



## SEWAGE SYSTEM MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

This Agreement dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day in the month of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

BETWEEN:

**SOUTH NATION RIVER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

(a conservation authority under the *Conservation Authorities Act*, R.S.O. 1990 c. C-27)  
(the “Conservation Authority”)

-AND-

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH STORMONT**

(a municipal corporation under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001 c. 25)  
(the “Municipality”)

**RECITALS:**

1. Pursuant to subsection 6.2 (2) of the *Building Code Act, 1992*, S.O. 1992 c.23 as amended (the “Act”), a Municipality may enter into agreement with a Conservation Authority having jurisdiction in the Municipality to enforce provisions of the Act and the Building Code, O. Reg. 332/12 (“the Building Code”), related to Sewage Systems.
2. This Agreement is entered into pursuant to the Act, delegating to the Conservation Authority certain responsibilities under the Act and Building Code, as amended from time to time, for Sewage Systems as defined herein.

**IN CONSIDERATION** of the mutual covenants herein contained, the Parties agree as follows:



## ARTICLE ONE

### GENERAL

Section 1.01 Application: This Agreement applies to all Properties in the Municipality serviced by Sewage Systems (“the Service Area”).

Section 1.02 Duties: The Conservation Authority shall carry out its duties in accordance with the Act and the Building Code in force from time to time, this Agreement, and any other legislation contemplated hereunder.

## ARTICLE TWO

### DEFINITIONS

Section 2.01

In this Agreement:

“Act” means the *Building Code Act, 1992*, S.O. 1992, c.23 including amendments thereto.

“Building Code” means regulations made under subsection 34 (0.1) of the Act.

“Conservation Authority” means the South Nation River Conservation Authority.

“Permit” means written permission or written authorization to perform work regulated under the provisions of the Building Code and Act.

“Sewage System” means:

- (a) a chemical toilet, an incinerating toilet, a re-circulating toilet, a self-contained portable toilet and all forms of privy including a portable privy, an earth pit privy, a pail privy, a privy vault and a composting toilet system.
- (b) a grey water system,
- (c) a cesspool,
- (d) a leaching bed system, or
- (e) a system that requires or uses a holding tank for the retention of hauled sewage at the site where it is produced before its collection by a hauled sewage system, where these
- (f) have a design capacity of 10,000 litres per day or less,
- (g) have, in total, a design capacity of 10,000 litres per day or less, where more than



- one of these are located on a lot or parcel of land, and  
(h) are located wholly within the boundaries of the lot or parcel of land on which is located the building or buildings they serve.

“Sewage System Inspector” means an employee of South Nation Conservation designated for the purpose of implementing Part 8 of the Building Code.

“The Service Area” means this Agreement applies to all Properties in the Municipality serviced by Sewage Systems.

### **ARTICLE THREE**

#### **SERVICES OF THE CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

Section 3.01 Services: The Conservation Authority shall provide the following services in the Service Area (the “Services”):

- (i) Inspection of Properties, not serviced by municipal sewage services, which are planned to be divided by severance, to ensure that each lot will be suitable for the installation of a Sewage System.
- (ii) Inspection of Properties prior to the issuance of a Permit for the construction, installation, establishment, enlargement, extension or alteration of a Sewage System.
- (iii) Inspection of Sewage Systems of Properties under consideration for connection to municipal sewage services.
- (iv) Issue permits under the Act and the Building Code relating to Sewage Systems (a “Permit”).
- (v) Inspection of Properties to determine the acceptability of applications for minor variances or lot line adjustments, concerning existing and proposed Sewage Systems and review of official plans and zoning by-laws and amendments to ensure compliance with provisions of the Act and Building Code relating to Sewage Systems.
- (vi) Issue permits upon successful inspection (and repeat inspection when necessary) of Sewage Systems for compliance of the Permit and other requirements under the Act or Building Code.



