



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Meeting No. 02/25
 Thursday, February 20th, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.

Watershed Room, SNC



Directors Present:

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

Regrets:

George Darouze, City of Ottawa, Past Chair
 Tom Smyth, Stormont Dundas Glengarry

Staff Present:

Carl Bickerdike, Chief Administrative Officer
 Ronda Boutz, Secretary-Treasurer
 Jennifer Boyer, Managing Director, Approvals
 Michelle Cavanaugh, Team Lead, Special Project
 Phillip Dagenais, Water Resources Specialist, Monitoring
 Deborah Edwards, Accounting Assistant
 James Holland, Senior Planner
 Sandra Mancini, Managing Director, Natural Hazards and Infrastructure
 John Mesman, Managing Director, Property, Conservation Lands and Community Outreach
 Eric McGill, Corporate Counsel
 Kenneth Omenogor, Geotechnical Engineer
 Gregory Payne, Permitting Officer
 Pat Piitz, Team Lead, Property
 Marieh Rajaie, Water Resource Specialist - Engineering
 Monique Sauve, Chief Building Official



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 February 20th, 2025 to order at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF SNC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. BD-020/25

Moved by: Bill Smirle
 Seconded by: Mike Tarnowski

RESOLVED THAT:

The Members approve the January 16th, 2025 main and supplemental agendas as submitted.

CARRIED

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Chair Steve Densham declared a conflict of interest in regard to Agenda Item 12b).

SNC PROJECT UPDATE – POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Staff presented project and program updates.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL:

A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 16TH, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. BD-021/25

Moved by: Adrian Wynands
 Seconded by: Catherine Kitts

RESOLVED THAT:

The Members approve the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of January 16th, 2025 as submitted.

CARRIED

B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS SECTION 30.4 HEARING: STOP ORDER SO2024-01 MINUTES OF JANUARY 16TH, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. BD-022/25

Moved by: François St. Amour
 Seconded by: Linda Payant



RESOLVED THAT:

The Members approve the Board of Directors
Section 30.4 Hearing: Stop Order SO2024-01
Minutes of January 16th, 2025.

CARRIED

C. SNC COMMITTEES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS AND MINUTES OF

i. Grants Sub-Committee meeting minutes of February 10th, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. BD-023/25

Moved by: Mike Tarnowski
Seconded by: Geneviève Lajoie

RESOLVED THAT:

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

i. Grants Sub-Committee meeting minutes of
February 10th, 2025 as submitted.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: ADMINISTRATIVE BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. BD-024/25

Moved by: Deb Wilson
Seconded by: Mathew Luloff

RESOLVED THAT:

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

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: PERSONNEL POLICY AMENDMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. BD-025/25

Moved by: Linda Payant
Seconded by: Mike Tarnowski

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve amendments to
South Nation Conservation's Personnel Policy.

CARRIED

FOR DISCUSSION: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

There was no recommendation for this report, it was for discussion purposes only.



REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: 2025 SNC FLOOD CONTINGENCY PLAN

RESOLUTION NO. BD-026/25

Moved by: Catherine Kitts
Seconded by: Mike Tarnowski

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve the 2025 South Nation Conservation Flood Contingency Plan.

CARRIED

**The Board of Directors meeting recessed at 10:00 a.m.
The Board of Directors meeting reconvened at 10:07 a.m.**

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: BEAR BROOK FLOOD RISK PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

RESOLUTION NO. BD-027/25

Moved by: Adrian Wynands
Seconded by: Mike Tarnowski

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve retaining consultant A to support the assessment of increased flood risk in Bear Brook Watershed at an approximate cost of \$39,902 plus HST.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: STUMPAGE SALE CONTRACT

RESOLUTION NO. BD-028/25

Moved by: Mike Tarnowski
Seconded by: Bill Smirle

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve entering into a Stumpage Sale Contract with Contractor C, for sale of Red Pine from SNC Property 41 [Nation] and Property 64 [Nation], at the unit price of \$34.00/m³.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: FUNDING SUBMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. BD-029/25

Moved by: Mike Tarnowski
Seconded by: Bill Smirle



RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approves the submission of a funding application to the Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program – Marginal Lands Initiative requesting \$2,500,000 over three years for the creation or enhancement of natural features on marginal agricultural lands.

CARRIED

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

RESOLUTION NO. BD-030/25

Moved by: Mik Tarnowski
Seconded by: Deb Wilson

RESOLVED THAT:

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

FURTHER THAT:

The Board approve the Disbursement Register of \$1,086,692.23 for January 2025.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: GEOTECHNICAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

RESOLUTION NO. BD-031/25

Moved by: Geneviève Lajoie
Seconded by: Matt Luloff

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve retaining SRL Consulting to provide expert geotechnical professional review services to an upset limit of \$55,000.

