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Forestry Committee

Meeting Agenda

Date: September 6th, 2022

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Watershed Room, SNC

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



Forestry Committee

Meeting Agenda

September 6th, 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 June 7, 2022 3-6
7. Business Arising from Minutes (if any)
8. New Business:
 - a. Update: *Conservation Authority Act* Updates and Progress Report #2: Angela PowerPoint
 - b. Update: SNC Standing Committee Membership: Ronda 7
 - c. Update: Tree Planting Programs: Cheyene 8-9
 - d. Update: Storm Clean Up and Salvage on SNC Properties: Chris 10
 - e. Update: Storm Recovery for Private Woodlot Owners: Caroline 11-12
9. Supplemental Agenda (if any)
10. Correspondence (if any)
11. Date of Next Meeting:
 - November 29th, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at SNC Office, Finch
12. Adjournment

Ronda Boutz,
Team Lead, Special Projects.



FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, June 7th, 2022, 10:00 a.m. – Meeting 02/22

SNC Watershed Room, SNC Office



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



CHAIR'S REMARKS

Glenn Mackey, Committee Chair, convened the Forestry Committee meeting of June 7th, 2022, at 10:05 a.m. and welcomed Committee Members to McIntosh Park.

APPROVAL OF FORESTRY COMMITTEE AGENDA AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. FC-011/22

Moved by: Ben de Haan
Seconded by: Dorothy Hamilton

RESOLVED THAT:

The Members approve the Forestry Committee agenda and supplemental agenda of June 7th, 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

There were no community engagement activities reported.

APPROVAL OF: FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 3RD, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. FC-012/22

Moved by: Dorothy Hamilton
Seconded by: Dave Robertson

RESOLVED THAT:

The Members approve the Forestry Committee virtual meeting minutes of March 3rd, 2022 as submitted.

CARRIED



BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- Report of future seed collection program was deferred to a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

UPDATE: THE HEALING PLACE

RESOLUTION NO. FC-013/22

Moved by: Murray Inch
Seconded by: Ben de Haan

RESOLVED THAT:

The Forest Committee receives and files The Healing Place update.

CARRIED

UPDATE: STORM DAMAGE IN THE SNC FOREST

RESOLUTION NO. FC-014/22

Moved by: François Allard
Seconded by: Steve Densham

RESOLVED THAT:

The Forest Committee receives and files the update on storm damage within the SNC Forest, and

FURTHER THAT:

The Forestry Committee recommend that a staff report be shared with the Board of Directors on operational requirements of salvage cuts.

CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

UPDATE: 2022 TREE PLANTING AND FREE TREE DAYS

RESOLUTION NO. FC-015/22

Moved by: François Allard
Seconded by: Dorothy Hamilton



RESOLVED THAT:

The Forestry Committee receive and file the 2022 Tree Planting and Free Tree Days update.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: 2022 TREE PLANTING FEE SCHEDULE

RESOLUTION NO. FC-016/22

Moved by: Ben de Haan
Seconded by: François Allard

RESOLVED THAT:

The Forestry Committee approves recommending to the Board of Directors that the 2023 Tree Planting Fee Schedule be approved as presented.

CARRIED

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- September 6th, 2022 Forestry Committee Meeting at 10:00 a.m., location to be confirmed

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. FC-017/22

Moved by: Dave Robertson

RESOLVED THAT:

The Forestry Committee meeting of June 7th, 2022 be adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

CARRIED

Glenn Mackey,
Committee Chair.

Ronda Boutz,
Team Lead, Special Projects.

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To: Forestry Committee
From: Ronda Boutz, Team Lead, Special Projects
Date: August 30, 2022
Subject: Update: SNC Standing Committee Membership

RECOMMENDATION:

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

DISCUSSION:

In February 2022, the Board of Directors approved extending 2021 South Nation Conservation (SNC) Standing Committee membership for 2022, with the intention to undertake membership recruitment this fall for the 2023-2024 term (BD-026/22).

Most Committee members have participated on a Standing Committees for over ten years and are familiar with SNC and its programs and services. Committee member connections to various stakeholder groups is key in building support for ongoing delivery of programs and services (e.g., private landowner stewardship) as SNC transitions to new requirements under the amended *Conservation Authorities Act*.

