda 14-18
 - b. Request for Approval: 2021 Clean Water Committee Membership: Ronda 19-20
 - c. Request for Approval: Eastern Ontario Water Resources Program Financial Statement – As of December 31st, 2020: Ronda 21-22
 - d. Request for Approval: 2021 Eastern Ontario Water Resources Program: Ronda 23-29
 - e. Update: 2020 Clean Water Program Summary: Ronda 30-32
 - f. Request for Approval: 2021 Clean Water Program Guidelines and 2021 Structure: Ronda 33-34
 - g. Update: 2021 Clean Water Committee Work Plan: Ronda 35-38
8. Supplemental Agenda (if any)
9. Correspondence
 - TESA Winner – February 18, 2021 39
 - Nation Valley News - Pemdale Farm of North Dundas wins prestigious environmental award 40-42
10. Date of Next Meeting:
 - June 7th, 2021, virtual, at 9:00 a.m.
11. Adjournment

Ronda Boutz,
Team Lead, Special Projects.

/lh



CLEAN WATER COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting No. 04/20

Monday, November 30th, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.

By Electronic Participation



Present:

Jacqueline Kelly-Pemberton, Committee Chair

Ray Beauregard

Russell Bennett

Elizabeth Holmes

Michel Kearney

Alan Kruszel

René Lalonde

Lawrence Levere

Glenn Mackey

Gib Patterson

André Pomainville

Tara Redpath

Norman Riopel

Terrence Sauvé

Bill Smirle, SNC Board of Directors, Past Chair, ex-officio

Adrian Wynands

Regrets:

George Darouze, SNC Board of Directors, Chair, ex-officio

Jack Hoogenboom

David Lapen

Pierre Leroux, SNC Board of Directors, Vice Chair, ex-officio

François St. Amour

Absent:

Marc Laflèche

Staff:

Carl Bickerdike, Team Lead, Corporate Services

Ronda Boutz, Team Lead, Special Projects

Michelle Cavanagh, Team Lead, Stewardship

Angela Coleman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



SOUTH NATION
CONSERVATION
DE LA NATION SUD

Brent Harbers, Watershed Biologist
Lorie Henderson, Administrative Assistant
Jason Symington, Environmental Technologist
Katherine Watson, Water Resources Specialist

Guest:

Alex Harrison, University of Ottawa
Lexy Harquail, River Institute
Chris Kinsley, University of Ottawa
Doug Thompson, Private Citizen



CHAIRS REMARKS

Jacqueline Kelly-Pemberton, Committee Chair, called the Clean Water Committee meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

APPROVAL OF CLEAN WATER COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. CWC-044/20

Moved by: Gib Patterson
Seconded by: Glen Mackey

RESOLVED THAT:

The Members approve the November 30th, 2020 Clean Water Committee agenda and supplemental agenda with the following amendments:

- a. On the Main Agenda move Agenda Item #7a., Conservation Authority Act Changes to follow Agenda Item #3, Conflict of Interest.
- b. On the Supplemental Agenda Item 1., Request for Approval: Extension to Project Deadline, Project file number 2019-RUS-CW01 – Septic System is to be added.

CARRIED

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Elizabeth Holmes declared a conflict of interest regarding Agenda Item 7a., Conservation Authority Act Changes and would not be participating in the discussion.

CONSERVATION AUTHORITY ACT CHANGES

Angela Coleman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer presented a PowerPoint presentation indicating the highlights of Bill 229, *Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures)*, 2020.



REQUEST FOR APPROVAL:

CLEAN WATER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14th, 2020

RESOLUTION NO. CWC-045/20

Moved by: Andre Pommerville

Seconded by: Michel Kearny

RESOLVED THAT:

The Members approve the Clean Water Committee virtual meeting minutes of September 14th, 2020 as submitted.

CARRIED

Terrance Sauvé joined the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

Bill Smirle, joined the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

SNC CLEAN WATER PROJECT UPDTE – POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Staff presented Project updates.

NEW BUSINESS

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: EASTERN ONTARIO WATER RESOURCES PROGRAM
FINANCIAL STATEMENT – AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2020**

RESOLUTION NO. CWC-046/20

Moved by: Lawrence Levere

Seconded by: Gib Patterson

RESOLVED THAT:

The Clean Water Committee approve the Eastern Ontario Water Resources Program 2020 Financial Statement – as of October 31st, 2020.

CARRIED

UPDATES: EASTERN ONTARIO WATER RESOURCES PROGRAM



EASTERN ONTARIO CHILDREN'S WATER FESTIVAL 2020

RESOLUTION NO. CWC-047/20

Moved by: Gib Patterson
Seconded by: Lawrence Levere

RESOLVED THAT:

The Clean Water Committee carry forward funds of approximately \$2,031 to the 2021 budget for the Eastern Ontario Virtual Children's Water Festival for completion in May 2021.

CARRIED

UPDATE AND APPROVAL: CATCHMENT STUDIES

RESOLUTION NO. CWC-048/20

Moved by: Lawrence Levere
Seconded by: Tara Redpath

RESOLVED THAT:

The Clean Water Committee approve expenditures of \$15,000 for completion of the North Castor River Catchment Study in 2020; and

FURTHER THAT:

The Clean Water Committee approve expenditures of \$3,124 for completion of the development of groundwater/surface water interaction constraint mapping project in 2020; and

FURTHER THAT:

The Committee approve expenditures of approximately \$14,575 for completion of Year 1 field work for the South Bear Brook Catchment Study in 2020; and

FURTHER THAT:

The Committee approve to carry forward funds of approximately \$4,620 to the 2021 budget for completion of Headwater Drainage Feature



Monitoring for the South Bear Brook Catchment Study; and

FURTHER THAT:

The Committee receive and file the final reports for the North Castor river Catchment Study and the Development of Groundwater/Surface Water Interaction Constraint Mapping Project.