CARRIED

UPDATE: ANNUAL PERMIT TIMELINE COMPLIANCE REPORTING FOR SECTION 28.1 PERMITS

RESOLUTION NO. BD-032/25

Moved by: Adrian Wynands
Seconded by: François St. Amour



RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the Annual Permit Timeline Compliance Reporting for permits issued under Section 28.1 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

CARRIED

UPDATE: PLANNING ACTIVITY

RESOLUTION NO. BD-033/25

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

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the Planning Activity update for January 2025.

CARRIED

UPDATE: TECHNICAL REVIEWS

RESOLUTION NO. BD-034/25

Moved by: Linda Payant
Seconded by: Adrian Wynands

RESOLVED THAT:

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

CARRIED

UPDATE: SECTION 28.1 PERMITS ISSUED

RESOLUTION NO. BD-035/25

Moved by: Linda Payant
Seconded by: Catherine Kitts

RESOLVED THAT:

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

CARRIED

UPDATE: ENFORCEMENT OF PARTS VI AND VII OF THE ACT

RESOLUTION NO. BD-036/25

Moved by: Mike Tarnowski
Seconded by: Bill Smirle



RESOLVED THAT:

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

CARRIED

UPDATE: ON-SITE SEWAGE PERMITS RECEIVED

RESOLUTION NO. BD-037/25

Moved by: Adrian Wynands
Seconded by: Catherine Kitts

RESOLVED THAT:

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

CARRIED

UPDATE: SNC's 2025 PROVINCIAL ELECTION STRATEGY

RESOLUTION NO. BD-038/25

Moved by: Bill Smirle
Seconded by: Catherine Kitts

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file SNC's Provincial Election Strategy.

CARRIED

UPDATE: 2025 CONFERENCES

RESOLUTION NO. BD-039

Moved by: Mike Tarnowski
Seconded by: Adrian Wynands

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the 2025 Conferences report; and

FURTHER THAT:

The Board of Directors coordinate their conference attendance with the Secretary-Treasurer.

CARRIED



RECOGNITION FOR YEARS OF SERVICE: BRENT HARBERS, 10 YEARS

RESOLUTION NO. BD-040/25

Moved by: Mike Tarnowski
Seconded by: Catherine Kitts

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors congratulate Brent Harbers for his 10 years with South Nation Conservation.

CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: NATURE SMART CLIMATE SOLUTIONS FUND

RESOLUTION NO. BD-041/25

Moved by: Linda Payant
Seconded by: François St. Amour

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve entering into an agreement with the federal government and other partners as required for Year 1 (2024-2025) funding for land acquisition, at a total of approximately \$1,026,300.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: WOODLOT STORM RECOVERY EXPENDITURES

RESOLUTION NO. BD-042/25

Moved by: Adrian Wynands
Seconded by: Mike Tarnowski

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve an increase in undertaking and disbursement of funds for the Woodlot Storm Recovery Program to an upset limit of \$575,000 for 2025; and

FURTHER THAT:

The Board of Directors delegate authority to the Chief Administrative Officer to approve eligible expenditures above \$25,000.

CARRIED

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

- March 20th, 2025 (Annual General Meeting)
- April 17th, 2025 (OGRA March 30 – April 2)
- May 15th, 2025
- June 19th, 2025



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

None.

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. BD-043/25

Moved by: Bill Smirle
Seconded by: François St. Amour

RESOLVED THAT:

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

- a. Request for Approval: Land Acquisition 2025-NDU-01
- b. For Discussion: Options for Negotiation – Leased Facility (verbal).

CARRIED

The Board of Directors convened Closed Session at 11:10 a.m. Having declared a conflict of interest, Chair Densham left the Closed Session for item 12b); Vice-Chair Wynands assumed the role of Chair.

OPEN SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. BD-044/25

Moved by: Bill Smirle
Seconded by: François St. Amour

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors move into Open Session.

CARRIED

The Board of Directors reconvened Open Session at 11:38 a.m.; Chair Densham resumed his role.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: LAND ACQUISITION 2025-NDU-01

RESOLUTION NO. BD-045/25

Moved by: Linda Payant
Seconded by: Adrian Wynands

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve property acquisition 2025-NDU-01 [North Dundas] as discussed in the report.

CARRIED



FOR DISCUSSION: OPTIONS FOR NEGOTIATION – LEASED FACILITY (Verbal)

The Chair declared a conflict of interest on this item, Vice-Chair Wynands chaired the discussion and resolution vote.

RESOLUTION NO. BD-046/25

Moved by: Bill Smirle
Seconded by: Catherine Kitts

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the verbal report on Options for Negotiation – Leased Facility.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. BD-047/25

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

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors Meeting of February 20th, 2025 be adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

CARRIED

Steve Densham,
Chair.

Carl Bickerdike,
Chief Administrative Officer.

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