

Upper Thames River Source Protection Authority Meeting Meeting Agenda Tuesday June 20, 2023 at 9:30 A.M

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 25, 2023

5. Reports – For Consideration

6. Reports – For Information

6.1. Striking Committee Update – J.Welker/S.Levin

7. Adjournment



Tracy Annett, General Manager

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

Report #: 6.1

Report to: Upper Thames River Source Protection Authority

CC: Management Committee

Prepared by: Julie Welker on behalf of Sandy Levin

Date: June 20, 2023

Re: Striking Committee Update

Recommendations

THAT the Source Protection Authority (SPA) receives the following report as information.

Summary

- Overview of the *Clean Water Act, 2006* and the Source Protection Committee
- Role of Striking Committee Member
- Source Protection Committee recruitment update

Discussion

The *Clean Water Act, 2006* (Act) was created in response to the tragedy that occurred in Walkerton when their local municipal drinking water system became contaminated and several people died and left thousands ill. The purpose of the Act is to protect existing and future sources of drinking water.

The Act and associated regulations requires the Source Protection Authorities (Upper Thames, Lower Thames, St. Clair CAs) to form a Source Protection Committee (SPC). This committee is a multi-stakeholder committee made up of municipal staff, private sectors, and members of the public whose purpose is to develop and maintain policies within the Thames-Sydenham Source Protection Plans. These policies use a variety of tools to ensure activities ceases to become a threat to municipal drinking water.

Now that the SPC has been established, the responsibilities of the Source Protection Authorities are to maintain the SPC. To support this process a Striking Committee was created which includes one board member from each of the Source Protection Authorities with the support of source protection staff.

In order to maintain the SPC, Striking Committee members must ensure the selection process is in accordance with the Act and its Regulations, which includes notices on the website, interviews and selections. This could result in appointments of new members or re(appointment) of current members.

The Striking Committee has currently met to review and select members for the SPC for the positions whose terms end June 1, 2023. According to the Act, it is the responsibility of each Striking Committee member to report back to their respective Source Protection Authorities (in this case Upper Thames River Source Protection Authority) on the results of the selection. The following are the results of this process:

Jason Migchels, representing Lambton County – Appointment (term expires June 2027)

Matthew Jauernig, representing Oxford County – Re-appointment (term expires June 2027)

Johnny Bowes, representing Perth County, Huron County, Stratford, St. Marys – Re-appointment (term expires June 2027)

Carl Kennes, representing the Golf Industry – Re-appointment (term expires June 2027)

George Marr, representing the public – Re-appointment (term expires June 2027)

Gary Eagleson, representing the public – Re-appointment (term expires June 2027)

We still are searching for an Agricultural representative.

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