



## Forestry Committee

# Meeting Agenda

**Date:** November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Location:** Watershed Room, SNC

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



## Forestry Committee

# Meeting Agenda

November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

1. Chair's Remarks
2. Approval of Forestry Committee Agenda (Supplemental Agenda)
3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
4. SNC Forestry Project Update – PowerPoint Presentation: Staff
5. Community Engagement
6. Approval of the Forestry Committee meeting minutes of September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 3-6
7. Business Arising from Minutes (if any)
8. New Business:
  - a. Update: Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*: Carl 7-18
  - b. Request for Approval: Programs and Services Work Plan for Municipal Engagement: Ronda 19-21
  - c. Update: 2022 Year End Forestry Report: Ronda and Pat 22-27
  - d. Update: 2023 Forestry Work Plan: Pat 28-29
  - e. Update: SNC Approved Grants Summary (2018-2022): Ronda 30-36
  - f. Request for Approval: 2023 Forestry Committee Meeting Schedule: Ronda 37
9. Supplemental Agenda (if any)
10. Correspondence (if any)
11. Date of Next Meeting:
  - February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at SNC Office, Finch
12. Adjournment

Ronda Boutz,  
Secretary-Treasurer.



## FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 10:00 a.m. – Meeting 03/22

SNC Watershed Room, SNC Office



- Present: Glenn Mackey, Committee Chair  
Alain Bertrand, Public Citizen  
Maurice Chabot, Public Citizen  
Murray Inch, Public Citizen  
Elaine Kennedy, Stormont Dundas Glengarry Chapter – Ontario Woodlot Association (*for Dorothy Hamilton*)  
Dave Robertson, Public Citizen  
Bill Smirle, SNC Board of Directors
- Regrets: François Allard, Public Citizen  
George Darouze, SNC Board of Directors, Past Chair, ex-officio  
Ben de Haan, United Counties of Stormont Dundas Glengarry  
Steve Densham, SNC Board of Directors, Vice Chair, ex-officio  
Dorothy Hamilton, Stormont Dundas Glengarry Chapter – Ontario Woodlot Association  
Steve Hunter, United Counties of Prescott Russell  
Elizabeth Holmes, Ministry of Natural Resources and Fish and Wildlife (*non-voting*)  
Pierre Leroux, SNC Board of Directors, Chair, ex-officio  
Doug Thompson, Public Citizen
- Absent: Ron Toonders, Ag Soil and Crop
- Staff: Angela Coleman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer  
Ronda Boutz, Team Lead, Special Projects  
Cheyene Brunet, Forestry Technician  
Chris Craig, Senior Forestry Technician  
Caroline Goulet, Forester  
Tavish MacLeod, Forestry Assistant



### **CHAIR'S REMARKS**

Glenn Mackey, Committee Chair, convened the Forestry Committee meeting of September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed Committee Members. The Committee acknowledged the passing of member Lloyd Benedict, representative from the Mohawks of Akwesasne.

### **APPROVAL OF FORESTRY COMMITTEE AGENDA**

RESOLUTION NO. FC-018/22

Moved by: Alain Bertrand  
Seconded by: Elaine Kennedy

RESOLVED THAT:

The Members approve the Forestry Committee agenda of September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as submitted.

CARRIED

### **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Conflict of Interest.

### **SNC FORESTRY PROJECT UPDATE – POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

Staff presented forestry program and project updates.

### **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

- Murray Inch: attended the OPG site visit at Oak Valley on August 9<sup>th</sup>, Oak Valley recently hosted a wedding, and the participants were very happy with the site
- Bill Smirle: continues to provide regular updates to North Dundas Council as a Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry representative on SNC's Board of Directors

### **APPROVAL OF: FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2022**

RESOLUTION NO. FC-019/22

Moved by: Dave Robertson  
Seconded by: Murray Inch

RESOLVED THAT:

The Members approve the Forestry Committee meeting minutes of June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 with the following amendment:

- Steve Densham be moved to 'Present' as he was in attendance at the meeting.

CARRIED



**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**UPDATE: CONSERVATION AUTHORITY ACT UPDATES AND PROGRESS REPORT #2**

Angela Coleman presented a PowerPoint update on the *Conservation Authority Act* and progress to date on implementing the requirements of the new provincial regulations.

**UPDATE: SNC STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

RESOLUTION NO. FC-020/22

Moved by: Bill Smirle  
Seconded by: Elaine Kennedy

RESOLVED THAT:

The Forestry Committee receive and file the SNC Standing Committee Membership update.

CARRIED

**UPDATE: TREE PLANTING PROGRAMS**

RESOLUTION NO. FC-021/22

Moved by: Alain Bertrand  
Seconded by: Dave Robertson

RESOLVED THAT:

The Forestry Committee receive and file the 2022 tree planting program update.

CARRIED

**UPDATE: STORM CLEAN UP AND SALVAGE ON SNC PROPERTIES**

RESOLUTION NO. FC-022/22

Moved by: Maurice Chabot  
Seconded by: Murray Inch

RESOLVED THAT:

The Forestry Committee receive and file the update on Storm Clean Up and Salvage on SNC Properties.

CARRIED



**UPDATE: STORM RECOVERY FOR PRIVATE WOODLOT OWNERS**

RESOLUTION NO. FC-023/22

Moved by: Bill Smirle  
Seconded by: Dave Robertson

RESOLVED THAT:

The Forestry Committee receive and file the update on the May 21st storm recovery for private woodlot owners.

CARRIED

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Forestry Committee Meeting at 10:00 a.m. at SNC Office, Finch.

**ADJOURNMENT**

RESOLUTION NO. FC-024/22

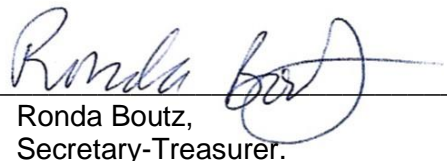
Moved by: Bill Smirle

RESOLVED THAT:

The Forestry Committee meeting of September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 be adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

CARRIED

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Glenn Mackey,  
Committee Chair.

  
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Ronda Boutz,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

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**To:** Standing Committees  
**From:** Carl Bickerdike, Chief Administrative Officer  
**Date:** November 21, 2022  
**Subject:** Update: Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The SNC Standing Committees receive and file the update on Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022* and proposed amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

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**DISCUSSION:**

On October 25, 2022, the provincial government introduced Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*; omnibus legislation that amends ten acts including the *Conservation Authorities Act*. The Bill is currently in second reading and is before the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy for consideration.

The Bill proposes significant changes to the land use planning process in Ontario including considerable, and potentially irreversible, operational changes to municipal partners and conservation authorities.

Various amendments in the Bill:

- prohibit municipalities from entering into agreements with conservation authorities (CAs) for the review of planning applications and technical studies;
- exempt certain development projects with *Planning Act* approval from CA natural hazard development permits;
- remove the consideration of 'conservation of lands' and 'pollution' from CA natural hazard development permit decisions;
- reduce municipal development charges and freeze conservation authority fees;
- change the evaluation criteria and weaken protection for Provincially Significant Wetlands; and
- require CAs identify conservation lands that may be suitable for development.