- (vii) Receive and process applications and requests related to activities listed in paragraphs (i) through (vi) of this section.
- (viii) Provide reports and comments on minor variances and severances directly to the appropriate planning authority related to septic systems.
- (ix) Review planning documents including, but not limited to, subdivision proposals, draft official plans, and proposed amendments, to ensure compliance with provisions of the Act and Building Code relating to Sewage Systems.
- (x) Maintain adequate records of all documents and other materials used in performing the duties required under this Agreement.
- (xi) Consult with various groups regarding compliance with provisions of the Act and Building Code relating to Sewage Systems.
- (xii) Respond to inquiries made by any person under the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and related Regulations, as amended from time to time, or through other legal channels.
- (xiii) Investigate complaints and malfunctioning Sewage Systems, undertake compliance counseling and preparation of reports for abatement action as it relates to existing and proposed Sewage Systems.
- (xiv) Issue orders under the Act relating to Sewage Systems.
- (xv) Prepare documentation necessary for prosecutions including prosecuting violations relating to Sewage Systems under the Building Code. Perform all duties related to prosecutions relating to Sewage Systems pursuant to the *Provincial Offences Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.33 and the Act.
- (xvi) Provide all forms and clerical services necessary for the administration of this Agreement.
- (xvii) Any other matters related to the administration or enforcement of the Act or Building Code relating to Sewage Systems.
- (xviii) Provide promptly to the Municipality, as may be required from time to time, copies of documents used by the Conservation Authority staff in the performance of their duties under this Agreement.



- (xix) To advise the Municipality of any existing Sewage Systems within the Service Area to allow for possible sewer connection.
- (xx) Maintain an appropriate number of adequately trained staff to carry out the services in a timely fashion.

Section 3.02 Performance of Duties: Dialogue is encouraged between the Conservation Authority's Sewage System Inspector and the Senior Administration Officer or Chief Building Official of the Municipality; however, the Conservation Authority shall, acting reasonably, and in accordance with our Code of Conduct (Appendix A) and applicable legislation, have discretion in determining the manner in which to perform the Services.

## **ARTICLE FOUR**

### **FEES**

Section 4.01 Collection of Fees: The Conservation Authority shall collect and retain all fees, as set out in Appendix B, payable by any person for work performed by the Conservation Authority hereunder as compensation for its services provided hereunder and all persons required to pay any such fee shall pay the fee to the Conservation Authority.

Section 4.02 Amendment of Fee Schedule: The Conservation Authority may amend the fees as set out in Appendix B by applying a 2% cost of living each year, subject to the provisions of Section 1.9.1, Division C of the Building Code.

## **ARTICLE FIVE**

### **INSPECTORS**

Section 5.01 Qualifications and Powers: Sewage System Inspectors shall be qualified in accordance with the provisions of the Building Code and shall be appointed by the Conservation Authority's Board of Directors pursuant to subsection 6.2 (3) of the Act. Pursuant to subsection 6.2 (4) of the Act, Sewage System Inspectors shall have the same powers and duties in relation to Sewage Systems as does the Chief Building Official of the Municipality in respect of buildings.

## **ARTICLE SIX**

### **LIABILITY, INSURANCE, AND INDEMNITY**

Section 6.01 Insurance: The Conservation Authority shall at their own expense within ten (10) days of notification of acceptance and prior to the commencement of work, obtain and maintain



until the termination of the contract or otherwise stated, provide the Municipality with evidence of:

**Commercial General Liability Insurance** issued on an occurrence basis for an amount of not less than \$5,000,000 per occurrence / \$5,000,000 annual aggregate for any negligent acts or omissions by the Conservation Authority relating to its obligations under this Agreement. Such insurance shall include, but is not limited to bodily injury and property damage including loss of use; personal injury; contractual liability; premises, property and operations; non-owned automobile; broad form property damage, broad form completed operations; owners and contractors protective; occurrence property damage; products; employees as Additional Insured(s); contingent employer's liability; tenants legal liability, cross liability and severability of interest clause.

