

Lakes Simcoe and Couchiching/Black River

Source Protection Authority

Meeting No. SPA-03-21

Friday, September 24, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Agenda

Meeting Location:

To be held virtually by Zoom

I. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Territory

II. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and Conflicts of Interest

III. Approval of Agenda

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Recommended: That the agenda for the meeting of Lakes Simcoe and Couchiching/Black River Source Protection Authority held on September 24, 2021 be approved as presented.

IV. Adoption of Minutes

a. Source Protection Authority

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Recommended: That the minutes of the Lakes Simcoe and Couchiching/Black River Source Protection Authority Meeting No. SPA-02-21 held April 23, 2021 be approved as circulated.

V. Correspondence

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The following correspondence item is included in the agenda:

- a) Letter from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks regarding proposed amendments to the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Protection Plan affecting York Region's Aurora and Newmarket wellfields.

VI. General Updates

a. Source Protection Committee Chair's Update

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Recommended: That the report by South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee Chair Lynn Dollin regarding Source Protection Committee updates be received for information.

b. Appointment of Members to the Source Protection Committee

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Source Water Protection Hydrogeologist, Mike Wilson, will provide a presentation regarding the appointment of members to the Source Protection Committee. This presentation will be provided at the meeting.

Recommended: That the presentation by Source Water Protection Hydrogeologist, Mike Wilson, regarding the appointment of members to the Source Protection Committee be received for information.

Attached in the agenda is Staff Report No. 04-21-SPA regarding the appointment of members to the Source Protection Committee.

Recommended: That Staff Report No. 04-21-SPA regarding the appointment of members to the South Georgian Bay – Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee be received; and

Further that the appointment of Peter Dance, Amanda Kellett, Scott Lister, Kyle Mitchell, Jessica Neto, Rick Newlove, and Katie Thompson to the South Georgian Bay – Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee for a term of five years beginning October 1, 2021 be approved.

VII. Other Business

VIII. Adjournment

Lakes Simcoe and Couchiching/Black River

Source Protection Authority

Meeting No. SPA-02-21

Friday, April 23, 2021

Held virtually via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Source Protection Authority Board Members Present

Regional Chairman W. Emmerson (Chair), Councillor P. Ferragine (Vice Chair), Mayor D. Barton, Mayor B. Drew, Councillor A. Eek, Councillor K. Ferdinands, Councillor W. Gaertner, Councillor J. Gordon, Councillor R. Greenlaw, Mayor V. Hackson, Councillor S. Harrison-McIntyre, Councillor C. Pettingill, Mayor M. Quirk, Councillor C. Riepma, Councillor M. Taylor, Regional Councillor T. Vegh, Councillor A. Waters

Source Protection Authority Board Members Absent

Councillor K. Aylwin, Councillor J. Dailloux, Councillor T. Lauer, Councillor E. Yeo, and the Township of Ramara

LSRCA Staff Present

R. Baldwin, T. Barnett, B. Longstaff, B. Thompson, M. Wilson

Guests in Attendance

Mayor L. Dollin, South Georgina Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee Chair

I. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

None noted for this meeting.

II. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: J. Gordon

Seconded by: M. Taylor

SPA-09-21 **Resolved That** the agenda for the meeting of Lakes Simcoe and Couchiching/Black River Source Protection Authority held on April 23, 2021 be approved as presented. **Carried**

III. Adoption of Minutes

a) Source Protection Authority

Moved by: D. Barton

Seconded by: B. Drew

SPA-10-21 **Resolved That** the minutes of the Lakes Simcoe and Couchiching/Black River Source Protection Authority Meeting No. SPA-01-21 held February 26, 2021 be approved as circulated. **Carried**

b) Source Protection Committee

Moved by: D. Barton

Seconded by: B. Drew

SPA-11-21 **Resolved That** the minutes of the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee meetings held on February 17, 2021 be received for information. **Carried**

IV. Correspondence

- a) Included in the agenda was a letter from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks regarding annual reporting requirements for source water protection under the Clean Water Act, 2006.

Moved by: K. Ferdinands

Seconded by: V. Hackson

SPA-12-21 **Resolved That** the letter dated March 30, 2021 from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks regarding annual reporting requirements for source water protection under the Clean Water Act, 2006 be received for information. **Carried**

V. General Updates

a) Source Protection Committee Chair's Report

South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee Chair Lynn Dollin's report was included in the agenda. Chair Dollin provided a brief update noting that she is quite pleased at the satisfactory progress continuing to be made, in large part due to the efforts of Source Protection Manager Bill Thompson and his efforts to keep everything moving along, as well as his relationship building skills.