In response to Bill 23, Conservation Ontario presented a submission to Standing Committee on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Eastern Ontario CAs have also been meeting with their partner municipalities and local MPPs to discuss impacts to municipal planning and development processes, and to coordinate responses to the proposed significant environmental policy changes.

South Nation Conservation is actively working with its municipal and CA partners to analyze and mitigate the potential impacts of Bill 23. A summary of SNC action on Bill 23 is below:

- Meeting with MPP Sarrazin and MPP Quinn attended by Executive Committee,



SNC Staff and County Staff (United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry and United Counties of Prescott and Russell);

- Regular email updates to SNC Board of Directors, Executive, and municipal leadership;
- Press release (attached);
- Meetings with municipal CAOs and elected officials;
- Participation in Conservation Ontario working groups to coordinate response;
- Media interviews with CBC, Le Droit, and Chesterville Record; and
- Leading a coordinated Eastern Ontario submission to standing committee (draft attached).

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

Staff will continue to work with member municipalities and Conservation Ontario to raise awareness and seek positive changes to Bill 23. Further updates on Bill 23 will be shared with the Board as they arise.

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Carl Bickerdike,  
Chief Administrative Officer.

**Attachments:**

Eastern Ontario CAs Respond to Bill 23 – Standing Committee Submission [Draft]

“Loss of Local Decision-Making” – Conservation Authorities Respond to Province’s Housing Bill 23 “More Homes Built Faster Act” - SNC Press Release



## Eastern Ontario Conservation Authorities

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November 15, 2022



The Honourable Doug Ford  
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The Honourable Graydon Smith  
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Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
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**Re: Loss of Local Decision-Making: Bill 23 Does Not Work for Eastern Ontario**

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Dear Premier Ford, Minister Clark, Minister Smith, and Minister Piccini,

With housing affordability affecting much of Ontario, we understand your government's target to build 1.5 million new homes over the next 10 years.

Conservation Authorities (CAs) have always supported long-term sustainable growth. In fact, our role is to ensure land-use decisions made today do not impede future growth tomorrow. We accomplish this by ensuring development has minimal impacts on flooding, erosion, slope stability and water quality by guiding development away from natural hazards and protecting the function of natural features. This can only be accomplished when evaluating growth and its cumulative impacts across a watershed, which is the value and service CAs provide to municipalities. Water flows across municipal boundaries and so do the impacts of development.

In Eastern Ontario, CAs have been working closely with municipalities to reduce barriers to development and streamline processes to provide the best service possible to municipalities, communities, homeowners, and developers. For many, this includes modernizing policies and procedures, streamlining approvals, reducing timelines, meeting and reporting on service standards, and promoting pre-consultation with applicants. CAs are not a barrier to growth, but an assurance that growth is safe and sustainable, and we have been a source of cost-effective expertise for municipalities and developers for decades.

We are committed to doing our part to help increase Ontario's housing supply, but it needs to be accomplished through smart, sustainable growth that will not have detrimental impacts down the road.

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We are concerned that some changes proposed in the *More Homes Built Faster Act* will:

- Weaken the ability of conservation authorities to continue protecting people and property from natural hazards such as floods;
- Diminish our ability to protect critical natural infrastructure like wetlands which reduce flooding, droughts and improve water quality in lakes and rivers; and,
- Place new downloaded responsibilities on municipalities related to natural hazards and natural resources that they are unprepared and under resourced to tackle.

We are calling on your government to press pause on the proposed changes highlighted below and to reconvene the multi-stakeholder *Conservation Authorities Working Group* that your government created. This group can help identify alternative solutions that will increase Ontario's housing supply without jeopardizing public safety or downloading additional responsibilities to municipalities. At a time when climate change is causing more frequent and intense storm events, the role and watershed mandate of CAs has never been more critical.

### Proposed Changes of Concern and Their Potential Impact:

1. If conservation authorities are no longer allowed to provide planning comments to municipalities beyond natural hazards:
  - Municipalities have indicated that they will need to contract this work out to the private sector, where there is already a limited labour market, as most do not have the expertise or capacity to take on this expanded role.
  - Municipalities anticipate higher costs, and possible delays, that will be passed on to applicants and developers. The current model enables municipalities to use existing expertise within the CAs (such as biologists, water resource engineers, ecologists, hydrogeologists) to fulfill responsibilities under the Provincial Policy Statement pertaining to natural heritage and water, while saving time and money for applicants.
  - Municipalities have shared conflict of interest concerns due to the limited availability of consultants in Eastern Ontario and shared concerns about the lack of local knowledge should they need to secure consultants from other regions.
  - Municipalities are also concerned with the loss of the watershed perspective in making planning decisions, which will result in a narrow review of the impacts to natural hazards and natural heritage. Municipalities formed CAs to address this very issue.

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2. If development that is subject to a planning approval is exempt from requiring a permit from the conservation authority:
  - Municipalities will assume greater responsibility and liability for the impact of development on flooding, erosion, slope stability and water quality within municipal boundaries and in upstream and downstream communities.
  - Municipalities and CAs will require more detailed studies and designs at the planning stage which are normally not required until the permitting stage. This would make planning applications more onerous and costly for developers and slow down approvals.
  - Municipalities will also have limited mechanisms to ensure compliance outside of the permitting process if development is not constructed properly.
  
3. If certain types of development are deemed “low risk” and exempted from requiring a conservation authority permit:
  - Public safety and property damage risks may not be adequately addressed as a single list of exempted activities across the province will not capture local conditions and constraints. Some activities which may be low risk in one watershed, such as fencing or auxiliary buildings, may be a significant risk in others that have retrogressive landslide areas or ravines.
  - It should also be acknowledged that CAs already have the ability to exempt or streamline review processes for activities that are low risk in their watershed and this practice is already in use by most CAs.
  
4. If the scope of conservation authority permits is narrowed to only address natural hazard issues (removal of “pollution” and “conservation of land” considerations, restrictions on conditions that can be required as part of a permit):
  - CAs may not be able to require development setbacks from water, protect naturalized shorelines or require sediment control during construction.
  - CAs would no longer be able to address water quality concerns, which are required under federally and provincially approved “Remedial Action Plans” for designated “Areas of Concern”.
  - CAs use pollution and conservation of land considerations and conditions to limit sediment and nutrient runoff into lakes and rivers that contribute to poor water quality, excessive weed growth and algae blooms. Municipalities would become responsible to address these types of concerns.

