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#### **Project Update**

#### April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023



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### New Staff: Claire Lemay



#### Education

- BA in International Development Studies and Political Science, Dalhousie University
- MPI in Urban and Regional Planning, Queen's University

#### **Work Experience**

- City of Clarence-Rockland (Municipal Planner)
- City of Ottawa

Transportation Strategic Planning (Planner I) Land Use and Natural Systems (Planner I)



# New Staff: Ricky Latulippe



#### **Education**

 Registered Builder under the Ontario Building Code (Structural and Back Framing)

#### **Work Experience**

- 16 years in the construction industry (including SACA and Tamarack Homes)
- Born and raised in North Glengarry
- Avid outdoorsman
- Bilingual



# New Staff: Winter McDougall



#### Education

- BSc. Biological Sciences, Grant MacEwan University
- Environmental Technician Diploma,
  St. Lawrence College 2021 present

#### **Work Experience**

- City of Edmonton and Spruce Grove Urban Forestry
- Caltech Surveys- Land Survey Assistant
- Ocean Wise Cetacean Research (2022)





Grenville Federation of Agriculture

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• March 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### **Dundas Federation of Agriculture**

• April 1<sup>st</sup>



#### **Canadian Protected and Conserved Areas**



Dickenson Creek Wetland, Alfred-Plantagenet

#### **Nature Smart Climate Solution Fund**

- Supports SNC Land Securement Strategy
- Screening is a funding requirement
- Added level of land protection
- Contributes to Canada's commitment to protect & preserve environment



#### **Conservation Lands: Ice Storm Recovery**



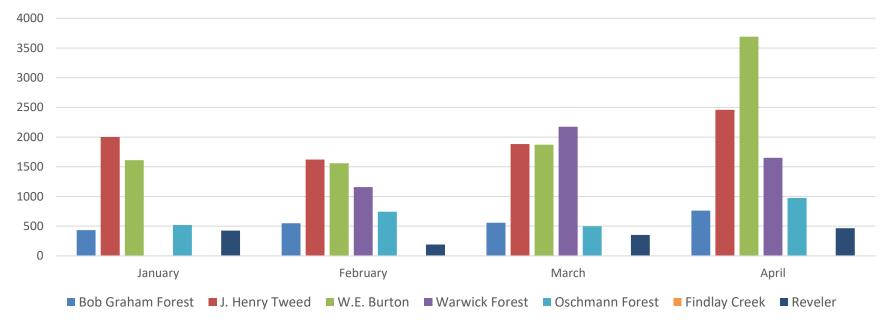


- Conservation Areas were closed April 5<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>
- Hundreds of trees damaged
- Extensive recovery operations



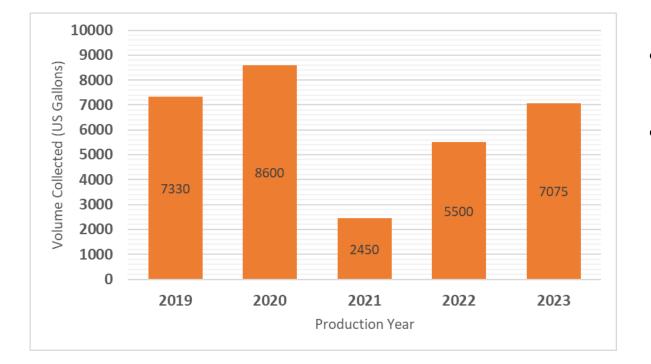
#### **Conservation Area Visitor Stats**

#### **SNC Conservation Areas - 2023 Recorded Visitors**



- Storm recovery operations ongoing; year-round trails re-opened
- Seasonal park openings scheduled ahead of the May Long Weekend





- 7075 gallons of sap collected in 2023
  - ~\$5,000 value
- Challenges: February sap flow, ice damage, squirrels



#### **Invasive Species Management**



Robert Graham Forest CA: before treatment (above) and after treatment (below)



