

1. Land Acknowledgement

We would like to begin by acknowledging that the Essex Region is the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations, comprised of the Ojibway, the Odawa, and the Potawatomi Peoples.

We acknowledge the relationship that First Nations has with the land and the water and the harms and mistakes of our past as we continue to move forward in the spirit of reconciliation.

As we do at our meetings, I'll begin with a statement of hope and a statement of gratitude. I'm grateful that you have put up with all of our technical difficulties and I hope that we're productive today.

2. Call to Order

Good evening and welcome to the November 9, 2022 meeting of the Essex Region Source Protection Committee.

We have quorum with 10 members present and 1 member present by proxy. I will call the meeting to order at this time, 4:40 pm.

3. Chair's Welcome

I received a letter from the minister's office reappointing me as chair of this committee for the next three years. I appreciate the comments that he made in that letter as I've been here for a long time. Beth Forrest is with us today from the ministry as our recently appointed representative has moved on to another job. We will have Beth elaborate later on. We had been discussing changes on this committee that might take place as a result of elections. Larry Verbeke has indicated that he would like to continue on this committee as the liaison from the Source Protection Authority and these minutes will reflect that. Larry is a valued member with a wealth of knowledge. Nelson Santos has moved on from Kingsville to another municipality and as a result, leaves this committee. Kathleen Schneckeburger is our current Risk Management Official, replacing Laura on her maternity leave. She was previously in the role of regulations technician with the Conservation Authority and has now been promoted to Resource Planner. She will continue as RMO until Laura returns.

Conservation Ontario for a new staffing list for our branch due to the volume of changes in staff members.

There was a big change in the summertime, the Conservation Authorities file is being transferred back to MNRF from MECP. That file is leaving our branch along with the staff that were working on it.

There are no changes with the Source Protection program. The Best Practices for Source Protection document was released earlier this year. Its purpose was to address other systems that were not covered under the Clean Water Act. We have started a pilot project for these best practices for First Nations drinking water systems. We undertook outreach to Source Protection Authorities to find First Nations communities that have indicated an interest in source protection planning over the years. We will potentially fund 5-7 First Nations communities for source protection planning using the best practices document. We have selected 7 First Nations communities, most of which are in the north. We are currently working on developing transfer payment agreements to do that work from start to finish. We will keep you updated on this project.

The Ministry is still working on a number of Section 34 amendments and Section 36 updates. Interim progress reporting from a funding perspective is coming up at the end of November. This will be available for Katie very shortly. We are currently working on revisions to the questions in annual reporting. And lastly, we are working internally on a presentation that summarizes all the results from the previous reporting year.

Question: Tom – Katie has been very busy with the new threats table. Are all the other 19 committees doing the same?

Beth: To a certain degree, yes. Some committees completed their updates prior to the release of the latest adaptation of the Technical Rules so they will have to go back and align their updates to the 2021 version of the Technical Rules.

Katie: Yes, knowing that these policy changes were coming, I pushed our updating process back so that we could incorporate them. The project managers group is very collaborative and we are all sharing notes and helping one another.

9. Delegations

None.

10. Delegations

None.

11. Presentations

None.

12. Reports for Approval

A. Report SPC 08/22 – S.36 Update – New Storage of Hauled Sewage Policy

THAT the SPC approve the proposed new policy for hauled sewage to be submitted to the MECP for early engagement.

Resolution SPC 20/22 Moved by Ron Barrette
Seconded by John Barnett

Carried

B. Report SPC 09/22 – S.36 Update – Hazardous & Municipal Waste Policies

THAT the SPC approve the proposed amended and new policies for landfilling and storage of various categories of waste and that they be submitted to the MECP for early engagement.

Resolution SPC 21/22 Moved by Jim Drummond
Seconded by Chris Snip

Carried

C. Report SPC 10/22 – S.36 Update – Stormwater Policy Amendments

THAT the SPC approve the proposed amended policies for stormwater management to be submitted to the MECP for early engagement.

Resolution SPC 22/22 Moved by Matthew Merrett
Seconded by Chris Snip

Carried

D. Report SPC 11/22 – S.36 Update – Pesticide Policy Amendments

THAT the SPC approve the proposed amended policies for application and storage of pesticide to be submitted to the MECP for early engagement.

Resolution SPC 23/22 Moved by Cynthia Ouellet
Seconded by Antonietta Giofu

Carried

E. Report SPC 12/22 – S.36 Update – Policies with Minor Edits

THAT the SPC approve the proposed amended policies in SPC Report 12.22 to be submitted to the MECP for early engagement.

Resolution SPC 24/22 Moved by Matthew Merrett
Seconded by Jim Drummond

Carried

13. New Business

None.

14. Other Business

None.

15. Adjournment

Resolution SPC 25/22 Moved by Tim Mousseau
Seconded by John Barnett

That the November 9, 2022 meeting of the Essex Region Source Protection Authority be adjourned at 5:49 pm. **Carried**

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Essex Region Source Protection Committee is to be held on February 8, 2023 starting at 4:00 p.m. This will be an in-person meeting.



Tom Fuerth
Chair



Katie Stammler
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