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- Water quality in lakes and rivers is an important economic driver in Eastern Ontario as it impacts property values, tourism, recreation, and commercial fisheries, and it is the source of drinking water for many permanent and seasonal residences.
  - CAs and municipalities would welcome a consistent definition of “conservation of land” in the new regulations, pertaining to the protection, management, and restoration of lands to maintain or enhance hydrological and ecological functions.
5. If the protection of wetlands is diminished (changes to wetland evaluation criteria, elimination of wetland complexing, reduction in the area around wetlands that is regulated, introduction of offsetting measures to compensate for wetland loss and the withdrawal of MNRF as the body responsible for wetland mapping and evaluations):
- Municipalities are concerned that the withdrawal of MNRF from administering the Ontario Wetland Evaluation System and maintaining wetland mapping will be downloaded to municipalities to manage reevaluation reports from consultants and maintain up-to-date wetland mapping that is needed for development review.
  - Municipalities and CAs are concerned that there will be a loss of wetlands that will have immediate and long-term impacts. Removing wetlands is like removing dams and reservoirs. Wetlands act as infrastructure that absorb and retain a significant volume of snow melt and rain which reduces flood levels during spring runoff and storm events. They also release this water slowly throughout the rest of the year, helping augment water levels in lakes and rivers during low flow periods which reduces drought conditions. Wetlands also filter nutrients and sediment from runoff which improves water quality.
  - These benefits are particularly important where lakes and rivers are supporting agriculture, recreation, tourism, and fisheries and acting as a source of drinking water. Municipalities and CAs could never afford to build the infrastructure it would take to replace wetland functions which is estimated to be billions.
6. If the Minister freezes conservation authority fees:
- Taxpayers, not developers, would absorb increasing costs for development review. In this scenario, growth would not be paying for growth.
  - Legislative amendments made earlier this year directed conservation authorities to demonstrate that self-generated revenue such as fees for service are considered where possible to reduce pressure on the municipal levy. This includes plan review and permitting fees that are collected to offset program costs, but not exceed them.

### Recommendations:

1. Municipalities should retain the choice to enter into agreements with conservation authorities for natural heritage and water-related plan review services.
  - Recent legislative amendments by this government now require agreements to include defined terms, timelines, and performance measures, and CAs have demonstrated that they can provide these comments to municipalities in a cost-effective and timely manner. CAs are also already prevented by these earlier amendments from commenting beyond natural hazards if they do not have an agreement with a municipality.
2. Development that is subject to plan approval should not be exempt from requiring a conservation authority permit.
  - The planning process is not sufficient to ensure natural hazard concerns are addressed through appropriate design and construction. This change would also place additional responsibility and liability on municipalities.
3. Conservation authorities should determine which types of developments are deemed “low risk” through their regulations policies.
  - CAs are already able to create exemptions and streamline review processes that are appropriate locally, given watersheds have unique conditions.
4. Maintain “pollution” and “conservation of land” as considerations when conservation authorities are reviewing permit applications but provide a clear definition of each to ensure a consistent approach on how it is applied.
  - Streamlining these definitions will allow CAs to provide consistency to municipalities and developers and meet obligations under other pieces of legislation that require water quality-related comments from CAs.
5. Continue to protect wetlands to reduce flooding, provide flow augmentation.
  - Wetlands are critical pieces of natural infrastructure and municipalities cannot afford to build the infrastructure it would take to replicate wetland function to protect upstream and downstream communities from flooding and drought.
6. Do not freeze fees to ensure growth pays for growth.
  - Recent legislative amendments by this government now require CAs to demonstrate through their budget process that development review fees are offsetting, but not exceeding, program costs.

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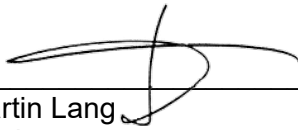
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Thank you for the opportunity to share our concerns and recommendations with you.

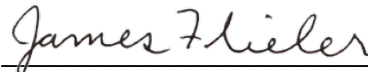
Our goal is to support you in creating more housing in Ontario while ensuring changes to Ontario's land use planning and permitting system do not have unintended and irreversible consequences on the protection of people, property, and natural resources.

We sincerely hope that you will remove the amendments we have highlighted from Bill 23 before it is passed, and that you will reconvene your government's *Conservation Authorities Working Group* to work with your Ministry to propose alternative improvements and refinements to conservation authority development review processes.

Sincerely,



Martin Lang  
Chair  
Raisin Region Conservation Authority



James Flieler  
Chair  
Quinte Conservation Authority



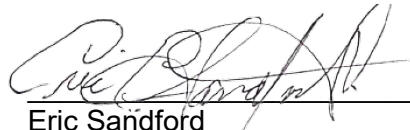
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South Nation River Conservation Authority



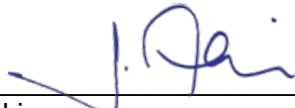
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Crowe Valley Conservation Authority



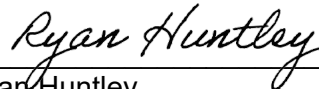
Pieter Leenhouts  
Chair  
Rideau Valley Conservation Authority



Eric Sandford  
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Lower Trent Conservation Authority



Jeff Atkinson  
Chair  
Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority



Ryan Huntley  
Chair  
Otonabee Region Conservation Authority

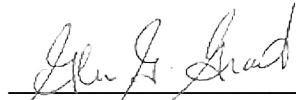


Paul McAuley  
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Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority




Mark Lovshin  
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Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority

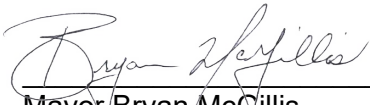
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Mayor Glen Grant  
City of Cornwall



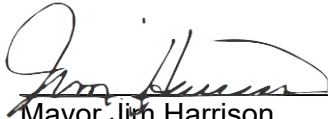
Warden & Deputy Mayor Carma Williams  
Township of North Glengarry



Mayor Bryan McGillis  
Township of South Stormont



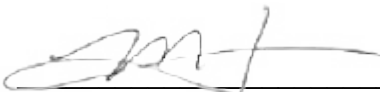
Mayor Genevieve Lajoie  
Municipality of Casselman



Mayor Jim Harrison  
City of Quinte West



Mayor Brian Ostrander  
Municipality of Brighton



Mayor Marg Isbester  
Town of Greater Napanee



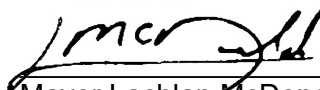
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City of Clarence-Rockland



Councillor George Darouze,  
City of Ottawa



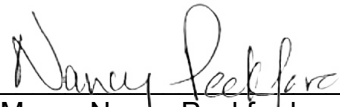
Mayor Francois Landry  
Township of North Stormont



Mayor Lachlan McDonald  
Township of South Glengarry



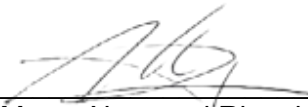
Mayor Tony Fraser  
Township of North Dundas



Mayor Nancy Peckford  
Municipality of North Grenville



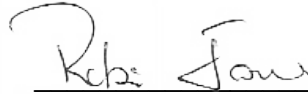
Mayor Tory Deschamps  
Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal



Mayor Normand Riopel  
Township of Champlain



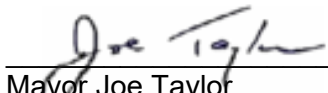
Mayor Pierre Leroux  
Township of Russell



Mayor Robin Jones  
Village of Westport




Mayor Francis Briere  
Nation Municipality



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Mayor Joe Taylor  
Township of Otonabee-South Managhan