CARRIED

FINAL UPDATE: LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

RESOLUTION NO. CWC-049/20

Moved by: Andre Pommerville
Seconded by: Michel Kearney

RESOLVED THAT:

The Clean Water Committee approve

expenditures of \$18,737 for completion of the Low Impact Development Project in 2020; and

FURTHER THAT:

The Committee receives and files the final report for the Low Impact Development Project.

CARRIED

THE USE OF RADIONUCLIDES TO IDENTIFY VULNERABLE FRACTURED AND KARST BEDROCK AQUIFERS IN EASTERN ONTARIO

RESOLUTION NO. CWC-050/20

Moved by: Gib Patterson
Seconded by: Andre Pommerville

RESOLVED THAT:

The Clean Water Committee approve to carry forward approximately \$3,000 in funding to the 2021 budget for The Use of Radionuclides to



Identify Vulnerable Fractured and Karst
Bedrock Aquifers in Eastern Ontario project
completion.

CARRIED

Alan Kruszel joined the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

SNC 155 WEATHER STATION PROJECT

RESOLUTION NO. CWC-051/20

Moved by: Lawrence Levere
Seconded by: Alan Kruszel

RESOLVED THAT:

The Clean Water Committee approve the final
report and expenditures of \$9,500 for the SNC
155 Weather Station Project in 2020.

CARRIED

SOUTH NATION RIVER WATERSHED WATER BUDGET UPDATE: PHASE 1

RESOLUTION NO. CWC-052/20

Moved by: Tara Redpath
Seconded by: Alan Kruszel

RESOLVED THAT:

The Clean Water Committee receive and file
the Water Budget Update; and

FURTHER THAT:

The Committee approve to carry forward funds
of approximately \$9,500 to the 2021 budget for
project completion.

CARRIED

LAGOON EFFLUENT TREE IRRIGATION AND EVAPO-TRANSPIRATION STUDY

RESOLUTION NO. CWC-053/20

Moved by: Ray Beauregard
Seconded by: Andre Pomainville



RESOLVED THAT:

The Clean Water Committee approve to carry forward remaining funds of approximately \$3,000 to the 2021 budget for project completion.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: OTTAWA RURAL CLEAN WATER GRANT PROJECT APPLICATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. CWC-054/20

Moved by: Lawrence Levere
Seconded by: Gib Patterson

RESOLVED THAT:

05 20 2310 DDA Well Decommissioning

The Clean Water Committee conditionally approve the project at a grant rate of 90% to a maximum grant of \$990.00, pending funding availability.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. CWC-055/20

Moved by: Lawrence Levere
Seconded by: Gib Patterson

RESOLVED THAT:

05 20 2310 DDB Well Decommissioning

The Clean Water Committee conditionally approve the project at a grant rate of 90% to a maximum grant of \$990.00, pending funding availability.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. CWC-056/20

Moved by: Ray Beauregard
Seconded by: Rene Lalonde



RESOLVED THAT:

05 20 2311 DDA Cover Crop

The Clean Water Committee conditionally approve funding to the project at \$900.00 per year (\$50.00/acre for 18 acres), for 3 years, pending funding availability and annual confirmation of cover crop by Program Representative.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: 2020 CLEAN WATER PROGRAM WAITING LIST

RESOLUTION NO. CWC-057/20

Moved by: Lawrence Levere

Seconded by: Gib Patterson

RESOLVED THAT:

The Clean Water Committee approved the following projects on the 2020 Waiting List, to be funded from surplus Special Project grant funds: and

Project Code	Project Type	Grant Approved	Rating
2020-NST-CW33	Well Decommissioning	\$850.00	22.0
2020-NAT-CW31	Well Decommissioning	\$1,000.00	21.9
2020-CAS-CW15	Streambank Erosion	\$4,500.00	21.6
2020-NAT-CW13 C	Streambank Erosion	\$5,000.00	21.3
2020-NAT-CW30	Streambank Erosion	\$4,500.00	20.9
2020-RUS-CW20	Cover Crop	\$1,000.00	20.2
Total Grants Approved		\$16,850.00	

FURTHER THAT:

The Clean Water Committee deny funding to projects on the 2020 waiting list with a score of less than 20.0 points, as they are considered low priority.

CARRIED



**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: 2021 CLEAN WATER COMMITTEE MEETING
SCHEDULE**

RESOLUTION NO. CWC-058/20

Moved by: Alan Kruszel
Seconded by: Ray Beauregard

RESOLVED THAT:

The Clean Water Committee approves the 2021
Committee meeting schedule as presented.

CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

EXTENSION TO PROJECT APPROVAL DEADLINE

RESOLUTION NO. CWC-059/20

Moved by: Lawrence Levere
Seconded by: Gib Patterson

RESOLVED THAT:

The Clean Water Committee approve extending
project deadlines to June 30th, 2021 for the
following projects:

- 2019-CLR-CW07 – Streambank Erosion, grant approved at a grant rate of 50% to a maximum grant of \$4,125.00; and
- 2019-RUS-CW01 – Septic System, grant approved at a grant rate of 50% to a maximum grant of \$2,000.00.

