

Source Protection Committee

Minutes of Meeting of the Essex Region Source Protection Committee (SPC) held on **Wednesday, March 11, 2020**, in the Essex Civic Centre, Committee Room C, 360 Fairview Avenue West, Essex, Ontario.

Members Present:	John Barnett	Cynthia Ouellet
	Ron Barrette	Nelson Santos
	Paul Drca	Chris Snip
	Jim Drummond – carrying proxy for Bill Dukes	Ian Wilson
	Tom Fuerth (Chair)	Victoria Peczulis (attending on behalf of Philip Wong, Health Unit Liaison)
	Antionetta Giofu	
	Thom Hunt	
	Tim Mousseau– carrying proxy for Justine Taylor	Tea Pesheva, MECP Liason (attending through teleconference)

Absent:

Regrets:

Jean-Marc Beneteau	Justine Taylor
Bill Dukes	Larry Verbeke (SPA Liaison)

Staff:

Katie Stammer, Project Manager, Source Water Protection/Water Quality Scientist
Richard Wyma, General Manager/ Secretary - Treasurer
Laura Monforton, Risk Management Official/ Inspector

Delegates:

Guests:

Warren Higgins (OCWA)
Heather Crewe (General Public)
Fereshteh Arab (Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers)

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair of the SPC, Tom Fuerth, called the meeting to order at 4:35pm.

CHAIRS WELCOME

Chair Fuerth welcomed everyone to the meeting. I'd like to welcome our guests Warren Higgins, Heather Crew and Fereshteh Arab. Our MECP Liason, Tea Pesheva is joining us through teleconference and Webex. Thank you for attending the Essex Region's Source Protection Committee this afternoon. Chair Fuerth acknowledged that quorum was achieved.

I would like to start off the meeting with a few updates. As of February 2020, the Drinking Water Source Protection Program Branch announced their new Director Keley Katona. Ms.Katona has worked within the Ministry in different capacities, most recently with the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines as the Director of the Investment and Governance Branch. In this role, Keley was responsible for shareholder, governance and financial advice related to the Province's ownership of Hydro One.

The Source Protection Branch completed updates to the Source Protection Information atlas. This online tool enables anyone to determine if a property is located within a source protection vulnerable area and includes Source Protection data for Ontario. The updates include the addition of water quality and quantity data.

Lake Erie Source Protection Region's Winter Maintenance Chemicals Letter addressed to the Municipality of North Perth on January 14th will be reviewed by the Essex Region SPC at our next committee meeting.

Draft budgets are due by the end of the month. Our municipal representative from the Town of Lakeshore, Kevin Girard, has moved on from his position at the Town and is no longer serving on the SPC. We wish him well in his new chapter. The SPA will be seeking a new representative for the Town of Lakeshore.

Myself, Warren Higgins and ERCA staff attended Conservation Ontario's (CO) climate change vulnerability training session at the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority in London. Following the sessions, both surface and groundwater vulnerability tools were delivered by email at the end of January.

Chair Fuerth requested a moment of silence to honor Tom Wilson, former SPC Chair.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

AGENDA

1. The Agenda for the March 11th, 2020

Resolution SPC 06/20

Moved by Ron Barrette

Seconded by John Barnett

THAT the Agenda for the Wednesday, March 11th, 2020, Meeting of the Essex Region Source Protection Committee (SPC) be approved

MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Meeting of the Source Protection Committee (SPC) held on Wednesday, January 8th, 2020

Resolution SPC 07/20

Moved by Ron Barrett

Seconded by Ian Wilson

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THAT the Minutes for the Wednesday, January 8, 2020, Meeting of the Essex Region Source Protection Committee (SPC) be approved as presented

- CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

1. MECP's response to CELA
2. CELA's response to MECP

Resolution SPC 08/20

Moved by Thom Hunt

Seconded by Cynthia Ouellet

THAT the information be received

- CARRIED

SOURCE PROTECTION AUTHORITY (SPA) INFORMATION

None

MECP LIAISON'S UPDATE

Tea Pesheva, MECP Liaison provided a brief update and presented the SPC with 2018 annual reporting data delivered by the Source Protection Branch.

Ms. Pesheva noted that the Director of the Source Protection Branch position has been filled and all of the Source Protection Chair appointments are now finalized and approved.

The MECP has received all of the comments following the engagement session completed for Phase II of the proposed changes to the Technical Rules. The MECP is reviewing and taking these comments into consideration and completing revisions before posting to Environmental Registry. The expected posting date is late spring or early summer.

Source Protection Annual Progress Reporting for 2019 is required from all Source Protection Areas by May 1, 2020. Currently the Ministry has issued all updated s. 36 work orders, apart from Grand River Source Protection Area.

The Source Protection Branch is continuing to work towards the approval of draft budgets.

PRESENTATION

Tea Pesheva presented the SPC with 2018 annual reporting data delivered by the Source Protection Branch.

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

1. **Report SPC 03/20 – Conservation Authorities Act Update**

Resolution SPC 09/20

Moved by Nelson Santos

Seconded by Ian Wilson

That Report 03/20 be received for information

- CARRIED

2. **Report SPC 04/20 – Annual Reporting**

Resolution SPC 10/20

Moved by John Barnett

Seconded by Thom Hunt

THAT the progress scoring in the draft 2019 Annual Progress Report be approved as presented; and further,

THAT the Essex Region Source Protection Committee review the Draft Annual Progress Report and provide comments to the Essex Region Source Protection Project Manager

- CARRIED

Resolution SPC 11/20

Moved by Jim Drummond

Seconded by Chris Snip

THAT the 2019 Essex Region Source Protection Authority Annual Progress Report be submitted to the MECP on or before May 1, 2020 pending suggested changes and

- CARRIED additions made by the SPC, and endorsement by the SPA

Report SPC 05/ 20 - Update on Part IV

Resolution SPC 12/20

Moved by Antonietta Giofu

Seconded by Paul Drca

That Report SPC 05/20 be received for information

- CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

Katie Stammler provided a brief update to the SPC regarding the new additions to the Ontario's Source Protection Information Atlas and the Climate Change Assessment Tool.

NEW BUSINESS

None

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Resolution SPC 13/20

Moved by Tim Mousseau

Seconded by Ron Barrette

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:45pm.

- CARRIED

DATE – NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Source Protection Committee (SPC) is tentatively scheduled for June 10th, 2020.



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