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Mayor Bob Mullin  
Township of Stirling-Rawdon



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Mayor Michael Cameron  
Village of Merrickville-Wolford



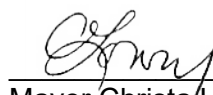
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Reeve Rob Rainer  
Tay Valley Township



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Mayor Ron Vandewal  
Township of South Frontenac



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Mayor Christa Lowry  
Municipality of Mississippi Mills



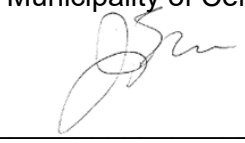
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Reeve Peter McLaren  
Township of Lanark Highlands



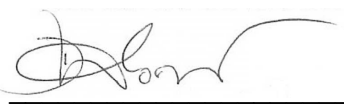
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Mayor Tom Deline  
Municipality of Centre Hastings



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Mayor Judy Brown  
Town of Perth




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CAO Darlene Noonan  
Township of Athens




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Mayor Jeff Leal  
City of Peterborough



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Mayor Mandy Martin  
Township of Cramahe



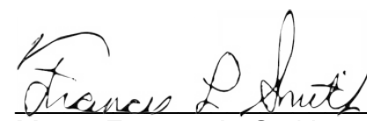
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Reeve Steve Fournier  
Township of Drummond/North Elmsley



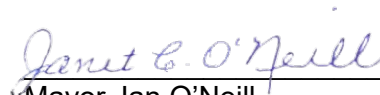
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Mayor Arie Hoogenboom  
Township of Rideau Lakes




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Mayor Frances L. Smith  
Township of Central Frontenac



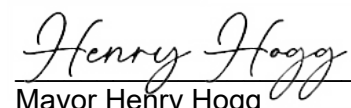
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Mayor Jan O'Neill  
Municipality of Marmora and Lake



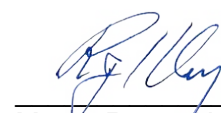
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Mayor Shawn Pankow  
Town of Smiths Falls



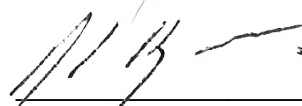
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Mayor Henry Hogg  
Township of Addington Highlands



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Mayor Roger Haley  
Township of Front of Yonge



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Mayor James Hegadorn  
Loyalist Township





## **“Loss of Local Decision-Making” – Conservation Authorities Respond to Province’s Housing Bill 23 “More Homes Built Faster Act”**

November 2, 2022

In a bid to address the housing supply, the Ontario government released a series of proposed legislative changes, many of which impact Ontario’s 36 Conservation Authorities.

Among them, the Province proposes to prevent municipalities from entering into agreements with Conservation Authorities (CAs) to review planning applications on their behalf, proposes exemptions from natural hazard permits for select municipalities, removes ‘conservation of lands’ and ‘pollution’ as considerations in permit decisions, freezes development fees, changes the evaluation and protection criteria for Provincially Significant Wetlands and requires CAs to identify conservation lands suitable for development.

Earlier this year, the Province published a “Housing Affordability Task Force Report” that introduced 55 recommendations to increase house supply in Ontario. CAs were not named within the report, demonstrating they are already proactively working with the development industry and all levels of government to ensure safe and sustainable development can occur while balancing the needs of people and the environment, the economy and ecology.

“Conservation Authorities are not a barrier to growth and CAs in high-growth areas of the province are already participating in a Timely Review Task Force with service level commitments of 14, 21, and 28 day reviews, compared to the Province’s 30 and 90 day timelines,” explains George Darouze, Deputy Mayor and Councillor, Osgoode Ward, City of Ottawa.

Bill 23 is a departure from recent amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act* that directed CAs to focus their work on natural hazard related programs but allows municipalities to choose whether CAs provide technical advice based on their local needs and deliver programs in their municipalities through funding agreements.

“Our Conservation Authority works as our municipality’s environmental partner,” explains Mario Zanth, Mayor of the City of Clarence-Rockland, “CA staff have rolled out the red carpet to help provide timely development approvals to projects in environmentally significant areas. After the Ottawa River floods of 2017 and 2019, people understand the value and impact of the services they provide.”

While CAs are created through provincial legislation, they are largely funded and work for municipalities within their watersheds. South Nation Conservation (SNC) is one of the oldest environmental agencies in Ontario and has continued to expand its jurisdiction at the request of municipalities, first along the St. Lawrence River, and more recently, along the Ottawa River.

In Clarence-Rockland, an obvious step after the historic Ottawa River floods was to partner with the CA to complete updated natural hazard maps and to contract SNC to review



development proposals on their behalf. The result has been a clear win-win for both organizations and the development community to help design sustainable communities, away from natural hazards, while protecting key natural heritage areas.

In Eastern Ontario, SNC has agreements with neighbouring agencies to streamline development review processes and deliver planning services to help municipalities short on resources meet their provincial requirements. Recently, SNC also expanded its septic system program into Leeds-Grenville to help municipalities meet their requirements under the Ontario Building Code after the local Health Unit stopped delivering this service.

These arrangements provide a watershed-based approach to land use planning decisions and coordinate resources to save taxpayer costs. SNC provides shared expertise instead of each of its 16 municipalities having their own hydrogeologist, biologist, and engineers.

“We have a long-standing and positive working relationship with SNC and we appreciate their feedback and expertise in helping us make good planning decisions,” added Pierre Leroux, Mayor of Russell Township, “the CA is a valued partner in providing valuable services to our community.”

Bill 23 also proposes changes to the classification and protection of Provincially Significant Wetlands (PSWs), areas where development activities require permission from CAs. SNC, unlike other CAs, only regulates development within PSWs and Locally Significant Wetlands (LSWs) that are studied and zoned locally by municipalities for protection. Wetlands minimize the risk of drought, reduce flooding by absorbing and storing excess water and help control erosion. The proposed changes will reduce the area of protected wetlands on the local landscape which means more potential for impacts to communities from flood and drought.

“SNC’s approach of supporting the municipality’s decisions regarding the required environmental protections and studies allows for local decision-making,” explains Steve Densham, Deputy Mayor Elect of the Township of North Stormont, “additionally, given the economies of scale with our CA, we benefit from lower cost and expertise that can efficiently and effectively meet our needs.”

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**To:** Standing Committees  
**From:** Ronda Boutz, Secretary-Treasurer  
John Mesman, Managing Director, Property, Conservation Lands, and  
Community Outreach  
**Date:** November 16, 2022  
**Subject:** Request for Approval: Programs and Services Work Plan  
for Municipal Engagement

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Standing Committees approve the Programs and Services Work Plan for Municipal Engagement as presented.

