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# **Essex Region Source Protection Committee Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Time: 4:00 pm

Location and Details: via Zoom Video Conferencing

#### Attendance

**Members Present:** Tom Fuerth (Chair)

Nelson Santos John Barnett audio only

Cynthia Ouellet Tim Mousseau Ron Barrette

Thom Hunt Chad Quinlan

Larry Verbeke (SPA Liaison)
Mary Wooding (MECP Liaison)

Albert Dionne

Kevin Webb Chris Snip

Matthew Merrett

Bill Dukes

Jim Drummond

**Absent:** Antonietta Giofu, Aaron Coristine

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

Protection

Aaron Zimmer, Multimedia Specialist

Laura Neufeld, Regulations Technician, RMO

Lisa Pavan, Administrative Associate

**Others:** Heather Crewe

## 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.

In keeping with Indigenous practices, we like to begin our meetings with a statement of hope and a statement of gratitude, so we hope that we have an excellent and thoughtful meeting today and hope that we all have a wonderful holiday season ahead of us.

#### 2. Call to Order

Good evening and welcome to the December 8, 2021 meeting of the Essex Region Source Protection Committee.

I will call the meeting to order at this time, 4:07 pm.

#### 3. Chair's Welcome

Welcome everyone, we have a big crowd here today. Ten members are present for quorum.

I met with Kirsten Corrigal by Zoom. Kirsten is our new director at the Ministry. She has excellent familiarity with Essex-Windsor. We spoke candidly about the state of the program and she shared news about a couple of upcoming items.

The ministry is asking this year for a two-year plan and funding submission, something we have been promoting for years. This should lead to a little more stability for our SPA staff in work planning. This planning needs to be informed by changes in the Director's Technical Rules, of which we have received the final version. The deadline for work plan submission has been extended to January 14, 2022. Planning will also be informed by the initiatives which we have already decided on for our s.36 Update. Chloe Stewart and Kirsten Corrigal bring new life to branch direction and I was pleased with the interview.

I met this morning with other Chairs, Ministry staff and program managers where we heard several presentations about education and engagement. Conservation Ontario discussed the rather extensive work they have accomplished in developing communication pieces, which are available to all of us. You can retrieve them in the Source Protection section on the Conservation Ontario website.

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority & Maitland Valley Conservation Authority made a presentation regarding their communication work. They have made several videos. They were the progenitors of the roadside video and encouraged us with what

they were doing. They are continuing this work by using committee members to talk about source water protection and how it affects activities in which they are involved.

There were questions regarding Source Water 101 materials and programs for new SPA and SPC members.

Welcome to Chad Quinlan. He is our newest member representing the farming community.

Welcome to Mary Wooding who is here in place of Olga Yudina our MECP representative. We wish Olga the best in her new role. Congratulations to Laura, who is starting her maternity leave in February. Kathleen Schnekenburger will replace Laura in Risk Management while she is gone and, when Laura returns, they will share duties in that regard.

In February you'll likely get a review of the changes to the Director's Technical Rules. I have asked Katie to give a little presentation so that the proposals for our work plan will make more sense.

The Conservation Authorities Act was updated and it affects the Source Protection Authority and ERCA. The good news is that source protection activity remains a core mandate for ERCA.

Katie and I have discussed getting a report on the hits counter so that we can see how much activity there is on the website for source protection. It is an indicator of the success of the program so please share the link for our sign video.

#### 4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None

## 5. Approval of Agenda

**Resolution SPC 17/21** Moved by Matthew Merrett Seconded by Chris Snip

That the agenda for the December 8, 2021 Meeting of the Essex Region Source Protection Committee be approved. **Carried** 

# 6. Adoption of Minutes

#### A. Essex Region Source Protection Committee

**Resolution SPC 18/21** Moved by Ron Barrette Seconded by Albert Dionne

That the minutes for the October 13, 2021 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

Olga Yudina, MECP Liaison, has moved on to another job. Mary Wooding temporarily takes her place on our committee.

Mary reported that the Director's Technical Rules were approved and placed on the Environmental Registry as of December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021.

The Best Practices for Source Protection have not yet been released. We are working towards releasing them early in the new year.

The decision regarding funding at two years is quite a win for all of us, but will complicate Katie's work, especially as she has the Director's Technical Rules to incorporate in the coming months.

We will be recruiting and hiring another liaison to replace Olga and the Essex Region SPC will fall under that new person's responsibilities.

## 9. Delegations

None

#### 10. Presentations

None

# 11. Reports for Approval

# A. Report SPC 06/21 – Update on Risk Management Services in the Essex Region Source Protection Area

THAT SPC Report 06/21 be received for information.

**Resolution SPC 19/21** Moved by Tim Mousseau Seconded by Albert Dionne

#### B. Report SPC 07/21 – Updates and Draft SPC Meeting Schedule for 2022

THAT SPC Report 07/21 be received for information.

**Resolution SPC 20/21** Moved by Chris Snip Seconded by John Barnett

#### 12. New Business

AODA compliance has necessitated changes to our website and to the way we produce documents. We will be pulling all previous agendas off of the website. Katie has created a table inventory of all past reports so that people may request specific reports if needed. All new documentation moving forward will be AODA compliant.

#### **Other Business**

None

## 13. Adjournment

**Resolution SPC 21/21** Moved by Tim Mousseau Seconded by Albert Dionne

That the December 8, 2021 meeting of the Essex Region Source Protection Authority be adjourned at 4:41pm. **Carried** 

# **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Essex Region Source Protection Committee is to be held on February 9, 2022 starting at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom web conferencing

Tom Fuerth Chair

Katie Stammler
Water Quality Scientist/
Project Manager Source Water Protection