- Managing spread of the invasive Glossy Buckthorn in Conservation Areas
- Cutting and treatment of stumps with herbicide
- Spring Target:
  Oschmann Forest and
  Robert Graham Forest

Naomi Langlois-Anderson, Senior Fish & Wildlife Technician



# Ducks Unlimited Canada – Wetland Creation



Carr Road Wetland Project (April 18, 2023), Grantley, South Dundas

- 2-acre wetland constructed in a wet area of a fallow field
- Ducks Unlimited Canada, SNC and the landowner contributing resources to restore and create wetlands



# Findlay Creek Boardwalk Project



#### Findlay Creek Community Association Town Hall

#### March 28, 2023

- Overview of SNC and programs in the community
- Update on the Findlay Creek Boardwalk Extension Project

Note: construction tender for the boardwalk extension project closes Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>



# 2023 Free Tree Pick Ups



#### 2023 Free Tree Pick-Ups

Brought to you by your local Conservation Authorities and partner municipalities.

- ~10,000 free tree seedlings being provided to nearly 2,000 households
- 14 giveaways planned for May 2023
- RRCA hosting South Stormont and North Glengarry Pick Ups
- \$500 per municipality allocated from SNC Budget
- Maintained reservation system and pick-up method introduced in 2020/2021



### **Ottawa Rotary Youth Forest**



Ottawa Rotary Youth Forest Event: Tuesday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:30 am – 11:30 am

- Planting 1,000 native tree seedlings
- Volunteers and classes from 2 schools in the Ottawa Catholic School Board

Trim Road, Navan Private Property, City of Ottawa



# Forests Ontario Annual Conference



#### Forests Ontario Annual Conference: Growing a Healthy Tomorrow

February 16-17, 2023 Nottawasaga Inn & Conference Centre

Recipient of the Most Valuable Planter Award (MVP)



# Glengarry Trappers Council Zone 6A Meeting



Maxville Recreation Centre, North Glengarry

- Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup>, in Maxville
- Over 150 in attendance
- Interest from local trappers to trap on eligible SNC Land



### **Forestry Contractors Meeting**



SNC 64 County Road 16, Riceville Nation Municipality

- Friday March 31<sup>st</sup>, at SNC 64 (Riceville)
- Six logging companies, Boisés Est, and SDG Forestry Coordinator attended
- Interest for possible site preparation work for forest restoration projects



# **Annual Septic Contractors Meeting**



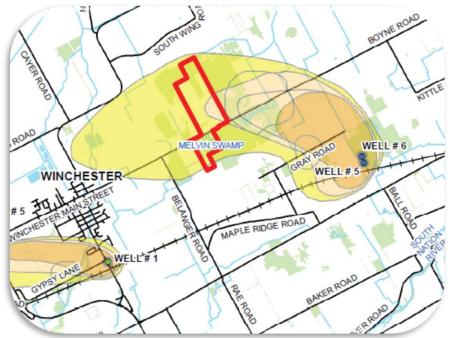
- Finch Community Arena
- April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Despite ice storm and power outage, over 100 attendees!





#### Monique Sauvé, Chief Building Officer, Part VIII - Sewage Systems

# North Dundas – Landfill Expansion



Wellhead Protection Area for Chesterville

- Review projects in vulnerable areas for potential to impact sources of drinking water
- The site is within the Chesterville WHPA C & D
- SNC has been involved since 2017
- Final Draft EA comments submitted



# **Ontario Good Roads Association**



- Staff attended the Ontario Good Roads Conference in Toronto
- Staff took part in municipal best practice sessions and networking events with local municipal staff and politicians
- Staff also had the opportunity to attend the President's reception and tour Queen's Park