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**DISCUSSION:**

The Province implemented the first phase of *Conservation Authorities Act* (“Act”) regulations in October 2021. The regulations require each conservation authority have a transition plan in place by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 and create an inventory of programs and services by February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

South Nation Conservation’s (“SNC”) inventory lists programs and services SNC delivers as of February 2022 and programs and services SNC intends to deliver in the future. As per the Act, Programs and Services are divided into categories as follows:

- **Category 1: Mandatory programs and services** required by regulation. These programs are funded through municipal levy and include:
    - Programs and services related to the risk of natural hazards;
    - Programs and services related to the conservation and management of lands owned or controlled by the authority;
    - Programs and services related to the authority’s duties, functions and responsibilities as a source protection authority under the *Clean Water Act, 2006*; and
    - Programs and services related to the authority’s duties, functions and responsibilities under an Act prescribed by the regulations.
  - **Category 2: Municipal programs and services** provided at the request of a municipality. These programs can be funded through government and other agency grants and/or municipal funding under a memorandum of understanding or agreement with the municipality.
  - **Category 3: Other programs and services** the conservation authority determines are advisable. These programs can be funded through self-generated revenue, user fees, government and other agency grants, donations, etc. Any use of municipal levy requires an agreement and would be subject to cost apportionment.
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SNC has a few program and service areas that fall within Category 3, namely the Tree Planting Program, Clean Water Program, Forest Land Acquisition, and any educational and/or outreach initiatives that are not related to Category 1 programs and services (e.g., Community Environmental Grants, Fish Camps, Youth Hunt, and Municipal Free Tree Days). The Tree Planting Program has external funding to offset costs but currently requires funding from municipal levy to support program delivery and reporting.

As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, Category 3 programs and services will need municipal agreements outlining cost apportionment for any municipal levy required for program delivery. As part of the work plan for implementation of Category 3 – Other Programs and Services, SNC is committed to engaging with its Standing Committees for stakeholder input and confirmation of public support (BD-069/22).

Standing Committee member connections to various stakeholder groups is key in building support for ongoing delivery of Category 3 programs and services. This is important with the recent Municipal election, as new Councillors may not be familiar with SNC and its landowner stewardship initiatives.

Staff have prepared the attached Programs and Services Work Plan for Municipal Engagement for the Committee's consideration.

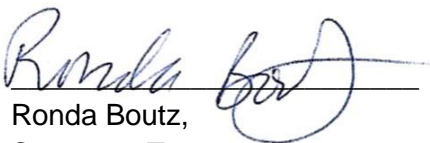
**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:**

Compliance with Budget:

No impact on the 2022 Budget.

SNC Policy Adherence:

Subsection 21.1.2(2) of the *Conservation Authorities Act* enables SNC to provide other programs and services, under an agreement with municipalities within its area of jurisdiction, where the municipality has agreed to provide cost apportionment to support the identified programs and/or services.

  
Ronda Boutz,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

  
John Mesman,  
Managing Director, Property, Conservation  
Lands, and Community Outreach.

Attachment: SNC Programs and Services Work Plan for Municipal Engagement



### SNC Programs and Services Work Plan for Municipal Engagement

Engagement Activity	SNC Lead	Committee Engagement	Timeline
<b>CATEGORY 1</b>			
Prescribed under the Act, no engagement required for mandated programs and services.	Management Team	None required, direct any inquiries to the SNC Management Team	Ongoing
<b>CATEGORY 2</b>			
SNC's Management Team routinely meets with municipalities to discuss opportunities to support municipal programs and services. Agreements/Memorandums of Understanding are approved as program/service delivery is negotiated.	Management Team	None required, direct any inquiries to the SNC Management Team	Ongoing
<b>CATEGORY 3</b>			
Development of business cases for each type of program and service proposed as of January 2024.	Ronda Boutz and John Mesman	Provide testimonials and/or any local data. Committee review and approval of business cases.	February 2023
Meetings with key municipal staff to discuss business case and municipal apportionment required.	Management Team	Committee updates and discussion.	March – April 2023
Category 3 program and services package to Board of Directors for approval prior to engaging with municipal councils.	Ronda Boutz and John Mesman	Committee support at Board of Directors meeting.	March 2023
Presentations to Councils to request approval to enter into a Category 3 agreements.	Ronda Boutz and John Mesman	Attendance and co-presentation of programs and services package.	April – July 2023
Category 3 agreements prepared and signed.	Ronda Boutz, Eric McGill, and John Mesman	Updates provided to Committee, Terms of Reference Updates following approval.	August – November 2023



**To:** Forestry Committee  
**From:** Ronda Boutz, Secretary-Treasurer  
Pat Piitz, Team Lead, Property  
John Mesman, Managing Director, Property, Conservation Lands and Outreach  
**Date:** November 22, 2022  
**Subject:** Update: 2022 Forestry Year End Report

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Forestry Committee receive and file the 2022 Forestry Year End Report update.

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**DISCUSSION:**

The Property and Forestry Teams are responsible for the safe and efficient management of all South Nation Conservation lands and Conservation Areas (CA). The Teams work with landowners to implement stewardship projects on private land that improve forest cover across the jurisdiction. Each year, the Teams undertake a wide variety of projects which provide cost-effective, professional services, to member Municipalities and partner organizations. The Teams also provides support to other SNC staff on a variety of program deliverables.

Accomplishments in 2022 include:

1. Community Lands

- Conservation Areas (CAs):
  - Renewed municipal park maintenance agreements
  - Completed weekly maintenance and improvements at 14 CAs, and 35 km of trails, including winter trail grooming on 15 km
  - Completed over 678 inspections on 18 maintained facilities as of November 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Completed stump grinding along trails at the J. Henry Tweed CA and McIntosh Memorial Park CA
  - New cement walkway and free Wi-Fi installed at the McIntosh Memorial Park CA
  - Completed tree risk assessments at 11 CAs
  - Tree removals: approx. 100 trees through general park maintenance
  - Tree removals following Level I or Level II Tree Risk Assessments: 8 trees at Robert Graham Forest CA, 4 trees at the McIntosh Memorial Park CA, 39 trees at the Oschmann Forest CA and 20 trees at Reveler CA
  - Managed storm recovery and tree management at Jessup's Falls in the landscaped area, closed the forested section for tree management in 2023
  - Over 338 hazard trees were removed at the J. Henry Tweed CA, 1,033 potted stock and 14 caliper sized trees were planted





- Planted over 260 edible shrubs and 18 caliper sized trees at the Jessup's Falls CA
- Pollinator habitat creation project began at the Mill Run Conservation Area
- Completed additional trail and drainage improvements at Robert Graham CA
- Completed trail improvement at Nokomis Park
- New gates at Reveler CA and Camp Sheldrick CA
- Installed, maintained, and removed 10 partnership docks
- Installed new accessible docks at the Crysler Boat Launch
- Decommissioned privies at High Falls and Cass Bridge CAs
- Created new accessible privy at Cass Bridge CA
- Added accessible boat ramp and picnic area to the St. Albert CA
- Supported water fountain management at the Chesterville Waterfront
- Began the boardwalk extension project at the Findlay Creek CA (project design is 90% complete, public consultation planned for December)
- Noxious plant control began at Jessup's Falls and Oschmann Forest CAs
- Began accessible washroom construction project at High Falls CA
- Pilot kayak rental project at the High Falls CA and Chesterville Waterfront
- Supported the municipality's Brisson Street Redevelopment Project at the Doran Park CA
- Issued 12 facility use permits
- Lands:
  - Forest Acquisition - added 225 acres to SNC Forest
    - SNC166 –33.0 acres North Stormont
    - SNC173 - 99.2 acres North Grenville
    - SNC175 - 92.5 acres North Grenville
  - Park Land Acquisition – added 2 parcels
  - SNC174 – 5.2 acres North Dundas (donation)
  - SNC176 – 0.9 acres Ottawa (donation)
  - Issued 111 hunting permits
  - Administered 4 trapping permits
  - Added 4 properties, or 98.1 eligible acres to 2023 Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program under Plan No. H9816
  - Added 3 properties or 195.74 eligible acres to the 2023 Conservation Tax Incentive Program.
  - Prepared new draft Land Securement Strategy