CARRIED

ROUNDTABLE: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Jacqueline Kelly-Pemberton advised everyone that she has been able to share the Clean Water Program and concerns regarding the Conservation Authority Act with the agriculture group she belongs to as well as the changes to Source Water Protection.



CORRESPONDENCE

- a. TESA Nomination – Letter of support for Jacqueline Kelly-Pemberton.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- March 4th, 2021: Clean Water Committee at 9:00 a.m.
- March 4th, 2021: Joint Standing Committees at 1:00 p.m. (to be confirmed)

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. CWC-060/20

Moved by: Ray Beauregard

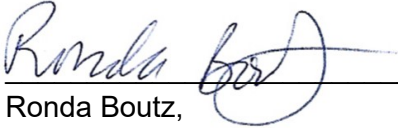
RESOLVED THAT:

The Clean Water Committee virtual meeting of November 30th, 2020 be adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

CARRIED

Jacqueline Kelly-Pemberton,
Committee Chair.

/lh



Ronda Boutz,
Team Lead, Special Projects.



To: Clean Water Committee
From: Ronda Boutz, Team Lead, Special Projects
Date: February 24, 2021
Subject: Request for Approval: Election of Committee Chair

RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee Members appoint Ronda Boutz, Team Lead, Special Projects 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 2021 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.

Ronda Boutz,
Team Lead, Special Projects.



Election Procedures

1. Election Chair declares the position vacant, according to *SNC's Administrative Bylaws*
 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 2021, and until the Joint Standing Committee Meeting of 2022,
 - That Mr./Ms. _____ be elected as Chair of the Clean Water Committee
 4. Chair assumes their office
-

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.



SOUTH NATION
CONSERVATION
DE LA NATION SUD

- B6.2 Should there still be a tie after the second ballot a third vote shall be held.
- 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.



To: Clean Water Committee
From: Ronda Boutz, Team Lead, Special Projects
Date: February 23, 2021
Subject: Request for Approval: 2021 Clean Water Committee Membership

RECOMMENDATION:

The Clean Water Committee recommends to the Board of Directors to add 3 additional members to the Committee to bring total membership (not including ex-officio members) to 18 members for 2020;

And further that the Clean Water Committee recommends the following Clean Water Committee membership to the Board of Directors for 2021:

- **Jackie Pemberton, Committee Chair**
- Ray Beauregard
- Russell Bennett
- Michel Kearney
- Alan Kruszel
- Daniel Lafleur
- Marc Laflèche
- René Lalonde
- David Lapen
- Glenn Mackey
- Gib Patterson
- André Pommerville
- Tara Redpath
- Terrence Sauvé
- François St. Amour
- Doug Thompson
- Adrian Wynands
- Ottawa Rural Clean Water Program - Vacant
- George Darouze, SNC, Chair, (ex-officio)
- Pierre Leroux, SNC, Vice Chair, (ex-officio)
- Bill Smirle, SNC, Past Chair, (ex-officio)

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.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:

Compliance with Budget: Committee expenses for the Committee are included in the approved 2021 SNC Budget, under Communications and Outreach – Corporate Communications, pages 86-87 (SNC Standing Committees). Funding is also included under Resource Management: Partner Programs: Water, pages 18-19, for expenses related to members representing the Eastern Ontario Water Resources Program and Ottawa Rural Clean Water Program.

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

Ronda Boutz,
Team Lead, Special Projects.

/lh



To: Clean Water Committee
From: Ronda Boutz, Team Lead, Special Projects
Date: February 22, 2021
Subject: Request for Approval: Eastern Ontario Water Resources Program
2020 Financial Statement – as of December 31st, 2020

RECOMMENDATION:

The Clean Water Committee approve the Eastern Ontario Water Resources Program Financial Statement for the period of January 1 – December 31, 2020.

DISCUSSION:

The 2020 Eastern Ontario Water Resources Program Financial Statement, as of December 31, 2020, is attached.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:

Compliance with Budget: Funding for the Eastern Ontario Water Resources Program was included in the 2020 Budget under Resource Management: Partner Programs: Water on pages 18-19.

SNC Policy Adherence: All expenditures for the Eastern Ontario Water Resources Program (EOWRP) adhere to the SNC Purchasing Policy and the approved EOWRP Budget.

Ronda Boutz,
Team Lead, Special Projects.

Attachments: 2020 Financial Statement – as of December 31st, 2020



Eastern Ontario Water Resources Program / Programme des ressources en eau de l'Est de l'Ontario

2020 Financial Statement – as of December 31st, 2020

United Counties of Prescott-Russell	\$25,000
City of Ottawa	\$50,000
Carry-over of 2019 dollars	\$38,902
TOTAL REVENUE	\$113,902

