



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Meeting No. 02/26
Thursday, February 12th, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.

Watershed Room, SNC



Directors Present: Steve Densham, Stormont Dundas Glengarry, Chair
Catherine Kitts, City of Ottawa, Second Vice Chair (*electronic participation*)
Mathew Luloff, City of Ottawa (*electronic participation*)
Linda Payant, City of Ottawa
Isabelle Skalski, City of Ottawa
Bill Smirle, Stormont Dundas Glengarry
François St. Amour, Prescott Russell
Deb Wilson, Leeds Grenville
Adrian Wynands, Leeds Grenville, Vice Chair

Regrets: Genevieve Lajoie, Prescott Russell
Tom Smyth, Stormont Dundas Glengarry
Mike Tarnowski, Prescott Russell

Staff Present: Carl Bickerdike, Chief Administrative Officer
Ronda Boutz, Secretary-Treasurer
Jennifer Boyer, Managing Director, Approvals
Michelle Cavanagh, Team Lead, Special Projects
Philip Dagenais, Water Resources Specialist
Deborah Edwards, Accounting Assistant
Brent Harbers, Conservation Lands Planner
James Holland, Senior Planner
Hannah Jackson, Accounting and Human Resource 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
Monique Sauvé, Chief Building Official Part 8 – Septic Systems
Shahin Zand, Water Resources Engineer

Guests: Kecia Podetz, Emond Harnden, LLP (*electronic participation*)



TRADITIONAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

John Mesman, read the Indigenous land acknowledgement.

CHAIRS REMARKS

Steve Densham, Chair, called the SNC Board of Directors meeting of February 12th, 2026 to order at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF SNC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. BD-018/26

Moved by: Linda Payant
Seconded by: Adrian Wynands

RESOLVED THAT:

The Members approve the February 12th, 2026 main and supplemental agendas with the following amendment:

- Main agenda items 12 a. and 12 b., along with supplemental agenda item 2 a., be moved to follow main agenda item 4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest.

CARRIED

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. BD-019/26

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
- b. Update: Personal Matters about an Identifiable Individual, including Staff (verbal)
- c. Request for Approval: Land Acquisition

CARRIED

The Board of Directors convened Closed Session at 9:06 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. BD-020/26

Moved by: Bill Smirle
Seconded by: Matt Luloff

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors move into Open Session.

CARRIED



The Board of Directors reconvened Open Session at 10:21 a.m.
The Board of Directors recessed for a break at 10:21 a.m.
The Board of Directors reconvened Open Session at 10:30 a.m.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: LAND ACQUISITION

RESOLUTION NO. BD-021/26

Moved by: Matt Luloff
Seconded by: Catherine Kitts

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve the acquisition of 2026-NGR-01 [North Grenville], as discussed in the report.

CARRIED

UPDATE: PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING STAFF (VERBAL)

RESOLUTION NO. BD-022/26

Moved by: Adrian Wynands
Seconded by: Isabelle Skalski

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the update on Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including staff.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: LAND ACQUISITION

RESOLUTION NO. BD-023/26

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

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve the acquisition of 2026-NAT-01 [Nation], as discussed in the report.

CARRIED

STAFF UPDATE

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

A. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF JANURAY 22ND, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. BD-024/26

Moved by: Linda Payant
Seconded by: Adrian Wynands

RESOLVED THAT:

The Members approve the Board of Directors meeting minutes of January 22nd, 2026 as submitted.

CARRIED



B. SNC COMMITTEES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS AND MINUTES

RESOLUTION NO. BD-025/26

Moved by: Bill Smirle
Seconded by: Deb Wilson

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve the actions and recommendations of Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee meeting minutes of January 14th, 2026; and

FURTHER THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the Water Response Team electronic meeting minutes of January 21st, 2026.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: CONSERVATION ONTARIO RESILIENT AGRICULTURE LANDSCAPE PROGRAM MARGINAL LANDS AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION NO. BD-026/26

Moved by: Adrian Wynands
Seconded by: Linda Payant

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve amending the agreement with Conservation Ontario for the Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program (RALP) Marginal Lands Initiative for an additional \$2 million in funding and term extension to 2028.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: TRANSFER PAYMENT AGREEMENT - WETLANDS

RESOLUTION NO. BD-027/26

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

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve entering into a Transfer Payment Agreement with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for the Leitrim Wetland and Two Creeks Forest Restoration Project at a value of \$201,005.

