



BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Meeting No. 04/26
Thursday, May 14th, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.

Watershed Room, SNC



Directors Present:

Genevieve Lajoie, Prescott Russell (*electronic participation*)
Matthew Luloff, City of Ottawa (*electronic participation*)
Linda Payant, City of Ottawa
Isabelle Skalski, 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, Chair

Regrets:

Steve Densham, Stormont Dundas Glengarry, Second Vice Chair
Catherine Kitts, City of Ottawa, 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 Projects
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
Arielle Noonan, Stewardship Assistant
Gregory Payne, Permitting Officer
Pat Piitz, Team Lead, Property



TRADITIONAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

CHAIRS REMARKS

Adrian Wynands, Chair, called the Board of Directors meeting of May 14th, 2026 to order at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF SNC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. BD-068/26

Moved by: Bill Smirle

Seconded by: Mike Tarnowski

RESOLVED THAT:

The Members approve the May 14th, 2026 Board of Directors main and supplemental agendas with the following amendment:

- i. Supplemental agenda item #1c be moved to precede main agenda item #7a.

CARRIED

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

SNC PROJECT UPDATE – POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

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

Isabelle Skalski joined the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF:

A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 9TH, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. BD-069/26

Moved by: Linda Payant

Seconded by: Isabelle Skalski

RESOLVED THAT:

The Members approve the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of April 9th, 2026 as presented.

CARRIED



COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

B. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: SNC COMMITTEES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS AND MINUTES OF:

RESOLUTION NO. BD 070-/26

Moved by: Bill Smirle
Seconded by: Deb Wilson

RESOLVED THAT:

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

- i. Joint Occupational Health and Safety meeting minutes of April 8th, 2026.

CARRIED

BILL 97 AND THE AMALGAMATION OF CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES

RESOLUTION NO. BD-071/26

Moved by: Mike Tarnowski
Seconded by: Tom Smyth

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the report regarding Bill 97 and changes to the Conservation Authorities Act resulting in the amalgamation of existing authorities; and

FURTHER THAT:

The Board request that the report be circulated to member municipalities as a memo from the Board of Directors.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

TRANSITION COMMITTEE – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

RESOLUTION NO. BD-072/26

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

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the report regarding Transition Committees; and

FURHTER THAT:

Any Board member interested in being appointed to the Transition Committee may express their interest verbally, or by email to the Board of Directors prior to the June 2026 Board meeting.

CARRIED



REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: CASSELMAN DAM REPAIRS

RESOLUTION NO. BD-073/26

Moved by: Mike Tarnowski
 Seconded by: Deb Wilson

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve undertaking repairs to the Casselman Dam in three phases at a total approximate cost of \$1,552,900, subject to approval by the chief executive officer of the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency; and

FURTHER THAT:

The Board of Director approve retaining Consultant A to complete the three phases on concrete repairs at the Casselman Dam at an approximate cost of \$1,421,035 plus HST; and

FURTHER THAT:

The Board of Directors approve establishing a Casselman Dam Reserve to be funding as follows:

Reserve Transfer From	Amount
Land Acquisition Reserve for Phase 1	\$250,000
Capital Reserve for Phase 1	\$133,624
Capital Reserve for Phase 2	\$65,135
Capital Reserve for Phase 3	\$65,135
Casselman Dam Reserve Balance	\$513,894

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Casselman Dam Reserve be closed at a project completion and any remaining funds be transferred to the Land Acquisition and/or Capital Reserves.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: DISBUREMENTS FOR 2026 PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS

RESOLUTION NO. BD-074/26

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

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approves undertaking and disbursement of funds for the following Partnership Programs in 2026:



Program	2026 Funds
1. City of Ottawa Special Levy Programs	
a. Ottawa Tree Replacement Program	\$200,000
b. Ottawa Rural Clean Water Program	\$200,000
c. Eastern Ontario Water Resources Program	\$50,000
d. Ottawa Baseline Monitoring Program	\$47,000
Total	\$497,000