- SNC Forest:
  - Submitted FSC Annual Report for period July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022
  - Submitted High Conservation Values Report
  - Completed restoration – 10 acres SNC110 (North Stormont) – planting spring 2022
  - Thinning pending –, **SNC53, SNC13, SNC 23, SNC30, SNC75** (sold in bold)
  - Completed 2021 SNC Forest Annual Report
  - Cleaned up storm damage along snowmobile trail on SNC 32
  - Arrange clean up by contract for SNC 69,105 which were severely damaged

## 2. Partner Programs: Forests

- SDG County Forests: Forest Administration:
  - Annual report presented to Council – May 2022
  - Prepared and issued harvest tender SDG9/10 - May (unsuccessful) reissued October
- SDG County Forests: Forest Certification:
  - Submitted FSC Annual Report for period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022
  - Submitted High Conservation Values Report
- SDG Roadside Tree Project:
  - Planted 2,724 trees (4 species) at 4 sites on County Roads in SDG
- Butternut Compensation Project:
  - Planted 2 replacement Butternut trees for South Dundas and completed a Butternut assessment on a 25 acres industrial parcel for the Township
  - Survival assessment and final reporting completed for the Township of South Dundas compensation project
- SNC Tree Planting:
  - 211,130 seedlings planted in spring 2022
    - Contract Planting: 143,660
    - SNC Crew Planting: 5,000
    - Over-the-Counter: 12,690
    - Municipal Tree Giveaways: 6,680
    - Larose Forest: 43,100





- 36 trees planted at 5 parks in Township of Russell
  - 46 site visits were conducted for spring 2023 planting
  - 114 seedling survival assessments completed
  - Administered and supervised 2 tree planting contracts and 2 tending contracts
- Woodlot Advisory Service:
  - 8 site visits with landowners were conducted in the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, 10 site visits with landowners were conducted in the United Counties of Prescott-Russell.
  - Awarded 24 eligible landowners, up to \$500 in grants for Forest Management Plans in the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry
    - 1,680 acres of forest are now managed
  - Awarded 33 eligible landowners, up to \$500 in grants for Forest Management Plans in the United Counties of Prescott and Russell
    - 1,700 acres of forest are now managed
- Ottawa Ash Tree Replacement Program (as of November 22, 2022):
  - 37 applications approved
  - \$57,360 grants awarded
  - 194 ash trees to be replaced with native trees (potted or caliper stock)

### 3. Projects

- Ontario Power Generation (OPG) Biodiversity Project:
  - Woodlands: Gamble and Garlandside Road:
    - Completed targeted invasive species (Buckthorn) removal at the Garlandside Property OPG Biodiversity project site. The Buckthorn infestation was cut and treated with Garlon™ and the site was replanted with 1,685 native shrubs
    - Completed the removal of dead ash trees and buckthorn from a 0.25 ha plot at the Gamble Property. The site was replanted with 1,900 potted native trees and shrubs
    - Follow-up monitoring of the Buckthorn and survival assessments of planted material will continue in 2023
  - Lakes and Rivers: J. Henry Tweed Conservation Area
    - Erosion control designs and work was completed for 3 streambank sites
    - Two community days (pre and post project) were hosted and over 100 trees were planted by community members, adding to the 1,033 potted



- and 14 caliper sized trees planted in the park, following the removal of 598 dead and hazard trees in project areas
- Collected benthic invertebrate samples to support long-term monitoring of the project site
- Education and Outreach – The Healing Place:
  - 10 project partners/sponsors
  - The Healing Place (SNC 164), Shanly, ON:
    - Hosted a spring planting events with two local schools to plant the Three Sisters Garden
    - One spring partner event to finalize planting of the Three Sisters Garden
    - Established onsite watering for gardens through installation of 5 holding tanks
    - “Thanksgiving Harvest” event in October with 65 participants to harvest remaining produce and prepare the garden for winter
    - Replaced 6 caliper trees and some of the cedar outer ring
    - 15+ working group meetings
- Species at Risk Benefits Exchange:
  - 35 hectares of restored habitat was monitored for grassland vegetation establishment and maintenance requirements
  - Mowing was completed on all 35 hectares of grassland to maintain the habitat and limit growth of woody vegetation
  - Continued partnership with the St. Lawrence Parks Commission for a portion of the habitat at the Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary
- Ducks Unlimited Canada – Wetland Projects:
  - SNC has completed the designs for 7 wetland restoration projects on SNC and private property
  - ALUS Ontario East is a partner on two projects on private land and Ottawa Rural Clean Water Program funding has been received for one project
  - Two project sites were part of the ALUS East Hub Jamboree tour in October
  - Requests for quotes have been sent to contractors and three projects are scheduled to begin before the end of 2022
  - SNC and Ducks Unlimited Canada will be issuing a joint press release once construction begins
  - Two projects on SNC property are planned for Winter 2023



- Designs are in progress for 4 other projects to be completed in 2023
- All projects include follow-up monitoring post-construction
- Grassland Initiative
  - 40 acres of fallow fields being returned to bird-friendly hay forage productivity on SNC property 164
  - Fields were mown to reduce woody vegetation and fertilized to improve forage quality
  - 195 native trees and shrubs were planted in the hedgerows to increase diversity and improve pollinator and wildlife habitat
  - A local farmer was procured to cut and harvest the late-cut hay
  - Canadian Wildlife Federation (CWF) Rights-of-Way Pollinator Restoration
  - SNC applied to and was awarded funding from CWF to establish a 1.5-acre pollinator meadow at Mill Run Conservation Area
  - SNC is working closely with CWF staff and member Municipalities and Counties to encourage establishment of roadside and rights-of-way pollinator habitat
  - Assisting Hydro One to plant a meadow within a hydro corridor on SNC property
  - Assisting the Township of North Dundas to plant a roadside pollinator habitat

Ronda Boutz,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

Pat Piitz,  
Team Lead, Property.

John Mesman,  
Managing Director, Property, Conservation Lands, and Community Outreach



**To:** Forestry Committee  
**From:** Pat Piitz, Team Lead Property  
**Date:** November 22, 2022  
**Subject:** Update: 2023 Forestry Work Plan

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Forestry Committee receive and file the 2023 Forestry Work Plan update.

