



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Meeting No. 06/25

Thursday, June 19th, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.

Watershed Room, SNC

Directors Present:

Steve Densham, Stormont Dundas Glengarry, Chair
Genevieve Lajoie, Prescott Russell (*electronic participation*)
Mathew Luloff, City of Ottawa (*electronic participation*)
Linda Payant, City of Ottawa
Bill Smirle, Stormont Dundas Glengarry
Tom Smyth, Stormont Dundas Glengarry
François St. Amour, Prescott Russell
Mike Tarnowski, Prescott Russell
Deb Wilson, Leeds Grenville
Adrian Wynands, Leeds Grenville, Vice Chair

Regrets:

Catherine Kitts, City of Ottawa, Second Vice Chair

Staff Present:

Carl Bickerdike, Chief Administrative Officer
Johanna Barkley, Director of Finance
Ronda Boutz, Secretary-Treasurer
Jennifer Boyer, Managing Director, Approvals
Michelle Cavanagh, Team Lead, Special Project
Phillip Dagenais, Water Resources Specialist
Deborah Edwards, Accounting Assistant
James Holland, Senior Planner
Caroline Goulet, Forester
Eric McGill, Corporate Counsel
Ken Omenogor, Geotechnical Engineer
Gregory Payne, Permitting Officer
Pat Piitz, Team Lead, Property
Monique Sauve, Chief Building Official
Katherine Watson, Coordinator – Early Warning Systems and Watershed Plans





TRADITIONAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Ronda Boutz, Secretary-Treasurer, read an Indigenous land acknowledgement.

CHAIRS REMARKS

Steve Densham, Chair, called the SNC Board of Directors meeting of June 19th, 2025 to order at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF SNC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. BD-120/25

Moved by: Bill Smirle
Seconded by: Mike Tarnowski

RESOLVED THAT:

The Members approve June 19th, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting main and supplemental agendas with the following amendments:

- i. Supplemental Agenda item 2a. Financial information related to pending negotiations for contracted services: Request for Approval: Bear Brook Flood Mitigation Class EA – Contracted Services be moved to follow Main Agenda Item 12 a. Update: Land Acquisitions (verbal)
- ii. Addition of item 12 c. Request for Approval: Potential Legal Matter Affecting the Authority (verbal)

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

SNC PROJECT UPDATE – POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Staff presented the members with a PowerPoint presentation on project updates.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL:

A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 15TH, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. BD-121/25

Moved by: Adrian Wynands
Seconded by: Linda Payant

RESOLVED THAT:

The Members approve the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of May 15th, 2025 as submitted.

CARRIED



NEW BUSINESS

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: CONSERVATION ONTARIO RESILIENT AGRICULTURAL
LANDSCAPE PROGRAM MARGINAL LANDS INITIATIVE FUNDING AGREEMENT**

RESOLUTION NO. BD-122/25

Moved by: Mike Tarnowski
Seconded by: Tom Smyth

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve entering into an agreement with Conservation Ontario to receive Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness funding for the Eastern Ontario Farm Stewardship Collaborative's Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program (RALP) Marginal Lands initiative at a value of \$500,000; and

FURTHER THAT:

The Board of Directors approve entering into agreements with partners in the Eastern Ontario Farm Stewardship Collaborative for the RALP Marginal Lands Initiative, total project value of approximately \$857,550 plus HST.

CARRIED

Geneviene Lajoie joined the meeting virtually at 9:35 a.m.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: 2025/2026 PRIVATE LAND STEWARDSHIP FEE SCHEDULE

RESOLUTION NO. BD-123/25

Moved by: Mike Tarnowski
Seconded by: Deb Wilson

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approves the 2025/2026 Private Land Stewardship Fee Schedule as presented, effective immediately.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: 2025 TREE PLANTING EXPENDITURES

RESOLUTION NO. BD-124/25

Moved by: Mike Tarnowski
Seconded by: François St. Amour

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve additional contracted tree planting services to meet demand for the Forest Canada's 50 Million Tree Planting Program and the 2 Billion Tree's Woodlot Storm



Recovery Program fall planting at an approximate cost of \$300,000 plus HST; and

FURTHER THAT:

The Board of Directors approve the purchase of additional tree seedlings to meet demand for the Forest Canada's 50 Million Tree Planting Program and the 2 Billion Tree's Woodlot Storm Recovery Program fall planting at an approximate cost \$160,000, plus HST; and

FURTHER THAT:

The Board of Directors approve the purchase of additional 2025 tree seedlings from Ferguson Tree Nursery, Pineneedle Farms Inc., and from Harbers Greenhouses and Forestry, based on availability of required stock.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: CRYSLER DAM ENGINEERING ASSESSMENT

RESOLUTION NO. BD-125/25

Moved by: Matt Luloff
Seconded by: Mike Tarnowski

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve into an agreement with Contractor A for the completion of the Crysler Dam Engineering Assessment at an approximate cost of \$34,950 plus HST.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: MONIES RECEIVED AND DISBURSEMENT REGISTER FOR MAY 2025

RESOLUTION NO. BD-126/25

Moved by: Genevieve Lajoie
Seconded by: Adrian Wynands

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the money received report for May 2025; and

FURTHER THAT:

The Board of Directors approve the Disbursement Register of \$822,484.52.