Staff are preparing a work plan for municipal engagement on SNC programs and services, which will be brought to the Committee at their November 2022 meeting, the support of Standing Committee members is especially important with the upcoming Municipal election, as new Councillors may not be familiar with SNC and its landowner stewardship initiatives.

As such, the SNC Board of Directors has approved maintaining current Standing Committee memberships into 2023. While a formal call for Committee membership would not occur until 2023, the Executive can address any individual requests that are submitted in the interim.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:

Compliance with Budget: Standing Committees are included in the 2022 SNC Budget under Corporate and Community Services: Corporate Communications, pages 84 – 85.

SNC Policy Adherence: Standing Committees adhere to SNC Administrative By-laws, Part III, sections 20.1 to 21.0, pages 9 and 10.

Ronda Boutz,
Team Lead, Special Projects.



To: Forestry Committee
From: Cheyene Brunet, Forestry Technician
Date: August 30, 2022
Subject: Update: Tree Planting Programs

RECOMMENDATION:

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

DISCUSSION:

South Nation Conservation (SNC) staff are planning, coordinating, and scheduling work in preparation for the spring 2023 season.

SNC currently has 96,050 trees reserved for spring 2023, by 69 landowners, through the Forests Ontario: 50 Million Tree and Over the Counter programs. This number does not include trees for Larose Forest. To date, staff have completed 24 site visits and have 23 more sites to visit to complete. Site sizes for 2023 range from 500 to 12,600 trees.

Staff will be looking to complete fall site preparations (band spray and scribe) in house, this fall during the month of September.

Survival assessments are due by November 30th of each year and are required on all planted sites at the end of the second and fifth growing season. This fall, staff will be assessing sites planted in 2018 and 2021. The watershed received adequate rainfall this year which is expected to help increase seedling survival and growth rates.

In fall 2022, 390 trees will be planted through the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry's roadside tree program. These trees will be used to refill existing sites, and to establish 2 new sites, both of which are just outside Chesterville. Landowner letters have been sent and planting is expected to take place the last week of September.

This fall staff will be preparing 4 new sites for planting in spring 2023. These four sites were identified by the patrol supervisors as suitable for planting, high hazard areas, and qualify for the Forests Ontario: 50 Million Tree Program. The sites include two windbreaks and two block plantings, ranging in size from 500-650 trees. A band spray will be applied to each of the sites this fall, by SNC staff to prepare the sites for planting. Adjacent landowner letters will be circulated within the next week.

Staff have met with both North Glengarry and North Dundas staff to discuss and plan pilot roadside tree planting projects for fall 2022 in their respective municipalities.



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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:

Compliance with Budget: The tree planting program is included in the 2022 Budget under Resource Management, Partner Programs, Forests pages 16-17.

SNC Policy Adherence: SNC Forest Policy 2 and 3: The South Nation Forest shall be managed to provide a range of products and services that will maintain or enhance the long-term economic viability and a range of environmental and social benefits; and South Nation Conservation will employ silvicultural practices that are ecologically appropriate for the vegetation, species, sites and management objectives that maintain and/or enhance long-term forest diversity, health and productivity of the South Nation Forest.

Cheyene Brunet

Cheyene Brunet,
Forestry Technician



To: Forestry Committee
From: Chris Craig, Senior Forestry Technician
Date: August 24, 2022
Subject: Update: Storm Clean Up and Salvage on SNC Properties

RECOMMENDATION:

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

DISCUSSION:

On Saturday, May 21st, 2022, a powerful storm event swept across many parts of the province, including the South Nation Conservation (SNC) watershed, leaving behind significant damage in its wake. Storm damage was reported on seven SNC properties (SNC 32, 33, 48, 69, 72, 83, and 105) that were located within the storm path and will require follow-up remediation.

Two SNC properties (SNC 69 and 105) received extensive damage to Red and White Pine plantations and will require salvage cuts. Both properties have no access and permits have been applied for to install permanent access to both properties, and quotes have been requested. Availability/interest from local contractors to complete salvage operations has been a challenge, Staff are exploring options and gathering costs estimates to address the damage on SNC 69 and 105.

Other SNC damaged properties have much smaller affected areas, and no contractor were interested in providing a quote for clean up. At present, SNC Staff will only be cleaning up SNC 32 that has a snowmobile trail passing through the damaged area. Salvageable material would be sold at roadside or SNC could have it sawn into rough cut dimensional lumber, which could be used for other SNC projects or sold in the local annual wood auction.