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**DISCUSSION:**

The following deliverables identified in the 2023 SNC Draft Budget are items that will be brought to the Forestry Committee in 2023.

1. Partner Programs: Forests

- Tree planting
  - Purchase 240,000 seedlings.
  - Conduct 70 site visits.
  - Conduct 60 seedling survival assessments.
  - Supervise site preparation, tree planting and tree tending contracts.
  - Co-host, with municipalities, 18 municipal tree giveaways.
- Ottawa Ash Tree Replacement Program
  - Replace 700 infected ash with native trees.
- Woodlot Advisory Service
  - Conduct 20 site visits.
  - Produce 20 woodlot management reports.
  - Provide 70 \$500-grants to eligible woodlot owners.
- Roadside Tree Program
  - Implement a five-year plan for Stormont Dundas and Glengarry roadside tree planting, planting five sites (500 trees) on County roads.

2. Community Lands: Conservation Areas

- Maintain:
  - 14 parks with 35 kilometers of trails.
  - 11 docks.
- Conservation area asset inventory.
- Implement recommendation of Tree Risk Assessments:
  - Tree removals: 30
  - Tree pruning: 28
  - Tree planting: 15
- Monitor park use to guide future improvements.



- Welcome over 200,000 visitors to the conservation areas from May through October.
- Replace footbridge at Warwick Forest.

### 3. Community Lands: Lands

- Promote the land donation through Land Trust Program.
- Celebrate through official opening events, three land donations and acquisitions.
- Work with Communications to continue to actively sign our conservation lands.
- Update lease and partner agreements.
- Undertake invasive species and noxious weed control.
- Finalize new Land Acquisition Strategy.
- Update land inventory database to meet requirements of new Conservation Authority Act.
- Land acquisition.
- Facilitate operations and access replace the following SNC assets:
  - 4 culverts
  - 1 gate
  - 150 tonnes aggregate

### 4. SNC Forest

- Harvest: 53.8 ha.
- Inventory
- Prepare new 5-year operating plan.

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

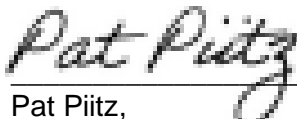
### Compliance with Budget:

Above deliverables are consistent with the 2023 Draft SNC Budget. Details can be found on the following pages:

- Resource Management: Partner Programs, Forests, pages 16-17
- Property: Community Lands, Conservation Areas, Lands pages 31-35

### SNC Policy Adherence:

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

  
Pat Piitz,  
Team Lead Property.



**To:** Forestry Committee  
**From:** Ronda Boutz, Secretary-Treasurer  
**Date:** October 12, 2022  
**Subject:** Update: SNC Approved Grants Summary (2018-2022)

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Forestry Committee receive and file the SNC Approved Grants Summary (2018-2022) update.

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**DISCUSSION:**

South Nation Conservation (SNC) staff are very successful in obtaining funding from external sources (e.g., government, industry, and non-governmental organizations) to support the Authority's programs and projects.

When submitting funding requests, SNC staff target applications to projects already in the Authority's work plan to maximize opportunities to offset program or project costs. When cost-share is required by a funder, SNC utilizes staffing and other resources included in the Budget as the matching contribution. Cost-share ratios vary depending on the funding agency.

For the Committee's information, a summary of approved grants from 2018-2022 is attached.

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

Compliance with Budget: This report has no impact on budget, provided for information purposes. Unbudgeted revenue offsets SNC levy requirements and typically accounts for the majority of year-end surplus.

SNC Policy Adherence: Not applicable.

Ronda Boutz,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

Attachment: SNC Approved Grants Summary (2018-2022)



### SNC Approved Grants Summary (2018-2022)

Funder	Program/Project	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>Federal</b>						
2 Billion Tree Program	SNC Forests – tree planting on SNC 7				\$16,890	
Agriculture and Agri Food Canada	Agri Risk Grant – hydrogeosphere model	\$139,223				
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada	Flood Forecasting			\$10,000		
Canada Community Revitalization Fund	Findlay Creek Boardwalk Extension					\$100,000
Canada Nature Fund	Land Acquisition				\$537,500	
Canada-Ontario Job Grant	Canada-Ontario Job Grant		\$2,470			
Canadian Experiences Fund	Augusta Conservation Area			\$31,500		
Canadian Wildlife Federation	Pollinator Habitat Creation				\$14,000	
Eco Action	Riparian Buffers	\$3,848	\$84,283			
Employment and Social Development Canada	Accessible Washrooms in SNC Conservation Areas				\$100,000	
Environment and Climate Change Canada	Vernal Pools		\$24,860			
Fisheries and Oceans Canada	Municipal Drain Sampling		\$8,340	\$8,800	\$8,800	\$8,800
Habitat Stewardship Program	Forest Bird Monitoring				\$6,000	
National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP)	Ottawa/Nation/St. Lawrence	\$173,923				
National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP)	Bear Brook and Tributaries Hazard Mapping				\$145,852	\$119,895
National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP)	Ottawa River Flood Hazard Mapping				\$72,503	\$97,553
National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP)	Flood Risk Assessment Partnership				\$52,173	\$116,708



Funder	Program/Project	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP)	Ottawa Floodplain mapping		\$174,046			
National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP)	United Counties of Prescott and Russell Floodplain Mapping		\$207,980			
National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP)	Ottawa: Additional Emergency Tools		\$157,820			
National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP)	Edwardsburgh Cardinal Water Treatment Plant Flood Protection		\$85,100			
National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP)	Chesterville Dam		\$400,203			
National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP)	Casselman Weir and Russell Weir		\$37,954			
Nature Smart Fund	Land Acquisition				\$796,618	
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$316,994</b>	<b>\$1,183,056</b>	<b>\$50,300</b>	<b>\$1,750,336</b>	<b>\$442,956</b>
<b>Provincial</b>						
Great Lakes Guardian Fund	Robert Graham Conservation Area Habitat Restoration	\$25,000				
Great Lakes Guardian Fund	Low Impact Development Demonstration Site	\$25,000				
Great Lakes Guardian Fund	Environmental Education Enhancement/Stream of Dreams	\$25,000				
Land Stewardship and Habitat Restoration Program	Leitrim Wetland Restoration		\$10,000			
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry	Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure Funding	\$2,756				
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry	Flood Forecasting and Warning	\$50,000				
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry	Low Water Response	\$8,000				
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry	Chesterville Dam			\$33,250	\$6,750	
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry	Crysler Dyke Assessment			\$9,250	\$10,000	