Expenses:	2020 Budget	Expenses as of Dec. 31, 2020	Carry-forward to 2021 Budget⁶
1. EOWRP Project Management¹	\$4,815	\$4,794	\$0
2. EOWRP Committee²	\$1,000	\$1,021	\$0
3. 2019 EOWRP Projects			
a) Eastern Ontario Children's Water Festival	\$2,031	\$0	\$2,031
b) North Castor Catchment Study ³	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
c) Development of groundwater/surface water interaction constraint mapping	\$3,124	\$3,124	\$0
d) Low Impact Development Project ³	\$18,737	\$18,737	\$0
4. 2020 Special Projects⁴			
a) UCPR: Floodplain Mapping	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
b) South Bear Brook Catchment Study	\$19,195	\$14,575	\$4,620
5. 2020 Grants⁵			
a) Lagoon Effluent Tree Irrigation and Evapo-transpiration Study	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000
b) The Use of Radionuclides to Identify Vulnerable Fractured Karst Bedrock Aquifers in Eastern Ontario	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000
c) City of Ottawa Climate Station	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$0
d) Phase 1: South Nation River Watershed Water Budget Update Plan	\$9,500	\$0	\$9,500
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$113,902	\$91,751	\$22,151

¹ South Nation Conservation provides project management services to EOWRP to facilitate the Project Grants; this includes developing project application materials, coordinating call for proposals, administering grants to approved projects. Funding from City of Ottawa 2020 EOWRP contribution.

² EOWRP funding from previous year surplus to support meeting expenses for appointed EOWRP members on the Clean Water Committee.

³ EOWRP Special Projects identified by the EOWRP funding contributor, approved in 2019 and to be completed in 2020.

⁴ EOWRP Special Projects in 2020 identified by the EOWRP funding contributor.

⁵ City of Ottawa earmarked \$25,000 of their \$50,000 2020 contribution for grants to be allocated through a grant proposal submission. Projects reviewed and approved at the June 8, 2020 meeting.

⁶ Unspent funds to be carried forward to the 2021 Budget for project completion.



To: Clean Water Committee
From: Ronda Boutz, Team Lead, Special Projects
Date: February 24, 2021
Subject: Request for Approval: 2021 Eastern Ontario Water Resources Program

RECOMMENDATION:

The Clean Water Committee approves status quo for 2021 for the Eastern Ontario Water Resources Program (EOWRP) Application Form, Guidelines, and Rating System; and

FURTHER THAT: the Clean Water Committee approves issuing a 2021 call for EOWRP grant proposals to be submitted for consideration at the June 7th, 2021 Clean Water Committee; and

FURTHER THAT: Staff provide the final 2021 EOWRP budget to the Clean Water Committee at the June 7th, 2020 meeting.

DISCUSSION:

1. EOWRP Funding Application and Project Proposal Guidelines

Based on past Committee discussions, Eastern Ontario Water Resources Program (EOWRP) grants were reintroduced to the Program in 2019; funding is from a portion of the City of Ottawa's annual contribution to EOWRP.

The Clean Water Committee approved the Eastern Ontario Water Resources Program (EOWRP) application form, guidelines and rating system at the March 7th, 2019 meeting, these remained unchanged in 2020. Staff are recommending status quo on all these documents for 2021. Copies are attached for the Committee's reference.

Staff are recommending a call for grant proposals be issued in April 2021 with a submission deadline of May 28th, 2021. Grant proposals would be reviewed by the Clean Water Committee at the June 7th, 2021 meeting. The Committee would score each submission, as per the rating system, following presentation of all proposals by the project applicants.

2. EOWRP 2021 Budget

As per City of Ottawa staff direction, SNC staff are year two of the South Bear Brook Catchment Study, in 2021. A portion of the City's annual EOWRP contribution (\$20,448) will support the study, the remaining funds would be available for allocation to EOWRP project management (including costs associated with issuing the call for proposals), Committee expenses, and grant proposals.

The City of Ottawa approval of the EOWRP funding, via Special Levy, is pending approval from the City's Finance and Economic Development Committee and Council (expected in late April/early May 2021).

The United Counties of Prescott and Russell have confirmed a \$25,000 contribution to a



SOUTH NATION
CONSERVATION
DE LA NATION SUD

floodplain mapping special project in 2021.

A copy of the draft 2021 EOWRP budget is attached for the Committee's review. A final budget will be brought back to the June 7th, 2021 meeting for approval once the 2021 City of Ottawa Special Levy funding is confirmed.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:

Compliance with Budget: Funding for the Eastern Ontario Water Resources Program is included in the 2020 Budget under Resource Management: Partner Programs: Water on pages 18-19.

SNC Policy Adherence: All expenditures for the Eastern Ontario Water Resources Program (EOWRP) adhere to the SNC Purchasing Policy and the approved EOWRP Budget.

Ronda Boutz,
Team Lead, Special Projects.

Attachments: EOWPR Funding Application
EOWRP Project Proposal Guidelines
2021 Draft EOWRP Budget



EOWRP Funding Application

Item	Description
1	Applicant:
	Name of Lead Applicant:
	Name(s) of Partners:
2	Contact Information:
	Administrative Contact: Name and Contact Info
	Signing Authority name(s) and position(s)
	Legal Name of Lead Applicant
3	Name of Proposed Project:
4	EOWRP Funding Request:
5	Project Description:
6	EOWRMS Recommendations Addressed: (Reference ID# from EOWRP Recommendations Summary Table circulated with the call for Proposal)
7	Potential for Regional impact on protecting water resources, including applicability and transferability to EOWRMS Study Area:



8	Project Location(s):				
9	Deliverables Schedule:				
	Description of Deliverables	Bilingual			Delivery Date
	<i>Note: Written deliverables for the general public must be Bilingual – English and French</i>	Yes	No	N/A	
10	Detailed Budget				
	Expenditure (provide detailed breakdown)	EOWRP Funding	Lead/Partner Funding	Total	
			Total		



EOWRP Project Proposal Guidelines

Proponents wishing to submit project proposals for EOWRP funding must complete the EOWRP Funding Application. Proposals must address recommendations from the Eastern Ontario Water Resources Management Study (www.nation.on.ca/resources/science-research/technical-reports).