Several of SNC's Conservation Areas were also affected, Staff surveyed damage and closed several properties and trails over the May Long Weekend. Fallen and damaged trees have been addressed, all Conservation Areas are open except for a section of Jessup's Falls Conservation Area, which still requires extensive tree removal by an external contractor.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:

Compliance with Budget: Staff time for forest management and related operations are included within the 2022 SNC Budget: Conservation Lands: SNC Forest, on pages 36-37. Some support for hazard tree management is also included in the 2022 SNC Budget: Conservation Lands: Lands, on pages 34-35.

SNC Policy Adherence: Clean up and salvage work adheres to SNC's Forestry Policy.

Chris Craig,
Senior Forestry Technician.



To: Forestry Committee
From: Caroline Goulet, Forester
Date: August 24th, 2022
Subject: Update: Storm Recovery for Private Woodlot Owners

RECOMMENDATION:

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

DISCUSSION:

The May 21st Derecho Storm swept across many parts of the province, destroying forests and infrastructure along its path. Due to the challenges with market and contractor availability, along with safety, access, and environmental concerns, over 100 woodlot owners have requested support from South Nation Conservation (SNC) and its partners.

Partner Organization Efforts

SNC, along with its municipal partners, have met with woodlot organizations, community groups, elected representatives, and have supported workshops on storm recovery needs.

On June 18th, Bois s Est hosted a workshop in Curran with over 70 attendees. Presenters included SNC and United Counties of Prescott-Russell (UCPR) staff, Eastern Ontario Maple Syrup Producers Association (EOMSPA) president, forestry technicians from Qu bec, MPP St phane Sarazin, and MP Francis Drouin.

On June 29th, the Ontario Woodlot Association (OWA) in partnership with the Eastern Ontario Model Forest and the Regional Forest Health Network hosted a webinar to share practical advice for salvage and post-storm clean-up, with over 100 participants. Presenters included Newleaf Forest Services and Workplace Safety North.

Bois s Est, in collaboration with SNC, EOMSPA, and the OWA, has created a Program Proposal identifying clear actions for the restoration and recovery of forests, plantations, and sugar bushes in Eastern Ontario. Staff will have a copy available at the meeting for Committee's reference.

SNC Update: Private woodlot owners

SNC distributed a survey on June 28th which has collected feedback from 112 property owners and identified over 5,200 acres of private forests affected by the storm. Survey Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/1MTtmLgSES>.

Requests made by property owners and woodlot organizations have identified the need for disaster recovery assistance from the Province of Ontario.

Delegation requests were made to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) from SNC and UCPR to discuss natural disaster recovery support.



The Program Proposal and AMO requests included the following program needs:

1. Facilitate access to private woodlots,
2. Salvage viable forest products,
3. Remove high-risk trees and branches, and, in the long-term,
4. Reforestation and restoration of excessively damaged woodlots.

On August 15th, SNC and the UCPR met with the Honorable Minister Steve Clark of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing at the AMO delegation meeting. The meeting was positive, and we are currently discussing with his office on the next steps to assist affected woodlot owners.

SNC has also offered support to landowners through its Woodlot Advisory Service to provide free site visits to affected woodlot owners. This service is funded by partner Counties and UCPR has agreed to dedicate a portion of the funding provided for Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program grants to support Woodlot Advisory site visits.

Forest Ontario has confirmed that tree planting for reforestation activities, as a result from the storm, will be eligible for available subsidies, regardless of planting site sizes.

SNC will work with its partners to purchase additional tree seedlings in 2023 that can be provided to affected woodlots owners through the annual spring tree pick ups.

Tree management and restoration activities in the affected SNC Forest will be coordinated with nearby property owners to help coordinate recovery efforts.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:

Compliance with Budget: Staff support for the management of the SNC Forest and engagement with partner woodlot organizations is included in 2022 SNC Budget: SNC Forest on pages 36-37.

The Woodlot Advisory Service is included in the 2022 SNC Budget under Resource Management: Forests – Partner Programs, pages 16-17.

Support for additional tree seedlings for affected woodlot owners will be included in the Draft 2023 SNC Budget for consideration.

SNC Policy Adherence: Working in consultation with logging operators, member municipalities, and woodlot organizations to maintain and restore forests is included within SNC's Forest Management Policy and the Forest Stewardship Council Principles.

Caroline Goulet,
Forester.