Upper Thames River Source Protection Authority Meeting
Meeting Agenda
Tuesday November 3, 2026 at 9:30am 1424 Clarke Road, London

1. Modifications to the Agenda

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

3. Presentations/Delegations

4. Administrative Business

4.1. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: Tuesday April 28, 2026

5. Reports – For Consideration

5.1. Striking Committee Composition – SPA-26-11-03

6. Reports – For Information

7. Adjournment

Approved by Tracy Annett, General Manager

Thames-Sydenham and Region Drinking Water Source Protection
Source Protection Authority Report

Report #: SPA-26-11-03

Report to: Upper Thames River Source Protection Authority

CC: Management Committee, Dean Edwardson (SPC chair)

Prepared by: Julie Welker

Date: November 3, 2026

Re: Striking Committee Composition

THAT the Upper Thames River Source Protection Authority approve the change to the Drinking Water Source Protection Striking Committee Composition

Purpose

To review proposed changes to the composition of the Drinking Water Source Protection Striking Committee.

Background

The *Clean Water Act, 2006* requires that the Source Protection Authority for each Source Protection Region, form, and maintain, a Source Protection Committee. In the Thames-Sydenham and Region, the Upper Thames River, Lower Thames Valley and St. Clair Region Source Protection Authorities share this role. A Striking Committee was established and evolved to include 1 Board representative from each Source Protection Authority to carry out the responsibilities related to the formation and maintenance of the Source Protection Committee. The Source Protection Authorities' General Managers and the Program Coordinator provide support to the Striking Committee.

Discussion

With the impending consolidation to Ontario's conservation authorities on February 1, 2027, the current composition of the Striking Committee will provide challenges given the change to the three Source Protection Authorities. Source Protection Authority staff are recommending that the Striking Committee be made up of the Source Protection Authority Staff Program Coordinator and the Manager of Planning and Regulations. These two individuals can conduct interviews and provide their recommendations to the Source Protection Authority for approval. This approach aligns with many other Source Protection Regions across Ontario.

At this time, assumptions are being made on who the Source Protection Authority will be on February 1, 2027. The assumption is it will be the Western Lake Erie Regional Conservation Authority.

The Striking Committee may need to meet in the spring of 2027 to review and select members for the SPC for the positions whose terms expire June 1, 2027. The following positions terms are set to expire:

- Lambton County -1 representative
- Oxford County -1 representative
- Perth County, Huron County, Stratford, St. Marys -1 representative
- Industry -1 representative
- Public – 2 representatives

Source Protection Authority staff have reached out to current members to inquire on their interest of continuing to represent their sector on the Thames-Sydenham Source Protection Committee. At the time of this report, most have shown interest with continuing.



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