



Minutes

Upper Thames River Source Protection Authority Meeting Tuesday, April 22, 2025 9:30am 1424 Clarke Road

The Chair called the meeting of the Upper Thames River Source Protection Authority to order at 9:30am.

Members Present:

Jean Coles

Peter Cuddy – Online

Skylar Franke

Tom Heeman – Online

Anna Hopkins

Sandy Levin

Hugh McDermid

Paul Mitchell

Harj Nijjar – Online

Brian Petrie

Mark Schadenberg

Dean Trentowsky – Chair

George Way

Regrets: Jim Craigmile, Scotty Zehr

Staff:

Jenna Allain

Tracy Annett

Emily Chandler

Erin Dolmage

Joe Gordon

Eleanor Heagy

Tatianna Lozier

Christine Saracino

Chris Tasker

Michelle Viglianti

Julie Welker

Brandon Williamson

1. Modifications to the Agenda

The Chair asked whether there were any proposed modifications to the agenda. There were none.

Mover: Mark Schadenberg

Seconder: Skylar Franke

THAT the Source Protection Authority adopts the agenda as circulated.

Carried.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

3. Delegations/Presentations

Julie Welker, Source Protection Coordinator, presented the 2024 progress report.

Concerns were raised on potential Provincial cuts to the program and the future fee freeze coming into effect in 2027, which could cause downloading to Municipal levy. The upcoming 25th anniversary of the Walkerton tragedy was discussed, with members voicing concerns that if the anniversary is not commemorated, people and Governments will forget the importance of the Source Protection programs.

A Source Protection Authority member highlighted the Thornton Wellfield project being undertaken by the County of Oxford. The County has purchased additional land around the wellfield to reforest and will be creating a storm water pond to mitigate risk.

The Source Protection Authority discussed the reduced threshold for fuel storage.

The Source Protection Authority discussed how to support the work of the Source Protection program at the Council level and asked that staff circulate the 2024 Annual Report to Municipalities. Staff offered to attend Council meetings once a year to provide an annual update.

Mover: Skylar Franke

Seconder: George Way

That the Upper Thames River Source Protection Authority direct staff to submit the 2024 Thames-Sydenham and Region Source Protection Annual Progress Report and Supplemental form to the Director of the Source Protection Programs Branch of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Mover: Brian Petrie

Seconder: Anna Hopkins

Amendment: AND to circulate this report to the Source Water Protection Municipalities.
Carried.

That the Upper Thames River Source Protection Authority direct staff to submit the 2024 Thames-Sydenham and Region Source Protection Annual Progress Report and Supplemental form to the Director of the Source Protection Programs Branch of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, AND to circulate this report to the Source Water Protection Municipalities.
Carried.

4. Administrative Business

4.1. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: Tuesday April 16, 2024

Mover: Brian Petrie

Seconder: Skylar Franke

THAT that the Upper Thames River Source Protection Authority approve the minutes of the previous meeting dated Tuesday April 16, 2024.

Carried.

5. Reports – For Consideration

5.1. Ratification of Source Protection Striking Committee Member and Committee Liaison

Mover: Skylar Franke

Seconder: Peter Cuddy

That the Source Protection Authority ratifies the January 28, 2025 election of Sandy Levin as the Source Protection Striking Committee Member and Committee Liaison.

Carried.

5.2. Drinking Water Source Protection Annual Progress Report – Done under presentation

Due to a clerical error, this item was discussed under agenda item 3 Delegations and Presentations.

6. Reports – For Information

There were no reports for information.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 10:12am on a motion by Anna Hopkins.

Tracy Annett
General Manager
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