Moved by: R. Greenlaw

Seconded by: W. Gaertner

SPA-13-21 **Resolved That** the report by South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee Chair Lynn Dollin regarding Source Protection Committee updates be received for information. **Carried**

b) Annual Source Water Protection Progress Plan

Source Water Protection Hydrogeologist, Mike Wilson, provided a presentation regarding the 2020 Source Water Protection Annual Report, noting that the primary goal of annual reporting is to assess if threats to drinking water supplies were reduced through the implementation of the Source Protection Plan. Secondary goals include ensuring the program's effectiveness and efficiency; providing accountability and transparency through public reporting; informing future budget requests; reducing uncertainty of plan success or failure; informing decision-making and implementation; and enabling more effective on-the-ground management of significant drinking water threats. He reviewed the progress to date in establishing risk management plans and advised that while satisfactory progress is being made, the number of risk management plans still to be negotiated, along with historic rates of plan establishment and the impacts of the pandemic, suggest the July 2022 deadline is unlikely to be met. Source protection authority staff will continue to bring progress updates to the Source Protection Committee.

Moved by: P. Ferragine

Seconded by: C. Riepma

SPA-14-21 **Resolved That** the presentation by Source Water Protection Hydrogeologist, Mike Wilson, regarding the Annual Source Water Protection Progress Report be received for information. **Carried**

Staff Report No. 03-21-SPA prepared by Source Water Protection Hydrogeologist, Mike Wilson, regarding the 2020 Source Water Protection Annual Report to the Ministry was included in the agenda.

Moved by: P. Ferragine

Seconded by: C. Riepma

SPA-15-21 **Resolved That** Staff Report No. 03-21-SPA regarding the 2020 Source Water Protection Annual Report to the Ministry be received; and

Further that the Annual Report be approved for submission to the Director of Source Protection, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. **Carried**

VI. Other Business

VII. Adjournment

Moved by: A. Waters

Seconded by: J. Gordon

SPA-16-21 **Resolved That** the meeting be adjourned at 9:30 a.m. **Carried**

Original to be signed by:

Regional Chairman Wayne Emmerson
Chair

Original to be signed by:

Rob Baldwin
Chief Administrative Officer

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Lynn Dollin, Chair
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Dear Mr. Emmerson and Ms. Dollin,

I'm pleased to inform you that the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks has completed its review of your proposed amendments to the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Plan developed under the *Clean Water Act, 2006*, affecting York Region's Aurora and Newmarket wellfields.

To ensure that the quality of Ontario's municipal drinking water sources continue to be protected in the Grand River Source Protection Area, I approve the amendments pursuant to section 34 of the *Clean Water Act, 2006*. These amendments will take effect on the day a notice of this decision is posted to the Environmental Registry.

I appreciate the dedication of the local municipalities, source protection authorities and all our partners and stakeholders for their work and contributions to these amendments.

Protecting Ontario's water resources for future generations is a key commitment in our Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan and the province looks forward to continuing to work with you on this commitment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Yurek".

Jeff Yurek
Minister

Enclosure

C: Bill Thompson, Project Manager, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
Mike Walters, CAO Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
Susan Ecclestone, Acting Director, Conservation and Source Protection Branch

Source Protection Committee Chair's Report

To: Lakes Simcoe and Couchiching / Black River Source Protection Authority

From: Lynn Dollin, Chair – South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee

Date: September 17, 2021

Subject

Source Protection Committee Chair's Update

Recommendation

That the report by South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee Chair Lynn Dollin regarding Source Protection Committee updates be received for information.

Chair's Update

It is my pleasure to bring you a brief update from the Source Protection Committee since the last Lakes Simcoe and Couchiching/Black River Source Protection Authority Board meeting.

The Source Protection Committee has not held a meeting since the last Source Protection Authority meeting in April as the Committee meets on an as-needed basis only. Currently, the Committee is waiting for direction from the Province on proposed changes to the Technical Rules underpinning the source water protection program. Once provided, the Committee anticipates reviewing the policies in our plan to ensure that they remain consistent with Provincial policy, and that they remain the most effective way to protect raw sources of municipal drinking water from contamination.

In the interim, the Committee continues to update the Source Protection Plan to include new municipal drinking water sources, including the addition of a new well in York Region which was recently approved by the Minister. The committee has reviewed and commented on additional proposed changes associated with new drinking water systems in the Townships of Clearview and Oro-Medonte. Source Protection staff are following up on the next steps associated with these amendments and intend to submit them for approval before the Provincial election.

