

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE (SPC) MEETING SUMMARY

DECEMBER 16, 2022– VIRTUAL MEETING/TELECONFERENCE

CHAIRS REPORT

- J. Hunt provided a brief overview of the recent developments with the SPC Chairs including their plans for the near future, including meeting individually with the Director of the Conservation and Source Protection branch, Kirsten Service.

PROGRAM UPDATE

Other Systems Project

- Program Assistant, T. Bos, provided an oral overview of the new Other Systems project, concerning bringing the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks best practises and guidance regarding Source Protection to non-municipal drinking water systems. He noted plans to meet with staff from Curve Lake First Nation, and working with local Real Estate Associations.

Annual Reporting

- Program Assistant, T. Bos, provided an update on the DWSP annual reporting project, noting that training and refresher sessions have been completed with municipal and SPA staff, and the project is underway to be completed ahead of the SPC's review at a spring 2023 meeting.

Conservation Ontario

- Road Salt Stickers – Education and outreach program launched to supply educational stickers to be placed on road salt boxes. Stickers to be distributed across the region to the 5 SPAs.
- Municipal Councillor Orientation Primer – Educational resource for new municipal councillors now available;
- Transport Pathways Guidance – updated information will soon be available.

LEADS UPDATE

- Each Source Protection Authority (SPA) Lead Staff member provided a verbal report on the status of their local source protection implementation (Lower Trent Conservation CAO Rhonda Bateman filled in for the absent Anne Anderson), including:
 - Update on municipal working groups;
 - Update on SPC municipal representative replacements, staffing changes, new RMOs;
 - Update on risk management plans progress;
 - Current issues or challenges, including S.34 amendments;

- Positive progress news;
- Update on education and outreach.

SOURCE PROTECTION PLAN AMENDMENTS

- Highlights
 - K. Taylor provided a high-level overview of the changes to the Source Protection Plan, reviewing highlights including policy improvements and amendments to meet the new Technical Rules, as well the development of new policies.

ASSESSMENT REPORT AMENDMENTS

- K. Taylor reviewed a comprehensive list of amendments being made to the Trent Source Protection Region Assessment Report.

EXPLANATORY DOCUMENT AMENDMENTS

- K. Taylor shared an overview of the amendments to the Explanatory Document.
- G. Offshack inquired about the economic impact of SPP amendments and how these are assessed. J. Hunt noted this is done through a cost-benefit analysis to take into account also the cost of not making these changes.

NEXT MEETING

- K. Taylor noted there is no set date as of now. The next meeting will likely be to address the 2022 Annual Reporting review in Spring 2023.