CARRIED

UPDATE: PLANNING ACTIVITY

RESOLUTION NO. BD-127/25

Moved by: Mike Tarnowski
Seconded by: Deb Wilson



RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the planning activity update for May 2025.

CARRIED

UPDATE: TECHNICAL REVIEWS

RESOLUTION NO. BD-128/25

Moved by: Linda Payant
Seconded by: Mike Tarnowski

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the Technical Reviews update for May 2025.

CARRIED

UPDATE: SECTION 28.1 PERMITS ISSUED

RESOLUTION NO. BD-129/25

Moved by: Deb Wilson
Seconded by: Mike Tarnowski

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the update on permits issued under Section 28.1 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* for May 2025.

CARRIED

UPDATE: ENFORCEMENT OF PARTS VI AND VII OF THE ACT

RESOLUTION NO. BD-130/25

Moved by: Tom Smyth
Seconded by: François St. Amour

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the update on reported *Conservation Authorities Act* regulation concerns received in the month of May 2025.

CARRIED

UPDATE: ON-SITE SEWAGE PERMITS RECEIVED

RESOLUTION NO. BD-131/25

Moved by: Adrian Wynands
Seconded by: Linda Payant

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the on-site sewage permits received for May 2025.

CARRIED



The Board of Directors recessed for a break at 10:17 a.m.
The Board of Directors reconvened at 10:28 a.m.

RECOGNITION YEARS OF SERVICE

RESOLUTION NO. BD-132/25

Moved by: Mike Tarnowski
Seconded by: Tom Smyth

RESLOVED THAT:

The Board of Directors congratulate Hannah Jackson for her years of service with South Nation Conservation.

CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 16TH, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. BD-133/25

Moved by: Bill Smirle
Seconded by: Tom Smyth

RESLOVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve the actions and recommendations of the following Committee meeting:

- i. Grants Sub-Committee meeting minutes of June 16th, 2025 as submitted.

CARRIED

UPDATE: ESTIMATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR MAY 31ST, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. BD-134/25

Moved by: Adrian Wynands
Seconded by: Deb Wilson

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the Estimated Statement of Operations for the year ending December 31st, 2025, as of April 30th, 2025 update.

CARRIED



REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: WOODLOT STORM RECOVERY PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. BD-135/25

Moved by: Mike Tarnowski
Seconded by: François St. Amour

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the Woodlot Storm Recovery Program update; and

FURTHER THAT:

The Board of Directors approve signing an amendment with Natural Resources Canada to extend 2 Billion Trees Program agreement to 2028 and increase funding for the Woodlot Storm Recovery Program to approximately \$1.5 million in total.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

DATES OF UCOMING MEETINGS, THIRD THURSDAY, AT 9:00 A.M. UNLESS INDICATED OTHERWISE:

- July – no scheduled meeting
- August 21st, 2025 (AMO Conference August 17 – 21)
- September 18th, 2025 (EOMC September 17 – 19)

FUTURE MOTIONS OF THE BOARD AND/OR DISCUSSION OF SNC ISSUES

None.

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. BD-136/25

Moved by: Bill Smirle
Seconded by: Deb Wilson

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors move into Closed Session for the following:

- a. Update: Land Acquisitions (verbal)
- b. Financial information related to pending negotiations for contracted services:
Request for Approval: Bear Brook Flood Mitigation Class EA – Contracted Services
- c. Request for Approval: Potential Legal Matter Effecting the Authority (verbal)

CARRIED



The Board of Directors convened in Closed Session at 10:43 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. BD-137/25

Moved by: Genevieve Lajoie

Seconded by: Matt Luloff

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors move into Open Session.

CARRIED

The Board of Directors reconvened in Open Session at 11:53 a.m.

UPDATE: LAND ACQUISITIONS (VERBAL)

RESOLUTION NO. BD-138/25

Moved by: Bill Smirle

Seconded by: Adrian Wynands

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the verbal update on Land Acquisitions.

CARRIED

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION RELATED TO PENDING NEGOTIATIONS FOR
CONTRACTED SERVICES: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: BEAR BROOK FLOOD
MITIGATION CLASS EA – CONTRACTED SERVICES**

RESOLUTION NO. BD-139/25

Moved by: Mike Tarnowski

Seconded by: Deb Wilson

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve the Bear Brook Flood Mitigation Class Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Design project, and an update limit provided in the report, pending City of Ottawa approval: and

FURTHER THAT:

The Board of Directors delegate authority to the Executive Committee to award the contract.

CARRIED



**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: POTENTIAL LEGAL MATTER AFFECTING THE
AUTHORITY (VERBAL)**

RESOLUTION NO. BD-140/25

Moved by: Deb Wilson
Seconded by: Mike Tarnowski

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve the creation of a Locally Significant Wetland Compensation and Offsetting Reserve; and

FURTHER THAT:

The Board of Directors approve the Chair and CAO to enter into a compensation and offsetting agreement as discussed; and

FURTHER THAT:

The Board of Directors requests SNC staff to review South Nation Conservation's development policies and provide an update in September.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. BD-141/25

Moved by: Adrian Wynands
Seconded by: Bill Smirle

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors meeting of June 19th, 2025 be adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

CARRIED

Steve Densham,
Chair.

Carl Bickerdike,
Chief Administrative Officer.

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