The application form must be received by South Nation Conservation, by the date indicated in the call for proposals. For more information, contact Ronda Boutz at rboutz@nation.on.ca or 1-877-984-2948.

Clean Water Committee (CWC) members submitting project proposals will abstain from the EOWRP project proposal review and approval process.

Project proposals will be reviewed by the CWC based on the project rating system below.

EOWRP Rating System:

Criteria	Available Points	Points Awarded
1. Relevance to EOWRMS goals and recommendations (e.g. <i>impact on protecting water resources and achieving EOWRMS recommendations</i>)	10	
2. Project location and applicability and transferability to other areas within the EOWRMS Study Area	5	
3. % of project budget that is EOWRP funds and allocation of funding to overall project budget (e.g. <i>admin, staffing, materials and supplies, etc.</i>)	5	
TOTAL	20	

EOWRP Approved Projects:

EOWRP projects are required to report to the CWC periodically with progress reports and must provide a final report.

Final approved project reports will present the EOWRMS recommendation addressed, a summary of results associated with the project deliverables, a detailed budget, and future recommendations if applicable. The final report will be no longer than 3 pages in length, additional information can be provided to the CWC during the meeting.

Satisfactory invoices will be required for all projects completed and records available on request for audit purposes.

Payment terms are such that funding will be provided after the project is complete (final report provided to the EOWRP). Interim billing will only be considered on a case-by-case basis, proponents must request interim payment at time of application and provide justification for the request.



2021 Draft EOWRP Budget

		2021 Budget
Revenue:		
a)	United Counties of Prescott-Russell	\$25,000
b)	City of Ottawa	\$50,000
c)	Carry-over of 2020 encumbered funds	\$22,151
TOTAL REVENUE		\$97,151
Expenses:		
d)	EOWRP Project Management and Outreach	\$4,500
e)	EOWRP – Committee Representative Expenses	\$1,252
f)	EOWRP Grants	
	i) 2020: Eastern Ontario Children's Water Festival	\$2,031
	ii) 2020: Lagoon Effluent Tree Irrigation and Evapo-transpiration Study	\$3,000
	iii) 2020: The Use of Radionuclides to Identify Vulnerable Fractured Karst Bedrock Aquifers in Eastern Ontario	\$3,000
	iv) 2020: Phase 1: South Nation River Watershed Water Budget Update Plan	\$9,500
	v) 2020 Project Grants	\$23,800
g)	EOWRP Special Projects	
	i) 2021: UCPR Floodplain Mapping	\$25,000
	ii) 2021: South Bear Brook Catchment Study	\$25,068
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$97,151

Budget Notes

- a) **United Counties of Prescott-Russell (P&R)**
P&R approved a 2021 EOWRP contribution of \$25,000 to a Floodplain Mapping Special Project.
- b) **The City of Ottawa**
The City of Ottawa has budgeted \$50,000 to EOWRP for 2021. A total of \$20,448 has been earmarked for a Special Project (South Bear Brook Catchment Study, see budget note g), the remaining funds will be allocated as EOWRP grants (\$23,800), Committee expenses (\$1,252), and project management including costs associated with the call for grant proposals (\$4,500). This funding is subject to City approval of the 2021 Special Levies.
- c) **Carry-over of 2020 encumbered funds**
A total of \$22,151 is encumbered to one EOWRP Special Project and four EOWRP grants for projects approved in 2019 for 2020 completion; funding carried to 2021 budget for payment upon project completion.



d) **Project Management**

South Nation Conservation is retained as the project manager for EOWRP to provide the following services: facilitation of the EOWRP reports to the Clean Water Committee; coordination of project proposals and payments for approved projects, reporting to EOWRP funders, and preparation of financial statements (as banker for EOWRP). This line item also includes expenses related to issuing a call for project proposals.

e) **EOWRP – Committee Representative Expenses**

This item includes payment of volunteer EOWRP Clean Water Committee representatives (per diem and mileage) to attend meeting and presentations related to EOWRP business.

f) **EOWRP Grants**

A total of \$23,800 is available in 2021 for allocation to project proposals approved by the Clean Water Committee as per the EOWRP guidelines and rating system. Encumbered 2020 funds (\$17,531) for four EOWRP projects is also included in this line item.

g) **EOWRP Special Projects**

EOWRP funding partners have earmarked funding to EOWRP Special Projects as follows:

2020 Special Projects – 2021 completion	2020 Funds
City of Ottawa: Bear Brook Catchment Study (Year 1)	\$4,620
TOTAL	\$4,620
2021 Special Projects	2021 Funds
UCPR: Floodplain Mapping	\$25,000
City of Ottawa: South Bear Brook Catchment Study (Year 2)	\$20,448
TOTAL	\$45,448



To: Clean Water Committee
From: Ronda Boutz, Team Lead, Special Projects
Date: February 24, 2021
Subject: Update: 2020 Clean Water Program Summary

RECOMMENDATION:

The Clean Water Committee receive and file the Update: 2020 Clean Water Program Summary report.

