



Notice of Meeting

Hamilton Region Source Protection Authority

Thursday, September 5, 2019

HCA Main Office, 838 Mineral Springs Road, Ancaster, Ontario

- 1. Call to Order** – Ferguson
- 2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Minutes of Previous Meeting (April 4, 2019)**
- 5. Business Arising from the Minutes**
- 6. New Business**
 - 6.1. Source Protection Program Funding Update – Bloomfield
 - 6.2. Source Protection Committee Member Appointments – Bloomfield
- 7. In-Camera Items**
- 8. Next Meeting – To be determined**
- 9. Adjournment**



Report

TO: Hamilton Region Source Protection Authority

FROM: Lisa Burnside, Chief Administrative Officer

RECOMMENDED BY: T. Scott Peck, MCIP, RPP, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Director, Watershed Planning & Engineering

PREPARED BY: Diane Bloomfield, Manager, Source Water Protection

DATE: September 5, 2019

RE: Source Protection Program Funding Update

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Hamilton Region Source Protection Authority receive this report on Source Protection Program Funding Update as information.

BACKGROUND

The source protection program is funded annually through transfer payment agreements established with the province for the fiscal year of April 1 through March 31. To date, there are no official changes to this funding process.

STAFF COMMENT

The establishment of a transfer payment agreement with the province to fund the source protection program for 2019/20 was delayed as the province reviewed all programs receiving transfer payments. However, recent changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act* were adopted June 6, 2019, and the province has declared that the programs and services related to the conservation authority's duties, functions and responsibilities as a source protection authority under the *Clean Water Act, 2006* are mandatory. Regulations are being drafted and will set out additional details, possibly regarding future funding of the program.

With the program declared mandatory, our transfer payment agreement has now been finalized and the first transfer payment received. Our work plan and budget request

were agreed to and we continue our work to review and update the source protection plan.

The province also closed out the 2018/19 fiscal year and provided the final transfer payment under that agreement.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINKAGE

The initiative refers directly to the HCA Strategic Plan 2019-2023:

- **Strategic Priority Area – Organizational Excellence**
 - Initiatives - Collaborate and share services, expertise and resources with neighbouring conservation authorities and Conservation Ontario

AGENCY COMMENTS

Not applicable.

LEGAL/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

CONCLUSIONS

The work plan for the 2019/20 source protection program is underway with the declared mandatory continuation of the program, execution of a provincial transfer payment agreement, and receipt of the first payment.



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RE: Source Protection Committee Member Appointments

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Hamilton Region Source Protection Authority reappoint Gavin Smuk and appoint Carla Coveart as members of the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee for a term of five years.

BACKGROUND

The Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee includes nine members plus a chair representing municipal, economic and other interests. In accordance with the Ontario Regulation 288/07 under the *Clean Water Act, 2006* and the source protection committee turnover procedure, two member appointments expired this year. One member represents the agricultural sector and one the general public.

STAFF COMMENT

There are two members representing agricultural interests on the Source Protection Committee. They represent the Halton and the Hamilton areas, and the Hamilton position requires filling this year. As such, a letter was sent to the Hamilton-Wentworth Federation of Agriculture (HWFA) requesting a nomination and the vacancy was advertised using social media, websites, and print media. The HWFA nominated Gavin Smuk to be re-appointed to the Committee and Mr. Smuk applied for the position. His application was the only one received. Gavin has been on the Source Protection Committee since 2007 and is a valued member, sharing his knowledge and

understanding of the agricultural sector in general, and specifically of cash cropping and animal husbandry.

There are three members representing the interests of the general public on the Source Protection Committee. The one vacancy this year was advertised using social media, websites, and print media. Ten applications were received and on June 26, five applicants were interviewed by the Source Protection Management Committee. This Committee selected Carla Coveart as their nominee for appointment. Ms. Coveart is a professional engineer focusing on wastewater infrastructure, municipal drainage, and asset management. Her knowledge and local experience will benefit the Source Protection Committee, particularly as they address risks posed by sewage and storm water.

In accordance with the member turnover procedure established for the committee and in keeping with the regulatory requirements, the members' appointments will be for five years.

These are the final two appointments for this round of turnover. The next appointment expiry occurs in 2021.

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AGENCY COMMENTS

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LEGAL/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

CONCLUSIONS

The recruitment process was robust and the member nominees are well positioned to represent the interests of the agricultural community and the general public on the Source Protection Committee. Halton Region Source Protection Authority will also be requested to appoint these members at their meeting on September 26, 2019.