

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 Corrigan 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 Corrigan 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

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 3rd 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
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