

Source Protection Committee - MINUTES

Minutes of Meeting of the Essex Region Source Protection Committee (SPC) held on **Wednesday, February 27, 2019**, in the Essex Civic Centre, Committee Room D, 360 Fairview Avenue West, Essex, Ontario.

Members Present:	John Barnett – <i>carrying proxy for Ron Barrette</i>	Cynthia Ouellet
	Paul Drca – <i>carrying proxy for Antonietta Giofu</i>	Hans Peter Pfeifer
	Bill Dukes	Larry Verbeke (SPA Liaison)
	Jim Drummond	Nathan Warkentin
	Tom Fuerth (Chair)	Philip Wong (Health Unit Liaison)
	Kevin Girard – <i>carrying proxy for Jean-Marc Beneteau</i>	Olga Yudina (MECP Liaison) – <i>attending through teleconference</i>
	Thom Hunt	
	Tim Mousseau	

Absent:

Regrets:	Ron Barrette	Ian Wilson
	Jean-Marc Beneteau	Nelson Santos
	Antonietta Giofu	

Staff: Katie Stammer, Project Manager, Source Water Protection/Water Quality Scientist
Laura Monforton, Risk Management Official/ Inspector

Delegates:

Guests: Warren Higgins

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair of the SPC, Tom Fuerth , called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm.

CHAIRS WELCOME

Good afternoon.

Chair Tom Fuerth welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced new SPC members, Nathan Warkentin and Jim Drummond. Chair Fuerth requested that all members introduce themselves.

It was mentioned by Chair Fuerth that the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) has a new director for the Source Protection Program Branch, Susan Ecclestone.

The Essex Region Source Protection Authority is currently working on the 2019-20 Source Water Protection budget and has received no notification from MECP on provincial funding.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

AGENDA

1. The Agenda for the Meeting of the Essex Region Source Protection Committee (SPC) held on Wednesday, February 27th, 2019.

Resolution SPC 01/19 Moved by Tim Mousseau

Seconded by John Barnett

THAT the Agenda for the Wednesday, February 27th, 2019, 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 10, 2018.

Resolution SPC 02/19 Moved by John Barnett

Seconded by Bill Dukes

THAT the Minutes for the Wednesday, October 10, 2018, Meeting of the Essex Region Source Protection Committee (SPC) be approved as presented.

- CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter to Chris Ballard, MECP from the Town of Essex dated November 12, 2018

Re: Licensing Process to Take Water for Commercial Water Bottling Facilities

Resolution SPC 03/19 Moved by Hans Peter Pfeifer

Seconded by Thom Hunt

THAT the SPC write a letter of support to the Township of Amaranth and copy a letter to MECP - CARRIED

John B. was noted for 'not supporting' the resolution.

SOURCE PROTECTION AUTHORITY (SPA) INFORMATION

Minutes for the Meeting of the Essex Region Source Protection Authority (SPA) held on April 12, 2018.

Resolution SPC 04/19 Moved by John Barnett

Seconded by Jim Drummond

THAT the Minutes for April 12, 2018 be received.

- CARRIED

MOECC LIAISON'S UPDATE

Olga Yudina, MECP Liaison provided an update to the SPC.

Heather Malcolmson accepted the Director of Environmental Assessment and Permissions position at MECP. Malcolmson has been with the MECP for 10 years supporting a number of corporate initiatives, leading the Source Protection Branch and a range of environmental policy programs. Heather is excited to return to her roots and MECP is excited for her to continue her leadership and expertise as we continue to work together. Ms. Yudina also noted the new director for the Source Protection Program Branch, Susan Ecclestone.

On November 14, the province released an environmental plan to set a variety of environmental goals for the province. Source Water Protection was referenced multiple times in this document. The ministry will be in consultation the new government in the coming months to strike a balance between a healthy environment and economy. This environmental plan is the first public facing document that outlines the top priorities for environmental protection that may impact government decision making.

The government is still in the process of reviewing programs, but conservation authorities are invited to submit their s. 36 workplans while we wait for further notification on the future of funding. It was also noted that there have been no mandate letters for the Provincial Ministries.

PRESENTATION

None

REPORTS *A PowerPoint summary presentation provided by Katie Stammler is attached.*

1. **Report SPC 01/19** – Draft responses for the 2018 Annual Reporting template

Resolution SPC 05/19 Moved by Paul Drca

Seconded by Thom Hunt

THAT Report SPC 01/19 be received for information

- CARRIED

2. **Report SPC 02/19** – Update on Risk Management Services in the Essex Region
Source Protection Area

Resolution SPC 06/19 Moved by Paul Drca

Seconded by Nathan Warkentin

THAT Report SPC 02/19 be received for information

- CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

Project Manager Katie Stammler raised two items of other business.

1. The proposed Bill 66 'Open for Business' planning tool, and the impact it would have had on Source Water Protection was described and discussed. In response to letters received during consultation, the Government removed this tool from Bill 66.
2. The SPC were also reminded of O.Reg 288/07 which governs the operation of Source Protection Committees. In particular, the SPC were reminded of section 8 of the Regulation which describes the terms of appointment. Section 8(1) requires that the terms of appointment of members appointed on or before the day O.Reg 310/15 came into force (October 16, 2015) expires before January 1 of the calendar year in which the third annual progress is required (January 1, 2020). This matter will be discussed further at a future SPC meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

None

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Resolution SPC 07 /19 Moved by Tim Mousseau

Seconded by Kevin Girard

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

DATE – NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the SPC will be held in April, 2019. Date to be confirmed.

CONCLUSION OF MEETING



Katie Stammer,
Project Manager, Source Water Protection/
Water Quality Scientist