



REPORT N° INF2020-01

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Subject	SNRCA Jurisdiction Expansion
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1) **NATURE/GOAL :**

The goal of this report is for Council to formally request a meeting of the South Nation River Conservation Authority (SNRCA) Board of Directors to consider the expansion of the SNRCA's jurisdiction to include the entire jurisdiction of the City of Clarence-Rockland.

2) **DIRECTIVE/PREVIOUS POLICY :**

Council approved the funding required to expand SNRCA's jurisdiction during its 2020 budget deliberations.

3) **DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATION :**

WHEREAS the City of Clarence-Rockland is partly within the current jurisdiction of the South Nation River Conservation Authority (SNRCA);

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Clarence-Rockland deems it necessary and advantageous to expand SNRCA's jurisdiction to include the entire jurisdiction of the City of Clarence-Rockland;

AND WHEREAS a request can be made to the SNRCA Board of Directors to introduce an increase in municipal levy for jurisdiction expansion over a period of three (3) year;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council requests a meeting of the South Nation River Conservation Authority Board of Directors to consider the expansion of the South Nation River Conservation Authority's jurisdiction to include the entire jurisdiction of the City of Clarence-Rockland with an increase in the municipal levy introduced over a period of three (3) years.

ATTENDU QUE seulement une partie du territoire de la Cité de Clarence-Rockland est sous la juridiction de l'Office de protection de la nature de la Rivière Nation Sud (OPNRNS);

ET ATTENDU QUE le Conseil de la Cité de Clarence-Rockland juge nécessaire et avantageux d'élargir la juridiction de l'Office de protection de la nature de la Rivière Nation Sud pour inclure l'ensemble du territoire de la Cité de Clarence-Rockland;

ET ATTENDU QUE une demande peut être faite au conseil d'administration de l'Office de protection de la nature de la Rivière Nation Sud pour que l'augmentation de la charge municipale pour l'expansion de la juridiction soit introduite sur une période de trois (3) ans;

QU'IL SOIT RÉSOLU que le Conseil de la Cité de Clarence-Rockland sollicite une réunion du Conseil d'administration de l'Office de protection de la nature de la Rivière Nation Sud à l'effet de considérer un élargissement de la juridiction de l'Office de protection de la nature de la Rivière Nation Sud pour inclure l'ensemble du territoire de la Cité de Clarence-Rockland avec une augmentation de la charge municipale pour l'expansion de la juridiction introduite sur une période de trois (3) ans.

4) **BACKGROUND :**

The City of Clarence-Rockland has a long-standing partnership with SNRCA and have benefited from SNRCA's programs and services. Most of the municipality, currently 72%, is within the Conservation Authority's watershed and jurisdiction. However, the remaining 28% not within SNRCA's jurisdiction represents the most densely populated part of Clarence-Rockland. See Attachment 1 for the Key Map of the South Nation Watershed and the section of Clarence-Rockland currently under SNRCA jurisdiction.

On behalf of the City of Clarence-Rockland, SNRCA currently delivers the following services (only to areas within the SNRCA jurisdiction);

- Conservation Authorities Act regulation and permitting
- Municipal Technical Review Service Agreement
- Septic System Inspections Part 8 of the Ontario Building Code (entire municipality)
- Risk Management Office; Delivery of the Clean Water Act and Municipal Drinking Water Source Protection Implementation

The Administration as well as Council deemed it necessary and advantageous to expand SNRCA's jurisdiction to include the entire jurisdiction of the City of Clarence-Rockland. Consequently, during its 2020 budget deliberations, Council approved the increased cost to expand SNRCA's jurisdiction.

5) **DISCUSSION :**

Council must pass a resolution formally requesting that the SNRCA Board of Directors consider the expansion of the SNRCA's jurisdiction to include the entire jurisdiction of the City of Clarence-Rockland. Once the resolution passed, it will be tabled with SNRCA's Board of Directors. The other partner Municipalities will be given notice of the request under the Conservation Authorities Act.

The expansion of SNRCA's jurisdiction provides many positive benefits, value, cost-effective environmental services and consistent regulations across the entire jurisdiction of Clarence-Rockland. The following are some of these benefits;

- Purchase forested land, receive donations of land and provide tax benefits to donors within the entire municipality.
- Expand on local forestry program outreach and deliver tree planting services within the entire municipality.
- Deliver key environmental planning and review services within the entire municipality, including high-growth areas.
- Support the Municipality with permitting activities along the Ottawa River.
- Provide updated information on the Ottawa River within the whole Municipality.
- Complete floodplain studies and review future planning applications to ensure that they are compliant with new flood risk information.

6) **CONSULTATION:**

N/A

7) **RECOMMENDATIONS OR COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE/ OTHER DEPARTMENTS :**

N/A

8) **FINANCIAL IMPACT (expenses/material/etc.):**

The cost increase of \$45,100 is phased over 3 years. During the 2020 budget deliberations, Council approved the cost of \$14,500 for the first year.

9) **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS :**

Under the Conservation Authority Act, the City is responsible for all environmental regulations and approvals for areas outside of SNRCA's jurisdiction. By expanding SNRCA's jurisdiction within the whole Municipality, the City delegates this responsibility to SNRCA.

10) **RISK MANAGEMENT :**

SNRCA has the resources and expertise to provide consistent regulations across the entire jurisdiction of Clarence-Rockland.

11) **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS :**

Expanding SNRCA's jurisdiction is consistent with the priorities outlined in the City's Strategic Plan.

12) **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Attachement 1 – Key Map