# **Municipal Information Day**



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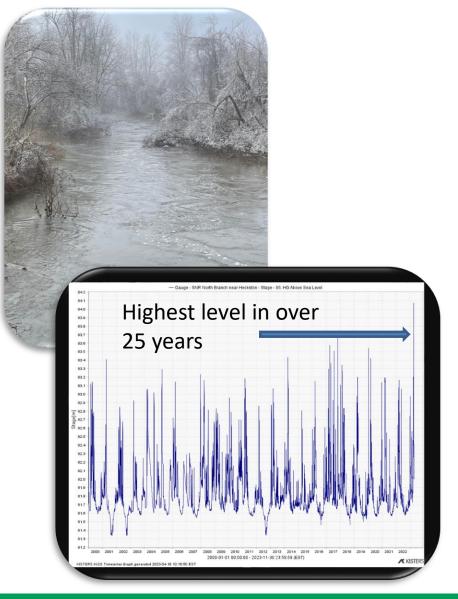
Municipal Information Day

April 26, 2023 8:45 am - 12:00 pm SNC Office in Finch





## South Nation River Freshet Conditions



#### South Nation River Flood Forecasting and Warning Program

- Freshet occurred over Easter Weekend
- Flood Watch issued
- Headwaters received over
  60mm of rain resulting in
  high levels and removal of logs
  at Chesterville Dam



### South Nation River Freshet Dam Operations



Debris at dam due to ice storm and tree damage



# Ottawa River Hazard Mapping Open House



SNC staff during a consultation with a resident



View of the large crowd during the Open House

- March 29<sup>th</sup> in Wendover
- Over 200 people attended
- 87 individual consultations with property owners were completed during the event



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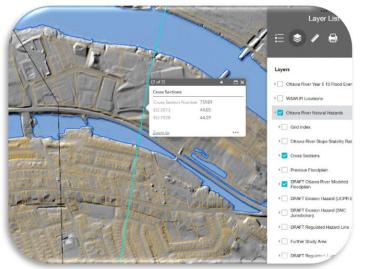


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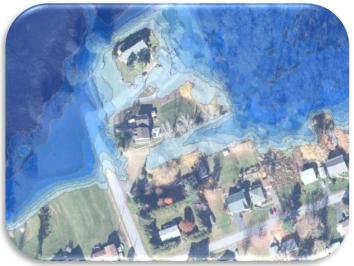
- SNC Chair of Lower Ottawa River Working Group in 2023
- Freshet levels close to 10-Year flood event
- Working closely with Community Emergency Management Coordinators
- Providing information on vulnerable areas



# Leveraging Web Mapping Technologies



Ottawa River Consultation Web Application

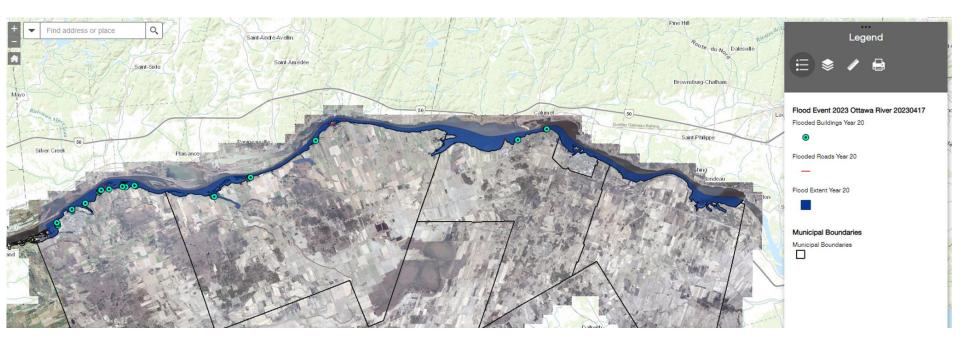


2023 Ottawa River Flood Event Application

- Using web mapping technology to enhance public consultation and emergency management
- Applications developed for Ottawa River Open House & for use by municipal emergency managers for the 2023 Ottawa River flooding event



# Providing Services to Neighbouring Municipalities



- Providing emergency services to Champlain, Hawkesbury, and East Hawkesbury (in addition to Clarence-Rockland and Alfred-Plantagenet)
- Access to Flood Forecasting and Warning Web Tools

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