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## **Board of Directors**

# **Supplemental Agenda**

**Date:** April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Time:** Immediately following South Nation Source Protection Authority Meeting

**Location:** SNC Watershed Room  
SNC Office  
38 Victoria Street  
Finch, ON K0C 1K0





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April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025, immediately following South Nation Source Protection Authority meeting

1. New Business
  - a. Update: Woodlot Storm Recovery Program Expenditures: Ronda 3-4
2. Closed Session
  - a. Update: Negotiations Related to Leased Facility (verbal): Carl
  - b. Update: SNC Property Legal Matter (Verbal): Carl

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Carl Bickerdike,  
Chief Administrative Officer.

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**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Ronda Boutz, Secretary-Treasurer  
**Date:** April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
**Subject:** Update: Woodlot Storm Recovery Program Expenditures

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Board of Directors receive and file the Woodlot Storm Recovery Program Expenditures update.

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**DISCUSSION:**

The Board of Directors approved 2025 Woodlot Storm Recovery Program disbursements in February (BD-042/25); this included pursuing an amendment to the 2 Billion Trees Program agreement to request additional funding and extend the program to March 2028. The amended project budget for 2023 to 2028 is approximately \$1,772,500.

South Nation Conservation (SNC) worked with federal program staff to draft the amendment; however, signing did not occur as anticipated prior to the call of the federal election. The amendment is currently on hold during the election period.

In order to meet agreement targets, staff planned to plant 100,350 trees in spring 2025 under the Woodlot Storm Recovery Program. To meet this commitment, staff had to proceed with final site preparation contracts, order tree seedlings, and confirm tree planting contractors over the winter.

Canceling tree orders was not possible, staff moved approximately 38,500 seedlings to other programs to reduce expenditures to the Woodlot Storm Recovery Program. These seedlings will now be planted on SNC properties with support from the 50 Million Tree Program.

Staff are now proceeding with planting 61,850 seedlings through the Woodlot Storm Recovery Program this spring. Funding to offset this cost (\$200,000) is part of the proposed 2 Billion Tree Program amendment. This cost represents approximately 11% of the total amended budget.

If the 2 Billion Trees Program amendment does not proceed, staff will bring back a report to the Board with options to address the \$200,000 expenditure. Alternatives could include other external funding and reserves (not operating). SNC has several reserves targeted to forest conservation and restoration which have been built up over the years with provincial and federal funding related to lands, forestry, and stewardship activities.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/ADHERENCE TO SNC POLICY:**

Compliance with Budget: The Woodlot Storm Recovery Program was included in the 2025

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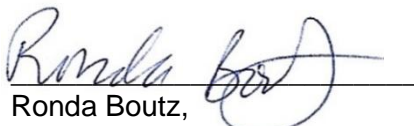


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SNC Budget based on the original project schedule. The current Budget forecast is \$575,000 and matching funds are anticipated to December 31, 2025 (United Counties of Prescott and Russell, Ottawa, landowner contributions, and in-kind contributions). This forecast is based on the proposed 2 Billion Trees Program agreement amendment.

SNC Policy Adherence: Expenditures adhere to the SNC Purchasing Policy.

Programs and Services Category: Category 3 – Watershed (Other): Private Landowner Stewardship

  
Ronda Boutz,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

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