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Essex Region Source Protection Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Time: 4:00 pm

Location and Details: via Zoom Video Conferencing

Attendance

Members Present: Tom Fuerth (Chair)

Albert Dionne

Nelson Santos Kevin Webb John Barnett Chris Snip

Matthew Merrett Jim Drummond
Bill Dukes Tim Mousseau
Chad Quinlan Ron Barrette
Antonietta Giofu Cynthia Ouellett

Larry Verbeke (SPA Liaison)

Catherine Eby (new MECP Liaison) Victoria Pezculis (WECHU Liaison)

Sumaiya Habiba (County of Essex Liaison)

Absent: Aaron Coristine, Thom Hunt

Staff Present: Katie Stammler, Water Quality Scientist/Project Manager Source Water

Protection

Aaron Zimmer, Multimedia Specialist Lisa Pavan, Administrative Associate

Others: Warren Higgins

1. Land Acknowledgement

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

We acknowledge 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 we have the opportunity to meet together in this digital format, I'm grateful to see the sun shining today, I'm hopeful that we have a great meeting and I'm very excited to present to you the progress that we've made on the annual report.

2. Call to Order

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

I will call the meeting to order at this time, 4:04 pm.

3. Chair's Welcome

I'd like to welcome Catherine Eby who is joining us for the first time on her own today as the liaison from the ministry. Also with us is Larry Verbeke, he is the liaison from the ERCA Board's Source Protection Authority. And we have Victoria Pezculis, our liaison form the Windsor Essex County Health Unit.

4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

5. Approval of Agenda

Resolution SPC 05/22 Moved by Albert Dionne Seconded by Matthew Merrett

That the agenda for the March 9, 2022 Meeting of the Essex Region Source Protection Committee be approved. **Carried**

6. Adoption of Minutes

A. Essex Region Source Protection Committee

Resolution SPC 06/22 Moved by Albert Dionne Seconded by Jim Drummond

That the minutes for the February 8, 2022 Meeting of the Essex Region Source Protection Committee (ERSPC) be approved and the recommendations therein be adopted as distributed. **Carried**

B. Essex Region Source Protection Authority

None.

7. Correspondence

None.

8. MECP Liaison's Update

Two updates:

The Director's Technical Rules were approved and posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario on December 3, 2021. New guidance material pertaining to the Director's Technical Rules was released on Feb 15, 2022.

Program managers are being encouraged to provide a focused list of questions after reviewing the rules and the guidance. If necessary, there will be regional discussions to answer any outstanding questions.

Best Practices for Source Water Protection were released on Feb 18, 2022, accompanied by survey. These were designed to help communities and landowners in areas not covered by a provincially approved Source Protection Plan.

9. Delegations

None.

10. Presentations

Catherine Eby, MECP Liaison

MECP Results of 2020 Annual Progress Reporting

11. Reports for Approval

A. Report SPC 02/22 – Draft Responses for the 2021 Annual Reporting Template

THAT the 2021 Essex Region Source Protection Authority Annual Progress Report be submitted to the MECP on or before May 1, 2022 pending suggested changes and additions made by the SPC, and endorsement by the SPA..

Resolution SPC 07/22 Moved by Matthew Merrett Seconded by Jim Drummond

12. New Business

None

13. Other Business

14. Adjournment

Resolution SPC 08/22 Moved by Tim Mousseau Seconded by Albert Dionne

That the March 9, 2022 meeting of the Essex Region Source Protection Authority be adjourned at 5:00 pm. **Carried**

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Essex Region Source Protection Committee is to be held on June 8, 2022 starting at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom web conferencing

Tom Fuerth Chair

Katie Stammler
Water Quality Scientist/
Project Manager Source Water Protection