I have worked with Ben Longstaff and Julie Cayley of Severn Sound Environmental Association to recommend candidates to appoint to the Committee and am pleased that we continue to receive applications from highly qualified candidates to join the Committee. The decision on recommended appointments was a difficult one, but I am confident that those recommended will bring significant value to the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Dollin, Chair

Source Protection Authority Staff Report

To: Lakes Simcoe and Couchiching/Black River Source Protection Authority

From: Bill Thompson, Manager – Watershed Plans and Strategies

Date: September 17, 2021

Subject:

Appointment of Members to the Source Protection Committee

Recommendation:

That Staff Report No. 04-21-SPA regarding the appointment of members to the South Georgian Bay – Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee be received; and

Further that the appointment of Peter Dance, Amanda Kellett, Scott Lister, Kyle Mitchell, Jessica Neto, Rick Newlove, and Katie Thompson to the South Georgian Bay – Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee for a term of five years beginning October 1, 2021 be approved.

Purpose of Staff Report:

The purpose of this Staff Report No. 04-21-SPA is to seek the Source Protection Authority's approval of appointments of members to the Source Protection Committee.

Background:

The Clean Water Act directs all Source Protection Regions to establish a Source Protection Committee, the members of which shall be responsible for developing and monitoring the implementation of a Source Protection Plan. In the case of the South Georgian Bay – Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region, the committee has been defined as being composed of a Chair, plus 22 members. Furthermore, members are to include one First Nations representative and seven representatives each from the municipal, economic/industrial sectors, and public at large. In the case of Source Protection Regions, the Lakes Simcoe and Couchiching/Black River Source Protection Authority as the lead Source Protection Authority is responsible for appointing members to the Source Protection Committee, as well as filling vacancies which may arise.

In addition to defining the size and structure of the Source Protection Committee, a Regulation under the Clean Water Act also sets term limits for Committee members at five years. As such, six of the 22 committee members will see their terms end in October of this year, leading to

vacancies which need to be filled. Two other vacancies have also arisen through one member moving to another province, and one opting to retire from the committee.

The eight vacancies on the South Georgian Bay – Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee includes four municipal representatives (one of which has been filled, as described below), one public sector representative, and three representatives of the economic/industrial sector.

Issues:

As per direction provided by Provincial Regulation (O. Reg. 288/07), the process used to seek replacement of municipal sector representatives is different from that used to identify economic and public representatives.

To seek applicants for the public and economic/industrial representatives, advertisements were posted on the Source Water Protection Region's website and social media feeds, and notices were placed in newspapers throughout the Region. This process resulted in four applicants from the economic sector (which had three vacancies), and six applicants from the public sector (which had one vacancy).

A selection committee comprised of senior management from the three Source Protection Authorities, as well as the Chair of the Source Protection Committee, discussed and evaluated the applications and recommends the following applicants be appointed to the Source Protection Committee:

Economic / Industrial Sector representatives:

- Amanda Kellett – water resource engineer (new member)
- Jessica Neto – environmental professional (new member)
- Rick Newlove – Heavy Construction Association representative (returning member)

Public representative:

- Peter Dance (new member)

Municipal sector representatives are to be appointed by local (rather than lead) Source Protection Authorities and are to be based on candidates recommended by local municipalities. Letters seeking nominees were sent to Chief Administrative Officers of all municipalities in the Lake Simcoe and Black River watersheds. As a result of that process, the following candidates have been recommended for appointment:

Representing municipalities in the Lake Simcoe watershed:

- Scott Lister – Program Manager of Source Water Protection / Risk Management Official, York Region (new member)
- Katie Thompson – Risk Management Official, City of Barrie (returning member)

Representing municipalities in the Black River watershed:

- Kyle Mitchell – Manager of Source Protection and Operations / Risk Management Official, City of Orillia (returning member)

The remaining vacancy is a member representing municipalities in the Nottawasaga Valley watershed. The Board of Nottawasaga Valley Source Protection Authority has appointed Chris Gerrits, Deputy Mayor of Amaranth, to fill that role.

Summary and Recommendations:

As the lead Source Protection Authority, the Lakes Simcoe/Couchiching Black River Source Protection Authority is responsible for ensuring the Source Protection Committee meets the size and structure guidelines of the *Clean Water Act*. There are currently seven vacancies on the Committee, including three municipal representatives, three representatives of the economic/industrial sector, and one public representative. Applications for these positions have been received and evaluated by senior management of the three Source Protection Authorities and the Chair of the Source Protection Committee.

It is therefore recommended **That** Staff Report No. 04-21-SPA regarding the appointment of members to the South Georgian Bay – Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee be received; and **Further that** the appointment of Peter Dance, Amanda Kellett, Scott Lister, Kyle Mitchell, Jessica Neto, Rick Newlove, and Katie Thompson to the South Georgian Bay – Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee for a term of five years beginning October 1, 2021 be approved.

Pre-Submission Review:

This Staff Report has been reviewed by the General Manager, Integrated Watershed Management and the Chief Administrative Officer.

Ben Longstaff
General Manager
Integrated Watershed Management

Rob Baldwin
Chief Administrative Officer