



## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair of the SPC, Tom Fuerth, called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

## **CHAIRS WELCOME**

Chair Tom Fuerth welcomed everyone to the meeting. Good afternoon and Happy New Year, everyone.

Please welcome our new MECP Liaison, Tea Pesheva. Thank you for joining the Essex Region's Source Protection Committee meeting through teleconference this afternoon. We are excited to learn more about your experience with the ministry and we look forward to meeting with you.

We recently received information that Susan Ecclestone, Director of the Drinking Water Source Protection Program has transferred to a different branch at the MECP as the Director (Acting) of the Species At Risk. Debbie Scanlon will be Director (Acting) until the position has been filled.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome back SPC member, Justine Taylor, from the Ontario Greenhouse of Vegetable Growers (OGVG). We are very happy to have you serving on the SPC again, which is back to 15 active members. Justine could not join us this afternoon but she will be replacing Nathan Warkentin.

## **DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

### **AGENDA**

1. The Agenda for the Meeting of the Essex Region Source Protection Committee (SPC) held on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Resolution SPC 01/20                      Moved by    Chris Snip

Seconded by    Nelson Santos

*THAT the Agenda for the Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Resolution SPC 02/20                      Moved by    Ron Barrette

Seconded by    Jim Drummond

*THAT the Minutes for the Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Meeting of the Essex Region Source Protection Committee (SPC) be approved as presented*

- CARRIED

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **SOURCE PROTECTION AUTHORITY (SPA) INFORMATION**

None

## **MECP LIAISON'S UPDATE**

Tea Pesheva introduced herself and informed the SPC about her background at the ministry within the Source Protection Branch and beyond.

The following updates were given to the SPC:

- Ms.Pesheva reiterated that Susan Eccelstone transferred to a new department at MECP and Debbie Scanlon will be temporarily acting as the Director of the Source Protection Branch
- Focussed consultation with municipalities and SPA staff was completed by the MECP for Phase II of the Technical Rules in November at various locations to coordinate inputs from Source Protection Project Managers, municipalities and other agencies. The MECP will look more closely at comments provided in preparation of posting the proposal of Phase II of the Technical Rules to the EBR for review
- A Climate Change Assessment Tool was developed by Conservation Ontario in consultation with MECP and the Ontario Climate Consortium. Conservation Ontario will be delivering a training session at the end of January at Upper Thames River Conservation Authority in London and would recommend the participation of water treatment plant operators, municipal staff and other agencies.
- All nineteen Chairs have now been appointed across the Source Protection Areas in Ontario
- Implementing bodies that are required to implement policies within their local Source Protection Plans are required to submits annual reports to their Source Protection Authority by February 1, 2020
- The province has announced it is extending the moratorium on water-taking bottling permits until October 1, 2020
- The ministry has received 2020 funding applications and will be moving forward with the consultation process with Source Protection Authorities

## **PRESENTATION**

None

## **REPORTS**

