

## Source Protection Committee

Minutes of Meeting of the Essex Region Source Protection Committee (SPC) held on  
**Wednesday, February 10, 2021** via Zoom video conferencing.

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<b>Members Present:</b>	Tom Fuerth (Chair)	Tim Mousseau
	John Barnett – audio only	Cynthia Ouellet
	Ron Barrette – carrying proxy for Jean-Marc Beneteau	Nelson Santos
	Albert Dionne	Chris Snip
	Jim Drummond- carrying proxy for Bill Dukes	Larry Verbeke (SPA Liaison)
	Antionetta Giofu	Ian Wilson
	Thom Hunt	Olga Yudina (MECP Liaison)
	Matthew Merritt	

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**Absent:**

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**Regrets:** Jean-Marc Beneteau  
Bill Dukes

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**Staff:** Katie Stammer, Project Manager, Source Water Protection/Water Quality Scientist  
Lisa Pavan, Administrative Associate, Corporate Services  
Samantha Dundas, Water Quality Technician  
Aaron Zimmer, Multimedia Specialist

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**Delegates:**

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**Guests:** Kevin Webb  
Aaron Coristine  
Heather Crewe

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## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

## CALL TO ORDER

The Chair of the SPC, Tom Fuerth, called the meeting to order at 4:13 pm.

## **CHAIR'S WELCOME**

Chair Tom Fuerth welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologized for the delay due to technical difficulties. He proceeded to introduce Lisa Pavan as the new administrative support staffer for the SPC Committee. Samantha Dundas, Water Quality Technician was introduced and the group was advised that she was present to provide technical information when needed.

Mr. Fuerth announced that Tim Byrne had been named ERCA's new CAO and that Tania Jobin was elected chair of the ERCA Board of Directors and Kieran Mackenzie it's new vice chair.

The new members of the committee were then introduced; Aaron Coristine of the Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers Association, who replaces Justine Taylor and Kevin Webb from the City of Windsor, who will replace Ian Wilson.

Mr. Fuerth ended his address with notification of the next meeting of the SPC Committee chairs by teleconference on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None

## **AGENDA**

1. Agenda for the Meeting of the Essex Region Source Protection Committee (SPC) held on Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Resolution SPC 01/21 Moved by Tim Mousseau

Seconded by Ron Barrette

*THAT the Agenda for the Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Meeting of the Essex Region Source Protection Committee (SPC) be approved*

- CARRIED

## **MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the Meeting of the Source Protection Committee (SPC) held on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Resolution SPC 02/21 Moved by Matthew Merritt

Seconded by John Barnett

*THAT the Minutes for the Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Meeting of the Essex Region Source Protection Committee (SPC) be approved as presented*

- CARRIED

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter to Pat Kinch, Manager, Source Protection Programs Branch

RE: Cannabis Operations in ERSPA

Resolution SPC 03/21

Moved by John Barnett

Seconded by Jim Drummond

*THAT the information be received*

- CARRIED

## **SOURCE PROTECTION AUTHORITY (SPA) INFORMATION**

1. Minutes for the Meeting of the Essex Region Source Protection Authority (SPA) held on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Resolution SPC 04/21

Moved by Albert Dionne

Seconded by Nelson Santos

*THAT the Minutes for the Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Meeting of the Essex Region Source Protection Authority (SPA) be received.*

- CARRIED

## **MECP LIAISON'S UPDATE**

Olga Yudina, MECP Liaison provided two brief updates to the SPC.

### **1) Changes to the Conservation Authorities Act**

The province passed changes to the Act in early December of 2020. The purpose of the changes was to ensure consistency and transparency across conservation authorities in Ontario and to focus them on their core mandates:

- Protecting people and property from natural hazards
- Conservation and management of CA owned lands
- Source protection under the Clean Water Act

Implementation is moving forward with the help of a working group comprising representatives from conservation authorities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Conservation Ontario, and other subject matter experts along with support from MECP and MNRF staff.

The intent is for the group to provide input to the provincial government and to inform the upcoming regulatory proposals. These proposals will be available for public consultation.

The province is continuing to provide funding to conservation authorities to support the fulfilment of their obligations as source protection authorities under the Clean Water Act. This funding enables the ongoing protection of municipal drinking water sources from contamination or depletion and that source protection plans continue to be relevant and up to date. Funding is in place for this current fiscal year, and we have moved forward with the call for proposals for the upcoming fiscal year.

## 2) **Proposed Changes to Director Technical Rules**

The proposed changes to the Director Technical Rules were posted for comment on the Environmental Registry (EBR) of Ontario. The posting was open for 90 days and closed on November 9, 2020. The comments are currently being reviewed and the feedback considered to determine if amendments should be made to the posted proposal. Most comments were technical in nature and a few related to how the proposed changes will impact the policy or the program.

At this time there is no date or timeline for when the amendments will be posted as final on EBR.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

1. "2019 Annual Progress Reporting – Provincial Summary"
  - Olga Yudina, Liaison Officer, MECP
  
2. "Walking a Tightrope: Road salt management here and now"
  - Heather Crewe, Retired Manager of Professional Development and Training, Ontario Good Roads Association

**REPORTS** - A PowerPoint presentation to the SPC was provided to accompany the reports

1. **Report SPC 01/21** – Update on Water Quality Monitoring Projects

Resolution SPC 05/21

Moved by Albert Dionne

Seconded by Cynthia Ouellett

*THAT Report SPC 01/21 be received for information*

- CARRIED

2. **Report SPC 2/21** – Source Protection Committee membership and Meeting Schedule

Resolution SPC 06/21

Moved by Albert Dionne

Seconded by Jim Drummond

*THAT Report SPC 02/21 be received for information.*

- CARRIED

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution SPC 07/21

Moved by Tim Mousseau

Seconded by Ron Barrette

*THAT the meeting be adjourned at 5:59 pm.*

- CARRIED

### **DATE – NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Source Protection Committee (SPC) is tentatively scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

### **CONCLUSION OF MEETING**



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Katie Stammler,  
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Water Quality Scientist