Funder	Program/Project	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry	Chesterville Dam – Ice Management					\$80,000
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport	Heritage Organization Development Grant		\$1,545			
Ontario Heritage Development Grant	Ontario Heritage Public Awareness			\$1,545		
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$135,756</b>	<b>\$11,545</b>	<b>\$44,045</b>	<b>\$16,750</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>
<b>Municipal</b>						
City of Ottawa	Baseline Water Quality Monitoring	\$39,953				
Ottawa Rural Clean Water Program	Wetland Restoration Project					\$5,000
UCPR Waterfront Tourism Development Fund	St. Albert Park and Dock Improvement				\$4,000	
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$39,953</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Non-Governmental Organization</b>						
ALUS - Ontario East	Wetland Restoration Project					\$5,000
ALUS - Ontario East	Grassland Restoration Project					\$10,000
Ducks Unlimited Canada	Wetlands Restoration				\$125,000	\$125,000
Eastern Ontario Water Resources Program	Water Budget				\$9,500	
Eastern Ontario Water Resources Program	St. Lawrence River Hazard Mapping	\$11,730				
Eastern Ontario Water Resources Program	North Castor Catchment Study	\$4,981	\$19,427			
Eastern Ontario Water Resources Program	Low Impact Development Pilot Project		\$21,000			
Eastern Ontario Water Resources Program	Vars-esker weather station and data collection platform		\$8,801			
Eastern Ontario Water Resources Program	Development of groundwater/ surface water interaction constraint mapping		\$3,985	\$3,124		



Funder	Program/Project	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Eastern Ontario Water Resources Program	South Bear Brook Catchment Study			\$14,575	\$20,448	
Eastern Ontario Water Resources Program	Climate Stations		\$9,500	\$9,500	\$12,000	\$12,000
Eastern Ontario Water Resources Program	Phase 1: South Nation River Watershed Water Budget Update Plan				\$9,500	
Eastern Ontario Water Resources Program	South Nation Conservation Assessing Future Flood Vulnerability in the South Nation River Watershed				\$2,800	\$9,000
Forests Ontario	Regional Sponsorship - Reconciliation and Climate Change Planting			\$7,500	\$7,500	\$10,000
Grasslands Ontario: Grassland Stewardship Initiative	Grassland Habitat Enhancement and Hay Field Rejuvenation				\$8,316	\$20,666
Jane Goodall Foundation	Healing Place – 3 Sisters Garden					\$700
Ontario Land Trust Alliance	Land Acquisition – costs related to acquisition	\$3,886				
Plenty Canada	Regional Sponsorship - Reconciliation and Climate Change Planting			\$1,292		
Unsmoke Canada Cleanups	Findlay Creek and Tree giveaway				\$2,800	
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$20,597</b>	<b>\$53,213</b>	<b>\$35,991</b>	<b>\$197,864</b>	<b>\$192,366</b>
<b>Industry Partner</b>						
Enbridge Gas	Chesterville Dam generator		\$5,000			
Enbridge Gas	Donation - J Henry Tweed CA projects			\$5,000		
Enbridge Gas	Stream of Dreams				\$5,000	



Funder	Program/Project	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Ontario Power Generation	Wetland & Lakes/Rivers Restoration	\$60,000	\$50,000			
Ontario Power Generation	Healing Place – official opening			\$1,500		
Ontario Power Generation	Healing Place – Remembering the Children				\$1,500	
Ontario Power Generation	Biodiversity Conservation in Partnership with Indigenous Communities				\$5,000	\$5,000
Ontario Power Generation	Lakes/Rivers Restoration			\$75,000	\$50,000	\$75,000
Ontario Power Generation	Healing Place- 3 Sisters Garden					\$1,500
Ontario Power Generation	Healing Place - Thanksgiving Harvest					\$1,500
TD Friends of Environment	WE Burton Signs				\$3,000	
TD Tree Days	Camp Sheldrick: Tree Planting		\$2,550			
Trans Canada Energy	Field Tablet					\$5,000
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$60,000</b>	<b>\$57,550</b>	<b>\$83,000</b>	<b>\$64,500</b>	<b>\$163,000</b>
<b>Human Resources Support – Federal and Provincial</b>						
Canada Ontario Job grant	Management Training	\$13,476				
Canada Ontario Job grant	Management Training		\$4,991			
Canada Park and Recreation	Summer Work experience	\$5,712				
Canada Parks and Recreation	Summer Experience Program		\$5,712			
Canada Parks and Recreation	Summer Experience Program		\$5,712			
Career Launch	Digital Tech Internship Program		\$15,000			
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Clean Technology	Digital Tech Internship Program			\$3,750		
Colleges and Institutes Canada	Training			\$7,500		



Funder	Program/Project	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Eco Canada	Coop program	\$5,000				
Eco Canada	Stem Internship Program	\$10,857				
Eco Canada	Co-op Program		\$5,000			
Eco Canada	Green Jobs Initiative Internship Program	\$4,000	\$11,000			
Eco Canada	Green Jobs Initiative Internship Program		\$12,500			
Eco Canada	Co-op Program		\$5,000			
Eco Canada	Green Jobs Initiative Internship Program		\$12,500			
Eco Canada	Internship Program			\$10,000		
Eco Canada	Student Work - Integrated Learning Co-op Program			\$24,402		
ECO Canada – Internship Program	Student and Recent Graduate Employment				\$20,000	
Human Resources and Stats Development Canada	Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters student	\$3,500				
Job Creation	Summer Students					\$24,280
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry	Summer Experience Program	\$7,609				
National Trust Canada	Young Canada Works	\$4,989				
National Trust Canada	Young Canada Works			\$2,110		
Service Canada	Canada Summer Jobs	\$1,680				
Service Canada	Canada Summer Jobs			\$3,920		
Service Canada-Ontario	Canada Ontario Job Grant		\$2,495			
Service Ontario	Canada Summer Jobs		\$1,960			
Service Ontario	Canada Summer Jobs		\$1,960			
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$56,823</b>	<b>\$98,830</b>	<b>\$51,682</b>	<b>\$52,960</b>	<b>\$24,280</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$638,962</b>	<b>\$1,395,854</b>	<b>\$265,718</b>	<b>\$2,086,410</b>	<b>\$907,602</b>



**To:** Forestry Committee  
**From:** Ronda Boutz, Secretary-Treasurer  
**Date:** November 21, 2022  
**Subject:** Request for Approval: 2023 Forestry Committee Meeting Schedule

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Forestry Committee approve the 2023 Forestry Committee meeting schedule as presented.

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**DISCUSSION:**

As per the Standing Committee Terms of Reference, all Standing Committees will meet at least four times per year, with one of these meetings being a Joint Meeting of all Standing Committees.

Staff recommend the following meeting schedule for 2022:

- February 28<sup>th</sup>
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> (Joint Standing Committee Meeting at 1:00 p.m.)
- June 8<sup>th</sup>
- September 5<sup>th</sup>

Meetings will take place at 10:00 a.m. at the SNC office unless otherwise stated in the agenda package.

The Standing Committee Terms of Reference allows for additional meetings to be called if there is 75% concurrence of the Committee at which there is quorum.

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

Compliance with Budget:

Committee expenses for the Forestry Committee will be included in the 2023 SNC Budget to an upset limit of \$4,600/Committee.

SNC Policy Adherence:

The Forestry Committee membership and meeting schedule adheres to the SNC By-laws and SNC Standing Committee Terms of Reference.

Ronda Boutz,  
Secretary-Treasurer.