DISCUSSION:

The following report summarizes grant applications and completed project statistics for the 2020 Clean Water Program. A comparison of completed projects from 2015 to 2020 is also included for the Committee's information.

1. Applications

The following is a summary of Clean Water Program applications reviewed by the Clean Water Committee in 2020.

Meeting Date	# Applications	# Approved	# Deferred or Waiting List	# Denied	Approved Grants
June 8 th	22	13	9	0	\$51,374
Sept. 14 th	20	9	11	0	\$17,500
Waiting List	0	6	0	8	\$16,850*
Total	42	28	20	8	\$85,724

*includes surplus funding from 2020 Special Projects and 2018/19 grants.

2. Approved Projects

Approved projects have approximately 1-year from approval date to be completed and final paperwork submitted for grant payment. Encumbered funding not paid out in the approval year is carried forward to the next budget year for payment upon project completion.

The following table summarizes approved, paid, projects are not proceeding, and projects that will be completed in 2021.

Year	Approved	Grants Paid	Not Proceeding ¹	2021 Completion
2018	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0	\$0
2019	\$40,250	\$32,560	\$8,000	\$2,000
2020	\$85,724	\$34,872	\$1,579	\$49,224
Total	\$33,974	\$75,432	\$9,579	\$51,224

¹ Projects that did not proceed are summarized in the table below, funding was reallocated to projects on the 2020 waiting list.



Project	Grant	Reason for Not Proceeding
2019-APL-CW12 A: Erosion	\$5,000	Contractor issues
2019-NAT-CW20B: Septic System	\$2,000	Landowner decided not to replace the septic
2019-APL-CW12 B: Well Decommissioning	\$1,000	Contractor issues
2020-NAT-CW06 B: Buffer	\$1,579	Landowner decided not to establish a buffer greater than the 3m already required under their approved erosion control project

3. Completed Projects (2015 – 2020) Statistics

Staff compiled the number of completed projects per project type for the 2015 to 2019 Program years; the following tables summarize number of projects and amount of grants paid out by year, by project type.

The most popular project types were well decommissioning, septic system replacements/repairs, and streambank erosion control. Streambank erosion control has the highest in grants paid out, well decommissioning and septic systems are the next highest. Staff will have graphics available at the Committee meeting to provide a visual summary of the tables below.

Number of Completed Clean Water Program Projects (2015-2020)

Type of Project	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Manure Storage	1	1	1	1	1	4	9
Milkhouse Wastewater	0	1	1	0	0	1	3
Barnyard Runoff Control	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clean Water Diversion	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Fuel Storage	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Chemical Storage	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Watercourse Fencing	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Buffers	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Streambank Erosion	6	4	3	6	2	5	26
Control Tile Drainage	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Cover Crops	0	0	0	0	5	1	6
Well Decommission	5	7	11	9	13	7	52
Septic Systems	5	10	3	3	2	1	24
Special Projects	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
TOTAL	20	23	19	20	29	20	129



Grant Amounts for Completed Clean Water Program Projects (2015-2019)

Type of Project	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Manure Storage	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$32,000	72,000
Milkhouse Wastewater	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$15,000
Barnyard Runoff Control	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Clean Water Diversion	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
Fuel Storage	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$375	\$0	\$375
Chemical Storage	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Watercourse Fencing	\$4,415	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,415
Buffers	\$429	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$429
Streambank Erosion	\$26,500	\$14,726	\$10,499	\$28,034	\$10,000	\$22,560	\$112,319
Control Tile Drainage	\$2,770	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$7,770
Cover Crops	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$1,000	\$6,000
Well Decommissioning	\$4,970	\$6,500	\$10,500	\$8,850	\$12,387	\$6,950	\$50,157
Septic Systems	\$8,000	\$20,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$46,000
Special Projects	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,000	\$5,000	\$17,000
TOTAL	\$55,084	\$54,226	\$39,999	\$55,884	\$56,762	\$74,510	\$336,465

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:

Compliance with Budget: Not applicable, report for information purposes only.

SNC Policy Adherence: Not applicable, report for information purposes only.

Ronda Boutz,
Team Lead, Special Projects.



To: Clean Water Committee
From: Ronda Boutz, Team Lead, Special Projects
Date: February 24, 2021
Subject: Request for Approval: 2021 Clean Water Program Guidelines and Structure

RECOMMENDATION:

The Clean Water Committee recommends to the Board of Directors to approve the status quo for 2021 for the Clean Water Program Guidelines, Grant Structure, application review process and all project Rating Sheets.

DISCUSSION:

Guidelines and Rating Sheets

Staff are recommending status quo for all Guidelines and Rating Sheets; Committee members are asked to bring any suggested revisions to the meeting. Copies of the rating sheets are uploaded on the members page.

Grant Structure

Staff are also recommending status quo for the grant structure and review of applications for 2021. The current grant structure is as follows:

Eligible Project Types	Grant Rate ¹	Grant Max.
Buffer Strips ²	50%	\$5,000
Clean Water Diversion/Barnyard Runoff Control	50%	\$5,000
Controlled Tile Drainage Structures	50%	\$5,000
Cover Crops	\$50/acre/year up to a maximum of 20 acres	
Fertilizer, Chemical and Fuel Storage/Handling	50%	\$1,000
Livestock Access Restriction to Waterways – labour by applicant – labour by contractor	100% 75%	\$5,000
Manure Storages	50%	\$8,000
Milkhouse Wastewater Treatment/Disposal – stand-alone project: – if combined with Manure Storage:	50% 50%	\$5,000 \$2,000
Well Decommissioning	100%	\$1,000
Septic System Upgrade/Replacement	50%	\$2,000
Stream Bank Erosion Control ³	50%	\$5,000

¹Grant rates may vary if applicant receives funding from other sources.