**Error and Omissions Insurance** for a limit of not less than \$2,000,000 per incident on a claims basis. Such coverage shall contain an extended reporting period of twenty-four (24) months or be maintained for a period of two years subsequent to conclusion of service provided under this Agreement.

**Environmental Impairment Liability** with a limit of not less than \$5,000,000 per incident /annual aggregate. Coverage shall include Third Party Bodily Injury and Property Damage including restoration costs. If such insurance is issued on a claims made basis, coverage shall contain a 24 month extended reporting period or be maintained for a period of two years subsequent to conclusion of services provided under this Agreement.

**Automotive Liability Insurance** with respect to owned or leased vehicles used directly or indirectly in the performance of the services covering liability for bodily injury, death and damage to property with a limit of not less than \$5,000,000 inclusive for each and every loss.

The Municipality shall be added as Additional Insured to the above noted policies with respect to the operation of the Conservation Authority. This insurance shall be non-contributing with and apply as primary and not as excess of any insurance available to the Municipality.

The Policies shown above shall not be cancelled or materially changed unless the Insurer notifies the Municipality in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of the change or cancellation. The insurance policies will be in a form and with a company which are, in all respects, acceptable to the Municipality.

The Conservation Authority shall provide confirmation of Workers Safety Insurance Board (WSIB) coverage to the Municipality.

All deductibles related to the operations of the Conservation Authority shall be the sole





responsibility of the Conservation Authority and the Municipality shall bear no cost towards such deductibles. The Conservation Authority shall be responsible for insuring their property and the Municipality shall bear no cost towards such insurance. Should the Conservation Authority fail to insure their property, the Municipality will not be liable for such property in the event of a loss.

Section 6.02 Liability of the Conservation Authority: The Conservation Authority shall indemnify and save harmless the Municipality, their elected officials, officers, employees and volunteers from and against any and all claims, actions, losses, expenses, fines, costs (including legal costs), interest or damages of every nature and kind whatsoever, including but not limited to bodily injury or damage to or destruction of tangible property including loss of revenue arising out of or allegedly attributable to the negligence, acts, errors, omissions, whether willful or otherwise by the Conservation Authority, their officers, employees, or others who the Conservation Authority is legally responsible. This indemnity shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any insurance to be provided by the Municipality in accordance with this agreement and shall survive this agreement.

Section 6.03 Liability of the Municipality: The Municipality shall indemnify and save harmless the Conservation Authority from and against all claims, demands, losses, costs, damage, actions, suits, or proceedings by whosoever made, brought or prosecuted in any manner based upon, arising out of, related to, occasioned by or attributed to the negligence of the Municipality in executing its obligations under this Agreement.

## ARTICLE SEVEN

### TERM AND TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

Section 7.01 Term: This Agreement shall continue in force commencing the date set out at the top of page 1 for a term of five (5) years.

Section 7.02 Deemed Renewal: This Agreement shall automatically continue following the expiry of the term set out above until it is:

- a) Superseded or replaced by a subsequent agreement; or
- b) Terminated in its entirety by either party by giving one hundred twenty (120) days written notice.

Section 7.03 Early Termination: Subject to section 7.04, this Agreement may not be terminated prior to the end of the term set out in section 7.01 hereto unless such termination is agreed to in writing by both parties hereto.



Section 7.04 Termination for Default:

- (i) The Municipality may terminate this Agreement at any time prior to the end of the term set out in section 7.01 if:
  - (a) the Conservation Authority has failed to comply with the Act or the Building Code in fulfilling its obligations under this Agreement; or
  - (b) the Conservation Authority is not carrying out its duties or obligations pursuant to this Agreement; and the Conservation Authority fails to remedy the problem in a manner satisfactory to the Municipality, acting reasonably, within 120 days of being notified by the Municipality in writing of any such problem.
- (ii) The Conservation Authority may terminate this Agreement at any time prior to the end of the term set out in section 7.01 if:
  - (a) the Municipality has failed to comply with the Act or the Building Code in fulfilling its obligations under this Agreement; or
  - (b) the Municipality is not carrying out its duties or obligations pursuant to this Agreement; and the Municipality fails to remedy the problem in a manner satisfactory to the Conservation Authority, acting reasonably, within 120 days of being notified by the Conservation Authority in writing of any such problem.

