

**Thames – Sydenham and Region
Source Protection Authority
Meeting Agenda**

Source Protection Authority Upper Thames River

Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 22, 2016

Meeting Time: 9:30 a.m. - Prior to the Start of the UTRCA Board of Directors

Meeting Location: Watershed Conservation Centre Boardroom

Agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting
 - a) November 24, 2015
3. Business for Approval
 - a) Source Protection Committee Size Reduction
(Report attached)
4. Adjournment



Ian Wilcox
General Manager



Upper Thames River Source Protection Authority Meeting
Watershed Conservation Centre Boardroom
London, Ontario
Tuesday, March 22, 2016

- Members Present: M.Blackie H.McDermid
 M.Blosh J.McKelvie
 R.Chowen A.Murray
 A.Hopkins K.Van Kooten-Bossence
 S.Levin G.Way
- Regrets: T.Birtch M.Campbell T.Jackson N.Manning
 M.Ryan
- Solicitor: G.Inglis
- Staff: T.Annett S.Johnson
 M.Fletcher B.Mackie
 B.Glasman A.Shivas
 C.Harrington S.Shivas
 T.Hollingsworth C.Tasker
 J.Howley I.Wilcox

The Chair advised the members that Pat Sobeski, former Mayor of the City of Woodstock passed away on Monday, March 21st. He noted Mr. Sobeski was a member of the Source Protection Committee and had been a member of the UTRCA in 2006. He expressed his condolences to the Sobeski family.

M.Blackie explained why the Authority members are meeting as the Upper Thames River Source Protection Authority. He noted with the passing of the Clean Water Act several years ago, Conservation Authorities were legislated the responsibilities for Source Water Protection. Part of that responsibility includes the Board sitting as the UTR Source Protection Authority periodically to meet obligations under the Act. He noted this is different and separate from the members' role under the Conservation Authorities Act. Same people, different role.

1. Adoption of Agenda

The Chair requested a motion to approve the agenda.

J.McKelvie moved – G.Way seconded:-

“RESOLVED that the members approve the Agenda as presented.”

CARRIED.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

November 24, 2015

The Chair requested approval of the November 24, 2015 minutes.

S.Levin moved – K.Van Kooten-Bossence seconded:-

“RESOLVED that the minutes of the UTR Source Protection Authority dated November 24, 2015 be approved as presented.”

CARRIED.

3. Business for Approval

- (a) Source Protection Committee Size Reduction
(Report attached)

The report was presented to the members for their consideration. Following a brief discussion regarding the rationale for the proposed downsizing,

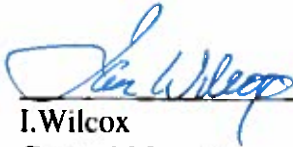
S.Levin moved – J.McKelvie seconded:-

“RESOLVED that the Source Protection Authority approve the report as presented.”

CARRIED.

4. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m. on a motion by G.Way



I.Wilcox
General Manager
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M.Blackie
Chair

Report to Upper Thames River Source Protection Authority

Agenda #

Cc SP Management Committee

Date March 22, 2016

From Michelle Fletcher, SW Project Coordinator

Re: Reduction in Source Protection Committee Size

Recommendation

That the Upper Thames River Source Protection Authority on behalf of the 3 Source Protection Authorities in the Thames-Sydenham and Region approve the reduction of the size of the SPC to **15 members with Option A as the municipal groupings of 5 municipal members with a 4 year term of appointment.**"

Committee size and representation options presented:

		Current (21)	Possible Alternatives			Recommended Alternative
			(9)	(12)	(18)	Medium(15)
Municipalities		7	3	4	6	5
Sectors	Agriculture	3	1	2	3	2
	Industry/Commercial	2	1	1	1	1
	Aggregate and Quarries	1	1	1	2	2
	Oil and Gas	1				
Landowners, public and environmental		7	3	4	6	5
Committee Size		21	9	12	18	15
Quorum		16	6	8	12	10
First Nations		3	1	2	2	2
Liaisons	Medical Officers of Health Province Source Protection Authority	3	3	3	3	3
Chair		1	1	1	1	1
Total SPC participants		28	14	18	24	21

	Current (7)	Option A (5)	Option B (5)	Option C (5)
1	Chatham-Kent, Essex	Chatham-Kent, Essex, Elgin	Chatham-Kent, Essex	Chatham-Kent, Essex, Lambton
2	Elgin	London, Middlesex	London, Elgin	London, Elgin
3	London	Lambton	Lambton, Middlesex	Middlesex
4	Middlesex	Oxford	Oxford	Oxford
5	Lambton	Perth, Stratford, St. Marys, Huron	Perth, Stratford, St. Marys, Huron	Perth, Stratford, St. Marys, Huron
6	Oxford			
7	Perth, Stratford, St. Marys, Huron			

Background

1. The SPC was formed based on O.Reg. 288/07. This regulation established most of the requirements for the formation of the SPC including notification and consultation, size, sector representation, and term of appointment.
2. Based on this regulation the Source Protection Authorities (SPA) in the Thames-Sydenham and Region developed the Discussion Paper on Participation in the Source Protection Planning Process. The discussion paper was used for consultation with stakeholders and municipalities on the representation on the committee. It identifies the sectors which would be represented on the committee. It also proposed groupings of municipalities which the 7 municipal members were to represent.
3. The regulation required a committee of 22 members including the chair. It also allowed for the appointment of 3 First Nations members and 3 liaisons.
4. The term of the original SPC members was required to be until the approval of the first Source Protection Plan for the Thames-Sydenham and Region. The regulation required that one third of the members and all of the First Nation member terms would expire on approval of the SPP. Each of the following years, one third of the members were to be renewed. This was intended to allow for retention of experience but allow for new participants.
5. This regulation was recently amended to allow, among other things, greater flexibility in the SPC size and the term of appointment.
6. The Ministry consulted on the changes and received general support from SPC, chairs and CAs
7. The SPC size in the Thames-Sydenham and Region can now be as large as 21 members or as small as 9 members. The chair is no longer included in the sizes specified in the regulation. Depending on the size of the SPC the committee could also have First Nations members (1 for a 9 member committee, 2 for a 12 or 15 member committee, or 3 for an 18 or 21 member committee). Liaisons remain the same as in the previous regulation.
8. The revised regulation also allows for flexibility in member appointment length. The term of all current members must expire before January 1, 2020. The term of any members appointed after this revised regulation came into effect must be between 6 months and 5 years. The term of appointment for First Nations members is determined by the First Nations. If not provided by the First Nation in the appointment the term is until a replacement is provided.
9. The revised regulation would require that prior to changes to the committee size the chair and each of the SPAs be consulted. The lead SPA (UTRSPA) would then be able to pass a resolution to change the committee size.
10. The committee size can now be changed at any time to further reduce or increase the size. It is possible that the size of the committee would be increased again to its original size during revisions to the SPP and ARs. This may depend on the magnitude of the policy revisions envisioned and the breadth of the technical work planned for the Assessment Reports.