²May be eligible for a performance incentive of \$150/acre/year, max. 10 acres.

³Stream bank erosion grant may vary if project qualifies as a “Special Project”, contact Program Staff for details.



SOUTH NATION
CONSERVATION
DE LA NATION SUD

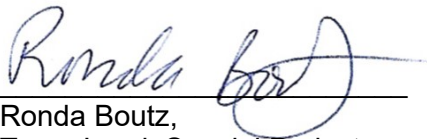
Staff recommend status quo for review/approval of applications, as follows:

- A project must achieve a minimum rating score of 21.5 points to be considered for grant funding at the June and September 2021 Committee meetings
- Any surplus grant funding available at the November 2021 Committee meeting will be allocated, in order of project ranking (high to low), to projects achieving a score of 15 points or more.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/COMPLIANCE TO SNC POLICY:

Compliance with Budget: SNC 2021 Budget includes funding for Grants under Resource Management: Partner Programs: Water, pages 18-19.

SNC Policy Adherence: Allocation of grants adheres to SNC's Purchasing Policy, signing limits.



Ronda Boutz,
Team Lead, Special Projects.



To: Clean Water Committee
From: Ronda Boutz, Team Lead, Special Projects
Date: February 24, 2021
Subject: Update: 2021 Clean Water Committee Work Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Clean Water Committee receives and files the 2021 Clean Water Committee Work Plan update.

DISCUSSION:

The following deliverables identified in the 2021 SNC Budget are items that will be brought to the Clean Water Committee in 2021.

- SNC Clean Water Program
 - 4 meetings
 - 25 grants
 - 2021 Clean Water Program budget attached
- Ottawa Rural Clean Water Program (ORCWP)
 - Note: Program pending 5-year renewal from the City of Ottawa, anticipated April 2021
 - Administrative support
 - Liaise with City of Ottawa and Conservation Authority Partners
 - 1 interim report and 1 final report
 - 1 meeting of Program steering committee
 - 60 grants between the three Conservation Authority Partners
- Eastern Ontario Water Resources Program (EOWRP)
 - EOWRP administrative support and delivery through SNC Clean Water Committee
 - Liaise with EOWRP funding partners
 - Review and approve proposals for EOWRP grants (City of Ottawa funding only)
- Catchment Studies
 - South Bear Brook Catchment Study
 - Conduct field monitoring activities
 - Final Catchment Study report, to be completed in early 2022

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:

Compliance with Budget: Above deliverables are consistent with the 2021 SNC Budget. Details can be found on the following pages:

- Resource Management: Partner Programs: Water, pages 18-19



SOUTH NATION
CONSERVATION
DE LA NATION SUD

- Clean Water Program, Ottawa Rural Clean Water Program, and Eastern Ontario Water Resources Program
- Approvals: Projects: Subwatershed Studies, pages 70-71
 - South Bear Brook Catchment Study

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

Ronda Boutz,
Team Lead, Special Projects.

Attachments: 2021 Clean Water Program Budget



APPENDIX A
2021 CLEAN WATER PROGRAM BUDGET

Revenue		
a	SNC Levy	\$105,750
b	2019 and 2020 Projects Carry-forward	\$51,224
c	Total Phosphorus Management	\$0
TOTAL		\$156,974
Expenses		
d	2019 Project Grants	\$2,000
e	2020 Project Grants	\$49,224
f	2021 Project Grants	\$60,000
g	2020 Special Projects	\$15,000
h	Communications	\$500
i	Staffing/Program Representatives	\$30,250
TOTAL		\$156,974

BUDGET NOTES:

Revenue

a) SNC Levy

SNC will contribute \$105,750 to the Clean Water Program in 2020 from the general levy.

b) 2019 and 2020 Projects Carry-forward

Approved projects have approximately 12 months from date of approval to be completed. One project (\$2,000 grant) from 2019 was granted an extension and will be completed in 2021. A total of 17 projects, approved in 2020, still need to be completed; funding (\$49,224) is encumbered to pay the approved amounts to these projects upon completion.

c) Total Phosphorus Management (TPM)

There are no active TPM agreements in 2021; \$0 revenue in budget.

Expenses

d) 2019 Project Payouts

One 2019 approved project (\$2,000) was granted an extension for completion in 2021.

e) 2020 Projects Payouts

A total of 17 projects, approved in 2020, still need to be completed;



funding (\$49,224) is encumbered to pay the approved amounts to these projects upon completion.

f) 2021 Project Grants

A total of \$60,000 is available for allocation to eligible projects in 2020. Project applications are reviewed and rated using a Project Rating System, to rank project priorities for funding.

g) 2021 Special Projects

A total of \$15,000 has been allocated for Special Projects, funding will be used to leverage external funding to complete project(s) that will improve water quality. Funding is currently allocated to a Environment and Climate Change Canada proposal to the Climate Action Awareness Fund, decision pending.

h) Communications

A total of \$500 has been budgeted to support Program promotion or communication activities.

i) Staffing/Program Representatives

A total of \$30,250 has been budgeted for Staff and Program Representatives salaries, benefits and expenses related to the delivery of the Clean Water Program.

