



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Meeting No. 11/24
 Thursday, December 12th, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

Watershed Room, SNC



Directors Present:

Steve Densham, Stormont Dundas Glengarry, Chair
 George Darouze, City of Ottawa, Past Chair
 Catherine Kitts, City of Ottawa
 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:

Genevieve Lajoie, Prescott Russell

Staff Present:

Carl Bickerdike, Chief Administrative Officer
 Johanna Barkley, Director of Finance
 Ronda Boutz, Secretary-Treasurer
 Jen Boyer, Managing Director, Approvals
 Michelle Cavanagh, Team Lead, Special Projects
 Ben Colgan, GIS – Database Analyst
 Donna Ferguson, Accounting Technician
 James Holland, Senior Planner
 Hannah Jackson, Accounting and Human Resources Specialist
 Sandra Mancini, Managing Director, Natural Hazards and Infrastructure
 John Mesman, Managing Director, Property, Conservation Lands and Community Outreach
 Eric McGill, Corporate Counsel
 Pat Piitz, Team Lead, Property
 Monique Sauve, Chief Building Official

Guests:

Owen Murdoch, Councillor Darouze’s Office, City of Ottawa



TRADITIONAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

John Mesman, Managing Director, Property, Conservation Lands, and Community Outreach read an Indigenous land acknowledgement.

CHAIRS REMARKS

Steve Densham, Chair, called the SNC Board of Directors meeting of December 12th, 2024 to order at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF SNC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. BD-205/24

Moved by: Adrian Wynands
Seconded by: Mike Tarnowski

RESOLVED THAT:

The Members approve the December 12th, 2024 Board of Directors main and supplemental agendas as presented.

CARRIED

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

SNC PROJECT UPDATE – POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Staff presented project and program updates.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL:

A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21ST, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. BD-206/24

Moved by: Bill Smirle
Seconded by: Deb Wilson

RESOLVED THAT:

The Members approve the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of November 21st, 2024 as submitted.

CARRIED



B. SNC COMMITTEES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS AND MINUTES OF

- i. Grants Sub-Committee meeting minutes of November 18th, 2024
- ii. Watershed Advisory Committee meeting minutes of November 26th, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. BD-207/24

Moved by: Mike Tarnowski
Seconded by: Adrian Wynands

RESOLVED THAT:

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

- i. Grants Sub-Committee meeting minutes of November 18th, 2024.
- ii. Watershed Advisory Committee meeting minutes of November 26th, 2024.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: WATERSHED-BASED RESOURCES MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND CONSERVATION LANDS STRATEGY [DRAFTS]:

RESOLUTION NO. BD-208/24

Moved by: George Darouze
Seconded by: Mike Tarnowski

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve the Draft December 2024 Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy and the Draft December 2024 Conservation Lands Strategy as presented.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: WATER AND EROSION CONTROL INFRASTRUCTURE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN [DRAFT]

RESOLUTION NO. BD-209/24

Moved by: George Darouze
Seconded by: Adrian Wynands

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve the Draft Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure Asset Management Plan as presented; and



FURHTER THAT:

Staff complete a full Asset Management Plan of all South Nation Conservation corporate assets in 2025.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: ADMINISTRATIVE BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. BD-210/24

Moved by: Deb Wilson
Seconded by: Catherine Kitts

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve amendments to South Nation Conservation's Administrative By-laws.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: FUNDING SUBMISSIONS

RESOLUTION NO. BD-211/24

Moved by: Bill Smirle
Seconded by: Mike Tarnowski

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approves the submission of the following applications:

1. **Invasive Phragmites Control Fund:** requesting \$50,000 for mapping and control of invasive Phragmites in the South Nation Conservation jurisdiction.
2. **Invasive Species Action Fund:** requesting \$15,000 for the monitoring and removal of European Water Chestnut from the South Nation and Castor Rivers.
3. **Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund (ECCC):** requesting approximately \$6,000,000 over 3 years to support conservation land acquisition and ecological restoration.

CARRIED



REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: 2025 STUDENT AND RECENT GRADUATE HIRING PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. BD-212/24

Moved by: George Darouze
Seconded by: Deb Wilson

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve the student and recent graduate hiring program, at an approximate cost of \$139,060 (pending successful fundraising efforts and approval of the 2025 budget); and

FURTHER THAT: The Board of Directors approve applying for additional grants, including but not limited to those received in the past, as follows:

- Canada Parks and Recreation – Green Job Initiative Program: \$5,500
- ECO Canada – Various Programs: \$40,000
- National Trust Canada – Young Canada Works Program: \$5,500
- Service Canada – Canada Summer Jobs: \$15,000

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: 2025 TREE STOCK PURCHASE

RESOLUTION NO. BD-213/24

Moved by: Mike Tarnowski
Seconded by: Catherine Kitts

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve the purchase of tree seedlings, for the 50 Million Tree Program, Municipal Tree Giveaways, Over the Counter sales, and the Woodlot Storm Recovery Program at approximately \$300,000 plus HST; and

FURTHER THAT:

The Board of Directors approve the purchase of 2025 tree seedlings from the three Forest Canada approved nurseries, Ferguson Tree Nursery, Pineneedle Farms, and Sommerville Nurseries Inc., based on availability of required stock; and



FURTHER THAT:

The Board of Directors approve the purchase of 2025 tree seedlings from other local nurseries to meet stock requirements and species diversification for the Woodlot Storm Recovery Program.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: MONIES RECEIVED AND DISBURSEMENT REGISTER FOR NOVEMBER 2024

RESOLUTION NO. BD-214/24

Moved by: Adrian Wynands
Seconded by: Tom Smyth

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the money received report for November 2024; and

FURTHER THAT:

The Board approve the Disbursement Register of \$934,583.50 for November 2024.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: NATURAL HAZARDS MAPPING SERVICES AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION NO. BD-215/24

Moved by: Matt Luloff
Seconded by: Mike Tarnowski

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve entering into an agreement with the United Counties of Prescott and Russell to provide professional services related to natural hazards mapping for Hawkesbury Creek on a cost-recovery basis.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: 2024-2026 FLOOD HAZARD IDENTIFICATION MAPPING PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. BD-216/24

Moved by: George Darouze
Seconded by: Mike Tarnowski

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve entering into a funding agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources, under the Flood Hazard Identification



Mapping Program, to complete the Delineating Flood Hazard and Associated Impacts in the Quaille Creek Watershed project, at a total cost of approximately \$278,040 plus HST; and

FURTHER THAT:

The Board of Directors approve entering into an agreement with the City of Ottawa to undertake the Delineating Flood Hazard and Associated Impacts within the South Castor Watershed project, at a total cost of approximately \$823,907 plus HST.

CARRIED

UPDATE: ANNUAL SUMMARY OF REGULATED AREAS MAPPING CHANGES

RESOLUTION NO. BD-217/24

Moved by: George Darouze
Seconded by: Adrian Wynands

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the Annual Summary of Regulated Areas Mapping Changes update.

CARRIED

UPDATE: PLANNING ACTIVITY

RESOLUTION NO. BD-218/24

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

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the Planning Activity update for November 2024.

CARRIED

UPDATE: SECTION 28.1 PERMITS ISSUED

RESOLUTION NO. BD-219/24

Moved by: Mike Tarnowski
Seconded by: Linda Payant



RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the update on permits issued under Section 28.1 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* for November 2024.

CARRIED

UPDATE: ENFORCEMENT OF PARTS VI AND VII OF THE CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES ACT

RESOLUTION NO. BD-220/24

Moved by: George Darouze
Seconded by: Deb Wilson

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the update on reported *Conservation Authorities Act* regulation concerns received in the month of November 2024.

CARRIED

UPDATE: ON-SITE SEWAGE PERMITS RECEIVED

RESOLUTION NO. BD-221/24

Moved by: Mike Tarnowski
Seconded by: Bill Smirle

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the on-site sewage permits received update for November 2024.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: 2025 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

RESOLUTION NO. BD-222/24

Moved by: Bill Smirle
Seconded by: Linda Payant

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve the 2025 Board of Directors meeting dates as discussed.

CARRIED



SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

UPDATE: ESTIMATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR NOVEMBER 30TH, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. BD-223/24

Moved by: Adrian Wynands
Seconded by: Mike Tarnowski

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the Estimated Statement of Operations for the year ending December 31st, 2024, as of November 30th, 2024.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: SNC COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS AND MINUTES

RESOLUTION NO. BD-224/24

Moved by: George Darouze
Seconded by: Bill Smirle

RESOLVED THAT:

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

- i. Leitrim Wetland Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2024.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: 2024-2025 FLOOD HAZARD IDENTIFICATION MAPPING PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. BD-225/24

Moved by: Catherine Kitts
Seconded by: Matt Luloff

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve entering into a funding agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources, under the Flood Hazard Identification Mapping Program, to complete the project *Assessing Increased Flood Risk due to Landslides in the Bear Brook Watershed*, at a total cost of approximately \$271,786.

CARRIED



REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: FUNDING SUBMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. BD-226/24

Moved by: Mike Tarnowski
Seconded by: Adrian Wynands

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve a funding application submission to the Flood Hazard and Identification Mapping Program (FHIMP) for the *South Nation River Hazard Mapping Update* project, at an approximately cost of \$1,800,000.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

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

- January 16th, 2025 (2025 Final Budget and Levies)
- February 20th, 2025
- March 20th, 2025 (Annual General Meeting)

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

None.

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. BD-227/24

Moved by: Mike Tarnowski
Seconded by: Linda Payant

RESOLVED THAT:

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

- Request for Approval: Land Acquisition

CARRIED

The Board of Directors recessed for a break at 10:49 a.m.

The Board of Directors convened Closed Session at 10:59 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. BD-228/24

Moved by: Deb Wilson
Seconded by: Bill Smirle



RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Directors move into Open Session.

CARRIED

The Board of Directors reconvened in Open Session at 11:05 a.m.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: LAND ACQUISITION

RESOLUTION NO. BD-229/24

Moved by: Mike Tarnowski
Seconded by: George Darouze

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve the acquisition of Property 1 (Edwardsburgh-Cardinal) and Property 2 (Augusta) as discussed in the report.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

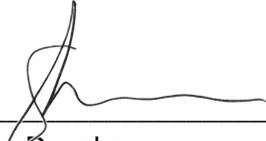
RESOLUTION NO. BD-230/24

Moved by: Adrian Wynands
Seconded by: Catherine Kitts

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors Meeting of December 12th, 2024 be adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

CARRIED



Steve Densham,
Chair.



Carl Bickerdike,
Chief Administrative Officer.

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