CARRIED



REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: GREAT LAKES STEWARDSHIP AND EDUCATION AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION NO. BD-028/26

Moved by: Catherine Kitts
Seconded by: Deb Wilson

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve the payment of the 2026 Conservation Ontario Levy of \$47,692, payable in two installments of \$23,846.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR RETROGRESSION DISTANCE ANALYSIS

RESOLUTION NO. BD-029/26

Moved by: Adrian Wynands
Seconded by: Matt Luloff

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve retaining Consultant A to provide professional services to complete the statistical plot of retrogression distance versus relief for escarpment and valley landslides in sensitive marine clay project at an approximate cost of \$14,241 plus HST.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: FORESTRY SERVICES CONTRACTS

RESOLUTION NO. BD-030/26

Moved by: Linda Payant
Seconded by: Adrian Wynands

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve hiring Contractor A to complete forestry work at the Two Creeks Conservation Area to an upset limit of \$30,000 plus HST and at the Snake Island Forest to an upset limit of \$30,000 plus HST.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: 2026 WOODLOT STORM RECOVERY EXPENDITURES

RESOLUTION NO. BD-031/26

Moved by: Adrian Wynands
Seconded by: Isabelle Skalski

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve the disbursement of funds for the Woodlot Storm Recovery Program to an upset limit of \$290,000 for 2026: and



FURTHER THAT:

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

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: 2026 SNC FLOOD CONTINGENCY PLAN

RESOLUTION NO. BD-032/26

Moved by: Catherine Kitts
Seconded by: Deb Wilson

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve the 2026 South Nation Conservation Flood Contingency Plan.

CARRIED

UPDATE: CRYSLER WEIR INSPECTION REPORT

Phillip Daganais presented the members with a summary on the Chrysler Weir Inspection Report.

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

RESOLUTION NO. BD-033/26

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

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the money received report for January 2026; and

FURTHER THAT:

The Board approve the Disbursement Register of \$787,776.68 for January 2026.

CARRIED

ANNUAL PERMIT TIMELINE COMPLIANCE REPORTING FOR SECTION 28.1 PERMITS

RESOLUTION NO. BD-034/26

Moved by: Linda Payant
Seconded by: Adrian Wynands

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



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-035/26

Moved by: Isabelle Skalski
 Seconded by: Deb Wilson

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the Planning Activity for the following updates for January 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
TREE PLANTING CONTRACTS

RESOLUTION NO. BD-036/26

Moved by: Adrian Wynands
 Seconded by: Bill Smirle

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve awarding spring 2026 tree planting contracts as follows: and

Contractor	Approximate Tree Allocation	Approximate Contract Value (before HST)
Contractor A	31,900	\$17,778
Contractor B	20,376	\$17,695
Total	52,276	\$35,473

FURTHER THAT:

Tree planting contracts may be reallocated between contractors, if necessary, to meet planting deadlines and contractor capacity.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

None



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

- March 12th, 2026 (SNC AGM)
- April 9th, 2026
- May 14th, 2026
- June 11th, 2026

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

None.

ADJOURNMENT

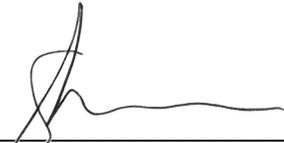
RESOLUTION NO. BD-037/26

Moved by: Isabelle Skalski
Seconded by: Adrian Wynands

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors meeting of February 12th, 2026 be adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

CARRIED



Steve Densham,
Chair.

Carl Bickerdike,
Chief Administrative Officer.

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