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## **Board of Directors**

# **Supplemental Agenda**

**Date:** March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

**Time:** 9:00 am

**Location:** Watershed Room, SNC

**Address:** 38 Victoria Street, Finch, ON K0C 1K0





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# Supplemental Agenda

March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

1. Closed Session
  - a. Request for Approval: Land Acquisition: Pat 3-4
2. Correspondence
  - a. Letter: Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry RE: Delegation at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association meeting 5
  - b. Letter: Response to Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry RE: Delegation at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association meeting 6

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Carl Bickerdike,  
Chief Administrative Officer.

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February 22, 2024

His Worship Mario Zanth, Mayor of the City of Clarence Rockland  
His Worship Francis Brière, Mayor of Nation Municipalité  
His Worship Pierre Leroux, Mayor of Russell Township  
[mzanth@clarence-rockland.com](mailto:mzanth@clarence-rockland.com);  
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Dear Mayor Zanth, Mayor Brière and Mayor Leroux:

It was a pleasure to meet with your delegation at this year's Rural Ontario Municipal Association meeting.

I appreciate being able to learn about your community's concerns regarding landslide hazard funding. It is important that we continue to collaborate on shared issues to find mutually beneficial solutions.

If you have any further questions, my office is happy to help. Please contact Holly Fullager, Director of Stakeholder Relations, at 437-224-6690 or [holly.fullager@ontario.ca](mailto:holly.fullager@ontario.ca).

Thank you again for meeting with me. I look forward to continuing our work together on issues of mutual concern.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Graydon Smith".

The Honourable Graydon Smith  
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

c: Stéphane Sarrazin, MPP, Glengarry-Prescott-Russell  
Holly Fullager, Director of Stakeholder Relations, Minister's Office

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March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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**Re. ROMA Delegation – Casselman to Lemieux Potential Retrogressive Landslide Area**

Dear Honorable Graydon Smith,

On behalf of the South Nation Conservation Authority (SNC), and our municipal partners in the United Counties of Prescott-Russell, we wish to thank you the opportunity to discuss retrogressive landslides at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference in January 2024.

SNC works to manage, conserve, and restore natural resources within the SNC jurisdiction in Eastern Ontario and works in partnership with its member municipalities to protect people and property from natural hazards, including flooding, erosion, and landslides.

Landslides account for some of Canada’s worst natural disasters and over 50 landslides have been documented in sensitive marine clays in Ontario and Quebec where 252 people have died since 1771.

The Casselman to Lemieux Potential Retrogressive Landslide Area is a 20 km section of the South Nation River in the Nation Municipality that is susceptible to large-scale retrogressive landslides and where significant events occurred in 1971 and 1993. Historical and scientific reports indicate major retrogressive landslides can occur at any time.

Loss of life was avoided in the 1993 landslide after SNC worked with the Province of Ontario to relocate the former Village of Lemieux one year prior to the largest recorded landslide in Ontario. There are currently 29 homes remaining in this area and the Mitigation Plan, established through the Government of Canada’s National Disaster Mitigation Program, identifies the need to relocate the remaining homes on a willing buyer basis.

As discussed with your Ministry, we are requesting financial support on the following:

1. Casselman to Lemieux Potential Retrogressive Landslide Area Mitigation Plan: Natural Hazard Land Securement and Relocation of Primary Residences from Willing Sellers
2. Geotechnical Study of Ottawa River Potential Retrogressive Landslide Area in the City of Clarence-Rockland to Define Safe Development Areas

We thank you for your continued support of natural hazard management and we look forward to working with your government to help protect people and property from landslides. Please let us know if you require any additional information from our team.

Sincerely,

Pierre Leroux  
Chair, South Nation Conservation  
Warden, United Counties of Prescott-Russell