This line item reflects the staff recovery from the Ottawa Rural Clean Water Program for site visits and files management (application to payment for approved projects).



Dundas County Cattlemen's Association (DCCA)

Thursday, 18 February 2021

The Environmental Stewardship Award (TESA)

Pemberton Farms -- Jackie & Steven Pemberton -- has been named the **Ontario winner of TESA**. This announcement was made by Beef Farmers of Ontario (BFO) at their annual meeting which was held virtually this week. Jackie and Steven will now move forward as Ontario's nominees for national recognition from the CCA. The Canadian winner will be announced by CCA at their semi-annual summer meeting held in conjunction with the 2021 Canadian Beef Industry Conference.

The Pemberton's environmental activities have included on-farm practices (e.g. buffer strips, cover crops, rotations, tree planting, and especially management of runoff from stored manure) as well as notable community involvement, particularly by Jackie. Her off-farm efforts included research [U. of Ottawa plus international], employment and significant volunteer roles [especially with DFA and SNC]. In addition to the above organizations, Pemdale's efforts included involvement of FFCO, OMAFRA, AAFC, NSERC, ALUS, OWRC, and the U. of G.

Since 1996, TESA has recognized producers who go above and beyond standard industry conservation practices and set positive examples for other cattle producers and the general public.

Pemdale Farms was nominated for this award by DCCA.

Pemdale Farm of North Dundas wins prestigious environmental award



Current OFA Zone 11 and then director candidate Jackie Kelly-Pemberton, in a still taken from a promotional video on the OFA website.

FEBRUARY 19, 2021

Tom Van Dusen
Nation Valley News

WINCHESTER — Backed by their home Dundas County Cattlemen’s Association, a local farming couple has won the prestigious Beef Farmers of Ontario Environmental Stewardship Award.

The award granted during the BFO annual meeting held virtually this week automatically puts Jackie and Steven Pemberton in the running for national recognition from the Canadian Cattlemen’s Association, with the winner to be announced during the CCA’s semi-annual summer meeting.

“It’s an honour,” Jackie said, “especially in that it has the national component to it.”

On behalf of their Pemdale Farm, a 200-acre cash crop 25-head cow-calf operation, the Pemberton’s prepared a personal application for the award a few years ago. They were unsuccessful. The push from DCCA put them over the top, said association secretary Ron Wilson who did much of the legwork.

“The entire rural and agricultural community, not just beef farmers, should be proud the Pembertons efforts have been recognized,” Wilson said. Other than a Dundas Soil & Crop Improvement

00040

Association Award of Merit, Jackie said it was the first prize of major significance claimed by the farm or its owners.

Wilson believes a new emphasis in the second application on Jackie's off-farm environmental activism over the past 25 years helped sway the BFO judges. Jackie has become widely known both regionally and provincially through her leadership in the Ontario Federation of Agriculture and on agricultural environmental issues.

After serving as president of the Dundas Federation of Agriculture for 13 years, she has been elected to a second three-year term as an OFA regional director, with part of her duties to liaise with beef producers on a province-wide basis.

In filing the nomination on behalf of the Pembertons last October, Wilson emphasized that Pemdale's role through Jackie in providing environmental leadership beyond normal on-farm projects — largely on a volunteer basis — should on its own be worthy of the Stewardship Award.

When you add to that portfolio on-farm projects in controlling stored manure runoff, cover crops and rotations, tree planting, windbreaks, creating buffer strips and wildlife habitat, bird boxes, and pollinator hedgerows, the contribution becomes exceptional, Wilson stated.

The BFO panel saw it the same way. They decided that, in 2021, the Pembertons best exemplified producers who go above and beyond standard industry conservation practices in setting a positive example for their peers and the general public.

Of special interest was a Pemdale project with the Ontario Rural Waste Water Centre and several partners examining a three-phase constructed pond, wetland and vegetated filter system to treat manure pile and cattle exercise yard runoff.

Steven said he enjoyed the experience of working with researchers who came to the farm. The fact the project occupied limited space on a small farm was a bonus, as was high-tensile electric fencing installed around it which does a great job of keeping livestock in and predators out.

While Steven and Jackie joked about his willingness to try out the latest stewardship innovation she brings home, he's clearly pleased with the BFO recognition and with the farm's steady stream of environmental improvements.

Several glowing letters of reference were included with Wilson's thorough application package, including from Ronda Boutz, Special Projects Leader with South Nation Conservation, where Jackie has devoted countless hours over many years in raising awareness of the contribution of farmers in maintaining the environment and to seeking advances in that effort, especially relating to water quality.

She has been chair of SNC's Clean Water Committee since 2013; in 2017, she chaired the sensitive Agricultural Forest Cover Committee which, after intensive consultation, made several recommendations to the board of directors concerning improving dwindling forested lands in SNC's jurisdiction.

Like many other supporters, Boutz referred to Jackie as an "environmental leader", inviting her continued participation in regional agri-environmental initiatives. Jackie is an alumnus of the Advanced Agricultural Leadership Program.

Another letter of support came from Brendan Jacobs, Program Director for Ontario East Alternative Land Use Services Inc, who credited Jacquie's leadership for increasing the adoption rate of on-farm stewardship activities.

Jacobs called Jackie and Steven "exemplary members of the community" whose dedication to environmental stewardship is having an impact throughout Eastern Ontario and beyond.