



# South Nation Conservation Watershed Update

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### News From The SNC Board of Directors

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#### 2012 Budget Approved

At its January 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, SNC's Board of Directors approved its annual budget. The total budget for 2012 is approximately \$7.6 million, of which \$2,631,386 will be paid by SNC's 15 member municipalities. On average, each municipality pays \$5.67 per \$100,000 of assessment. In 2011 this amount was \$5.53 per \$100,000, which means the 2012 budget increased by an average of about 2.5% on assessment. For every dollar paid by municipalities in 2012, South Nation will raise two dollars from other sources of revenue such as partnerships and grants—maximizing local environmental protection. The Authority's 2011 budget totalled \$7,579,270.

#### Garbage on Ice Campaign



South Nation Conservation, in partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources, is continuing its poster campaign designed to eliminate garbage left on the South Nation River by ice fishers. Garbage left on the ice eventually ends up in the river, disrupting aquatic life and reducing the quality of our drinking water. Posters will be distributed in ice fishing areas, and by SNC staff while conducting inventories of fish caught. SNC will be involved in the Wendover Knights of Columbus Ice Fishing Tournament on February 18<sup>th</sup>, and the Grenville Fish & Game Club Pike Derby on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### Flood Contingency Plans Protect People and Property



South Nation Conservation is completing an annual review and update of its Flood Contingency Plan. It is our responsibility to forecast and warn municipalities, agencies, and the public about potential flood emergencies to ensure enough lead time to respond and prepare. Flood forecasts and warning messages are distributed whenever there is a heightened risk to public safety. In the event of a flood, we will monitor weather and water levels and provide necessary updates to municipalities, the public, and our partners.

#### Annual General Meeting: March 22, 2012

You are invited to attend South Nation Conservation's Annual General Meeting on Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. (Watershed Room at SNC in Finch). Please RSVP before Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup> by phoning 1-877-984-2948, or by emailing [info@nation.on.ca](mailto:info@nation.on.ca).

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