

3. Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting: April 23, 2019

The Chair confirmed the mover and seconder were willing to let their names stand.

Mover: J.Salter

Secunder: A.Hopkins

THAT that the minutes of the Upper Thames River Source Protection Authority dated April 23, 2019 be approved as presented.

Carried.

4. Business for Approval

4.1 Ratification of Elected Positions (Report attached)

The Chair confirmed the mover and seconder were willing to let their names stand.

Mover: T.Jackson

Secunder: N.Manning

THAT the Source Protection Authority approve the recommendation as presented in the report.
Carried.

4.2 Drinking Water Source Protection Annual Progress Report (Report attached)

Staff reviewed the legislative responsibilities behind the annual progress report and highlighted some of the achievements reported in 2019 as a result of implementing the Thames-Sydenham and Region Source Protection Plan policies. These included a source water information session held in St Marys that attracted over 300 people, and voluntary best management practices being undertaken by businesses to help protect drinking water.

Staff discussed the impacts of the declared Provincial Emergency on the implementation of the source protection plan policies. While this region does not currently have set deadlines for establishing risk management plans, many surrounding regions established 5-year timelines which are nearing their expiry which could be impacted by the declared Provincial Emergency. Depending on when each Municipality is scheduled to update their Official Plans, the associated timelines may become an issue if the declared Provincial Emergency is still in effect. Staff will keep this Source Protection Authority informed, and call another meeting if policy time lines become a larger issue.

The Authority discussed algal blooms and the role that Source Water Protection has taken in the effort to reduce phosphorus. While not actively taking on work to reduce phosphorus, staff continue to monitor the issue and stay involved with the work the UTRCA has undertaken. In regards to the threat algal blooms pose to drinking water quality, staff added that all Lake Erie water systems have procedures in place to treat microcystin should an algal bloom happen.

Staff provided explanations for the differences in reported nitrate issues between Woodstock and Wallaceburg. The County of Oxford is planning to undertake a comprehensive review of the

nitrates in groundwater in Woodstock and will report on the findings of that review in the 2020 Annual Report. Water operators for the municipality of Chatham-Kent are no longer concerned about elevated nitrate levels in the raw water at the Wallaceburg intake. Source Protection staff are therefore in the process of amending the Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan to remove the nitrate issue in Wallaceburg.

The Chair confirmed the mover and seconder were willing to let their names stand.

MOVED BY: H.McDermid

SECONDED BY: P.Mitchell

THAT the Source Protection Authority approve the recommendations as presented in the report.

Carried

5. Business for Information

There was no business for information.

6. Adjournment

The Chair confirmed the mover was willing to let their name stand.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m. on a motion by A.Murray.



I.Wilcox
General Manager
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