**ARTICLE EIGHT**

**ARBITRATION**

8.01 Arbitration: If a dispute arises between the parties relating to any matter in this Agreement, the parties agree to resolve the dispute in strict compliance with the following procedures:

- (i) To meet within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date a notice of dispute is filed by either party, each party to be in attendance represented by legal counsel, to participate in good faith in negotiating a resolution of the dispute.
- (ii) To negotiate in good faith, personally and through counsel, for a period of thirty (30) days after the meeting.
- (iii) If, within the thirty (30) day period after such meeting, the parties have not succeeded in negotiating a resolution of the dispute, to submit the dispute to arbitration.





(iv) The parties shall meet and appoint a single arbitrator. If they are unable to agree on a single arbitrator within fifteen (15) days, then upon written notice by any party to the other the matter shall be settled by arbitration in accordance with the *Arbitrations Act*, 1991, of Ontario by delivery of a notice of arbitration to the other party.

## ARTICLE NINE

### RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES

9.01 It is expressly agreed that this Agreement shall not be construed as a partnership or joint venture between the Conservation Authority or any subcontractor and the Municipality. The Conservation Authority shall have no authority to bind the Municipality for the performance of any contract or otherwise obligate the Municipality.

## ARTICLE TEN

### MISCELLANEOUS

Section 10.01 Preamble: The preamble hereto shall be deemed to form an integral part hereof.

Section 10.02 Amendments: This Agreement shall not be changed, modified, terminated, or discharged in whole or in part except by instrument in writing signed by the parties hereto, or their respective successors or permitted assigns, or otherwise as provided herein.

Section 10.03 Assignment: This Agreement shall not be assignable by either party hereto without the written consent of the other party being first obtained.

Section 10.04 Force Majeure: Any delay or failure of either party to perform its obligations under this Agreement shall be excused and this Agreement is suspended if, and to the extent, that the delay or failure is caused by an event occurrence beyond the reasonable control of the party and without its fault or negligence, such as, by way of example and not by way of limitation, acts of God, fires, floods, wind storms, riots, labor problems (including lock-outs, strikes and slow-downs) or court injunction or order.

Section 10.05 By-Laws: Any by-laws passed under subsection 7 (1) of the Act and all forms, applications, etc. related to Sewage Systems shall be provided to the Municipality by the Conservation Authority upon request at no charge.

Section 10.06 Notices: Any notice, report or other communication required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be in writing unless some other method of giving such notice, report or



other communication is expressly accepted by the party to whom it is given by being delivered to an officer of such party during normal working hours or mailed to the following addresses of the parties respectively:

To the Conservation Authority:

South Nation River Conservation Authority  
38 Victoria Street, P.O. Box 29  
Finch, ON K0C 1K0  
Attention: General Manager/Secretary Treasurer

To the Municipality:

The Township of South Stormont  
2 Mille Roches Road, PO Box 84  
Long Sault, ON K0C 1P0  
Attention: Chief Administrative Officer

Any notice, report or other written communication, if delivered, shall be deemed to have been given or made on the date on which it was delivered to any employee of such party, or if mailed, postage prepaid, shall be deemed to have been given or made on the third business day following the day on which it was mailed (unless at the time of mailing or within forty-eight hours thereof there shall be a strike, interruption or lock-out in the Canadian postal service in which case service shall be by way of delivery only). Either party may at any time give notice in writing to the other party of the change of its address for the purpose of this section.

Section 9.07 Headings: The section headings hereof have been inserted for the convenience of reference only and shall not be construed to affect the meaning, construction or effect of this Agreement.

