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Watershed Advisory Committee

Supplemental Agenda

Date: November 25th, 2025

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: SNC Watershed Room
SNC Office
38 Victoria Street
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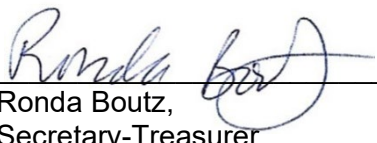
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1. New Business

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| a. | Update: Community Engagements: Ronda | 3-4 |
| b. | Update: Community Environmental Grants: Kelsey | 5-6 |



Ronda Boutz,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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To: Watershed Advisory Committee
From: Ronda Boutz, Secretary-Treasurer
Date: November 24th, 2025
Subject: Update: Community Engagements

RECOMMENDATION:

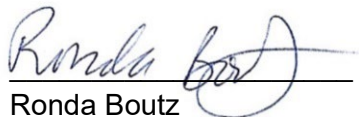
The Watershed Advisory Committee receive and file the Community Engagement update.

DISCUSSION:

A key role of the Watershed Advisory Committee is to promote and advocate for South Nation Conservation (SNC) and its role in watershed management and to communicate results of program achievements to the public.

SNC relies on its members to share updates and information to their member organizations and local communities. Members attendance at meetings and events help to strengthen SNC's partnerships across the jurisdiction.

The attached provides a summary of community engagements, since the last meeting, provided by Committee members. Members will have an opportunity at the meeting to ask questions or provide additional comments on this update.



Ronda Boutz
Secretary-Treasurer.

Attachment: Community Engagement Update – as of November 21st, 2025



Community Engagement Update – as of November 21st, 2025

Emilie DeRochie

- Science + Nature On Tap Speaker Series - All About Eels
 - Abraham Francis & Mary Ann Perron
 - Thursday, November 27th 7pm at Schnitzels in Cornwall and Facebook Live
- Road Salt Stoppers community-based water monitoring program is underway

Cindy Saucier

- Butterfly Way Project is having a seed swap on November 29 at Russell High School. 10-2, It is part of the Russell Flea Market.
- Living Locally Fair is coming on January 17, 2026 at STA in Russell, SNC typically attends

Matt Alkerton

- Grenville Area Fur Harvesters Council meeting January 13th, 2026.
- The OFMF Zone meeting is April 18th, 2026.
- The Eastern Ontario Deer Advisory Committee will meet when all the Hunter Reports have been submitted, likely in April

Tara Redpath

- The first Public Information Centre for the Bear Brook Watershed Study was held on November 13 from 6pm to 8pm at the Bearbrook Community Hall. The event was well-attended by approximately 55-60 local community members, and it provided an opportunity for residents to learn about the watershed study and discuss questions and concerns with staff from South Nation Conservation and the City of Ottawa

Fred Schueler

- My formal engagement in the SNC territory is being drafted onto the board of the Butternut Creek Nature Reserve - <https://www.butternutcreek.ca/> - and planning with them to publicise the Two-lined Salamanders in Moose Creek (which we confirmed are still present there), and working on boosting native species in their newly created ponds

Jean Saint-Pierre

- Shared information to our 200 Boisés Est members on the following subjects from SNC:
 - Tree planning advice and ordering information for spring 2026,
 - Bear Brook Watershed study + comments solicited,
 - Survey on impact of low water levels on private wells,
 - Ontario Bill 68 - proposed consolidation of CA's from 36 to 7 with link for comments to the Ontario Registry.



To: Watershed Advisory Committee
From: Kelsey Smith, Stewardship and Outreach Assistant
Date: November 25, 2025
Subject: Update: Community Environmental Grants

RECOMMENDATION:

The Watershed Advisory Committee receive and file an update on the Community Environmental Grant Program.

DISCUSSION:

South Nation Conservation's popular Community Environmental Grants Program has traditionally supported community events across the Conservation Authority's Eastern Ontario watershed jurisdiction that promote recreational use of our rivers, protect the environment, helps to plant trees, or celebrate our natural heritage.

Program funding is now completed at a staff level. This new process has reduced administrative effort and timelines to ensure that community groups can receive support and funding certainty.

The following grants have been approved so far in 2025:

- Kin Club of Russell – Poutmasters Fishing Derby
- Spencerville Mill Foundation – The Spencerville Canoe Poker Run & Spencerville Heritage Golf Tournament
- The River Institute – Eastern Ontario Water Festival
- Wendover Knights of Columbus – Family Fishing Tournament
- Russell Historical Society – Annual Heritage Festival
- All About the River Event
- Boisés Est– Wood Fair Exhibition
- House of Lazarus – Tree Planting
- Morrisburg Waterfront Committee – Pollinator Gardens
- Russell County 4-H Association – Various 4-H Clubs
- L'école Sacré-Cœur – Tree Planting
- Maple Syrup Producers – Eastern Ontario Maple Tour



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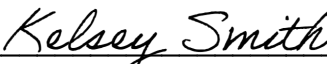
Below is a summary of Community Environmental Grant Funding for 2025:

Funding Distributed	Remaining Funding
\$7,600	\$2,400

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:

Compliance with Budget: Funding for Community Environmental Grants is included in the 2025 SNC Budget under Landowner Stewardship and Outreach: Education and Outreach on pages 16-17.

SNC Policy Adherence: Disbursement of Community Environmental Grants is compliant with the Purchasing Policy – Purchasing Limits/Authorized Buyers – Team Lead’s approved limit of up to \$5,000.



Kelsey Smith,
Stewardship and Outreach Assistant