



## Essex Region Source Protection Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Time: 4:00 pm

Location and Details: via Zoom Video Conferencing

### Attendance

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**Members Present:** Tom Fuerth (Chair)  
Nelson Santos  
John Barnett  
Matthew Merrett  
Bill Dukes  
Chad Quinlan

Albert Dionne  
Kevin Webb (proxy for Thom Hunt)  
Chris Snip  
Jim Drummond  
Tim Mousseau (proxy for Cynthia Ouellett)  
Ron Barrette

Larry Verbeke (SPA Liaison)  
Mary Wooding (MECP Liaison)  
Catherine Eby (new MECP Liaison)  
Victoria Pezculis (WECHU Liaison)

**Absent:** Aaron Coristine, Antonietta Giofu, Cynthia Ouellett, Thom Hunt

**Staff Present:** Katie Stammer, Water Quality Scientist/Project Manager Source Water Protection  
Aaron Zimmer, Multimedia Specialist  
Lisa Pavan, Administrative Associate

**Others:** Heather Crewe  
Warren Higgins

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## 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.

We acknowledge the harms and mistakes of our past as we continue to move forward in the spirit of reconciliation.

As we do at our meetings, I'll begin with a statement of hope and a statement of gratitude. I'm grateful that we have the opportunity to meet together in this digital format, which allows us to still get our work done and I hope that we all have a good 2022 ahead of us.

## 2. Call to Order

Good evening and welcome to the February 9, 2022 meeting of the Essex Region Source Protection Committee.

I will call the meeting to order at this time, 4:10 pm.

## 3. Chair's Welcome

I have something that has nothing to do with Source Protection, but I would like to bring it to your attention. I received a notice this week advising that every Conservation Authority in Ontario is to have an appointment available of a local representative from the farm community to their board. This is something new. It looks like there is going to be an opportunity for the farming community to have some kind of input in an organized manner to the ERCA Board. This is a provincial appointment and, for those of you present from the farming community who might wish to participate in another way, I will be happy to send you the information regarding applying for this position.

We'd like to welcome our new MECP Liaison, Catherine Eby. Mary will introduce Catherine and help us to get to know her a little better later in the meeting.

## 4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

## 5. Approval of Agenda

**Resolution SPC 01/22**

Moved by Matthew Merrett  
Seconded by Jim Drummond

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tool will be accompanied by a survey so that we can gather more information and feedback to help us continually improve the document.

On the funding front, the transfer payment agreements for the 2021/2022 fiscal year are in place and we are working under them until March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. The draft final report for that funding is due to the Ministry on February 28, 2022.

We have received all of the workplans on a go-forward basis for the 2022/2024 fiscal year and we are in the process of reviewing them in consultation with the Source Protection Authorities, should we have questions.

We continue to review and consult on the submissions under Section 34 of the Act. Most SPC committees are working on their Section 36 updates with 3 committees having completed and submitted them for our review.

Annual Reporting for the Ministry for the 2021 reporting year is completed. These reports were submitted to all of the Source Protection Authorities across the province.

The appointment of agricultural representatives to Conservation Authority Boards is part of the Conservation Authorities Act update. New regulations were filed to implement the changes to the Conservation Authorities Act in October of 2021 as a first phase, so these regulations set out details on the framework and the programs and services that support the core mandates of Conservation Authorities. One of these core mandates is source protection. Building on that progress and to support a smooth transition by Conservation Authorities to move funding framework by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, the second phase of the regulatory and policy proposals were posted for consultation in late January.

We are really excited to have Catherine Eby join us. She has been with the ministry for 17 or 18 years. She has an Honours Bachelors Degree in Environmental Science from the University of Guelph with a major in Earth and Atmospheric Science and a minor in Environmental Economics and Policy. After working briefly in the private sector as an environmental consultant, she started with the ministry as a terrestrial scientist and she has spent the last 17 years as a senior environmental officer. For 10 years, she worked with the spills action centre, the last seven of those being in the Toronto District office. She has a busy life outside of work with her three teenagers. Catherine is a quick study and we are sure you will quite enjoy having Catherine as your new liaison.

## **9. Delegations**

None.

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That the February 9, 2022 meeting of the Essex Region Source Protection Authority be adjourned at 4:50 pm. **Carried**

### **Next Meeting**

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



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**Tom Fuerth**  
Chair



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

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