Section 9.08 Governing Law: The provisions of this Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario as at the time in effect.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year set out below.

**SOUTH NATION RIVER CONSERVATION  
 AUTHORITY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Chair Date:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 General Manager/  
 Secretary Treasurer Date:

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH  
 STORMONT**

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 Mayor Date:

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 Clerk Date:



# APPENDIX A

## SNC CODE OF CONDUCT

### Purpose of this Code of Conduct

The Conservation Authority establishes a Code of Conduct per subsection 7.1 (1) of the *Building Code Act*, 1992 as amended for the Sewage System Inspector and the designated inspectors.

- 1) To promote appropriate standards of behavior and enforcement actions by the Sewage System Inspector and designated inspectors in the exercise of a power or the performance of a duty under the *Building Code Act* or the Building Code.
- 2) To prevent practices which may constitute an abuse of power, including unethical or illegal practices, by the Sewage System Inspector and designated inspectors in the exercise of a power or the performance of a duty under the *Building Code Act* or the Building Code.
- 3) To promote appropriate standards of honesty and integrity in the exercise of a power or the performance of a duty under the *Building Code Act* or the Building Code by the Sewage System Inspector and the designated inspectors.
- 4) Duty to Carry Identification as indicated in section 15.23 of the *Building Code Act* and employment standards
- 5) Inspection of Building Site as indicated in subsection 12 (1) of the *Building Code Act*

### Enforcement Guidelines

The Sewage System Inspector and designated inspectors appointed with South Nation Conservation shall comply with this code of conduct. The appointed Sewage System Inspector or the designated inspectors who fails to act in accordance with the provisions of this code may be subject to disciplinary action appropriate to the seriousness of the breach. All allegations concerning a breach of this code shall be made in writing.

Any person who has reason to believe that this code of conduct has been breached may bring the matter to the attention of the Sewage System Inspector. Where the allegation concerns the actions of the Sewage System Inspector, the matter may be brought to the attention of the senior staff person to whom the Sewage System Inspector reports.



The Sewage System Inspector or senior staff person who receives information, in writing, concerning a significant breach of this code shall investigate the matter, and where appropriate shall commence disciplinary action in accordance with the employment standards of the place of work. All communications received by a Sewage System Inspector or senior staff person concerning a breach of this code shall be held in confidence. The Sewage System Inspector or senior staff person shall advise the Board of Directors in writing about the particulars of the alleged breach, its investigation and the final disposition of the matter upon its conclusion.

### **Disciplinary Action**

Disciplinary action arising from violation of the Code is the responsibility of South Nation Conservation and will be based on the severity and frequency of the violation in accordance with employment laws and standards, and relevant collective agreements.

### **Code of Conduct**

In exercising powers and performing duties under the *Building Code Act* and the Building Code, the Sewage System Inspector and designated inspectors shall:

- 1) Exercise powers in accordance with the provisions of the *Building Code Act*, the Building Code and other applicable law that governs the authorization, construction, occupancy and safety of buildings and designated structures, and the actions, duties and qualifications of the Sewage System Inspector and designated inspectors;
- 2) Act to identify and enforce compliance where significant contravention of the Act or regulations are known to exist;
- 3) Apply all relevant building laws, regulations and standards in a consistent and fair manner, where a personal interest may create a conflict;
- 4) Not accept any personal benefit which may create a conflict with their duties; or perform duties where a personal interest may create a conflict;
- 5) Obtain the counsel of persons with expertise where the Sewage System Inspector or designated inspectors does not possess sufficient knowledge to make an informed judgment; and
- 6) Act honestly, reasonably and professionally in the discharge of their duties

### **Public Notice**

This code of conduct shall be brought to the attention of the public in the following manner:

- Posting on Conservation Authority's website, and
- Public viewing by attending at the Conservation Authority's office and requesting a copy.



# APPENDIX B

## FEE SCHEDULE

### SEWAGE SYSTEM INSPECTIONS

Attached

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# APPENDIX C

## CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

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