

NCC Sustainable Development Strategy

In June, 2017, the NCC held public consultation sessions for stakeholders as well as the public for input for the renewal of their Environmental Strategy.

Following these meetings, the NCC adopted the framework from the Federal Sustainable Development Strategy (FSDS).

The NCC is currently identifying targets and developing action plans for their new Sustainable Development Strategy. Given the broad mandate of the NCC they have determined 10 of the 13 long-term goals outlined in the FSDS that will be included in their strategy.

The NCC held 2 workshops on November 30th, that were well attended including Federal Government (Public Services and Procurement Canada; RCMP); Municipal Government (City of Ottawa Ecologist, Forester, Public Health Nurse); South Nation Conservation Authority; NGOs (Nature Canada, Ottawa-Carleton Wildlife Centre, Safe Wings Ottawa); a representative from the FCA and individuals.

The NCC presented their first draft of the targets and action plans and attendees were asked to comment. The range of topics was very wide, including sustainable agriculture, biodiversity protection, to how the NCC will handle contaminated sites on their lands.

Kate and Donna attended from the Ottawa-Carleton Wildlife Centre and voiced concerns over the protection of all wildlife species, not just those species at risk, the value of wetlands and the need to utilize green infrastructure. They also reiterated the wealth of knowledge and resources that can be found in various organizations and community associations and that collaboration and transparency are vital.

The NCC plans to have a Draft completed in February 2018 with consultation and approvals occurring in the spring with the expectation of launching it in September 2018.