CARRIED

The Board of Directors break recessed for a break at 10:15 am
 The Board of Directors reconvened from break at 10:30 a.m.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: 2026 SNC EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN

RESOLUTION NO. BD-075/26

Moved by: Mike Tarnowski
 Seconded by: Deb Wilson

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve the following 2026 South Nation Conservation Emergency Preparedness Plans:

- i. Crisis Communications Kit for Landslides;
- ii. Forest Fire Emergency Plan; and
- iii. Low Water Response Plan.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: MONIES RECEIVED AND DISBURSEMENT REGISTER FOR APRIL 2026

RESOLUTION NO. BD-076/26

Moved by: Mike Tarnowski
 Seconded by: Isabelle Skalski

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the monies received report for April 2026; and

FURTHER THAT:

The Board approve the Disbursement Register of \$771,342.32 for April 2026.

CARRIED



MONTHLY UPDATES:

- i. **PLANNING ACTIVITY**
- ii. **ENGINEERING TECHNICAL REVIEWS**
- iii. **SECTION 28.1 PERMITS ISSUED**
- iv. **ENFORCEMENT OF PARTS VI AND VII OF THE ACT**
- v. **ON-SITE SEWAGE PERMITS RECEIVED**

RESOLUTION NO. BD-077/26

Moved by: Linda Payant
Seconded by: Tom Smyth

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the Planning Activity update for April 2026:

- i. Planning Activity;
- ii. Engineering Technical Reviews;
- iii. Permits issued under Section 28.1 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*;
- iv. Reported *Conservation Authorities Act* regulation concerns received; and
- v. On-site sewage permits received.

CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

UPDATE: ESTIMATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR APRIL 30th, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. BD-078/26

Moved by: Deb Wilson
Seconded by: François St. Amour

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the Estimated Statement of Operations for the year ending December 31st, 2026, as of April 30th, 2026 update.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: FUNDING SUBMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. BD-079/26

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

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve a funding submission to the Green Municipal Fund for the Adaptation in Action grant, in partnership with the Municipality of Casselman, requesting up to \$1,000,000 to support the Casselman Dam Concrete Rehabilitation project.

CARRIED



UPDATE: NATURAL HAZARDS – UNSTABLE SOILS

Sandra Mancini, Managing Director, Natural Hazards and Infrastructure, and Kenneth Omenogor, Geotechnical Engineer, presented the members with a PowerPoint presentation update on Natural Hazards – Unstable Soils.

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. BD-080/26

Moved by: Tom Smyth
Seconded by: Genevieve Lajoie

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors move into Closed Session for the following:
i. Request for Approval: Land Acquisition

CARRIED

The Board of Directors convened Closed Session at 11:04 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. BD-081/26

Moved by: Bill Smirle
Seconded by: Mike Tarnowski

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors move into Open Session.

CARRIED

The Board of Directors reconvened Open Session at 11:10 a.m.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: LAND ACQUISITION

RESOLUTION NO. BD-082/26

Moved by: Mike Tarnowski
Seconded by: Tom Smyth

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve the acquisition of 2026-SST-01 [South Stormont], as discussed in the report, subject to approval by the chief executive officer of the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE.

- a. Minister's Direction under section 1.14 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* (re: temporary restrictions)



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

- June 11th, 2026
- July – no scheduled meeting
- August 13th, 2026 (AMO Conference Aug. 16th-19th)
- September 10th, 2026 (OEMC Conference Sept. 9th-11th)
- October 15th, 2026 (Note: third Thursday)

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

Carl Bickerdike, CAO, updated the Board of Directors on Hawkesbury Creek floodplain mapping concerns raised at a Township of Hawkesbury open house. SNC, at the request of the United Counties of Prescott and Russell, met with Hawkesbury staff to clarify the floodplain mapping products.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. BD-083/26

Moved by: Bill Smirle
Seconded by: Isabelle Skalski

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors Meeting of May 14th, 2026
be adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

CARRIED

Adrian Wynands,
Chair.

Carl Bickerdike,
Chief Administrative Officer.

/rb