



## **SPC Meeting – December 8, 2015**

Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee

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# Source Protection Region News

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- Township of Puslinch, November 4, 2015 Council Meeting
  - Resolution 2015-436: By-law 62/15 being a by-law to appoint Kyle Davis as Risk Management Official and Risk Management Inspector and Robert Kelly as alternate for the Township of Puslinch.
- Carlisle Conservation Committee (C3)
  - Established to provide consultation and feedback on development and implementation of a long-term water conservation management strategy in Carlisle
  - 10 area representatives, consultant, City staff
  - Two meetings so far – June and November
  - Brainstorming how to raise awareness and participation
  - Looking at winter and summer water demands, irrigation, inside use

# Source Protection Region News

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- Greenville Tier 3 Water Budget study delayed
  - City of Hamilton completing additional work on proposed back up well(s)
  - New modelling to occur in early 2016
- Letter received from MOECC reminding that the Source Protection Plan will be in effect December 31, 2015
- Consolidated review of the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, Green Belt Plan, Niagara Escarpment Plan and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan
  - 87 recommendations of the advisory panel released on Monday
  - Mentions source water protection, protection of significant groundwater recharge areas

# Chairs' Meeting Update

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- Program review underway – regulation, technical rules, guidance
  - what changes could improve the program
  - quick fixes and longer term fixes that require much consultation
  - list of prescribed threats and the circumstances that make each a significant threat
- Steady state of the program –what the program will look like long term
  - senior management at MOECC has provided a high level picture
  - implementation of the plans and program will never end
  - during the next one to two years the bulk of the implementation work will be completed
  - need a sustainable program

# Road Sign

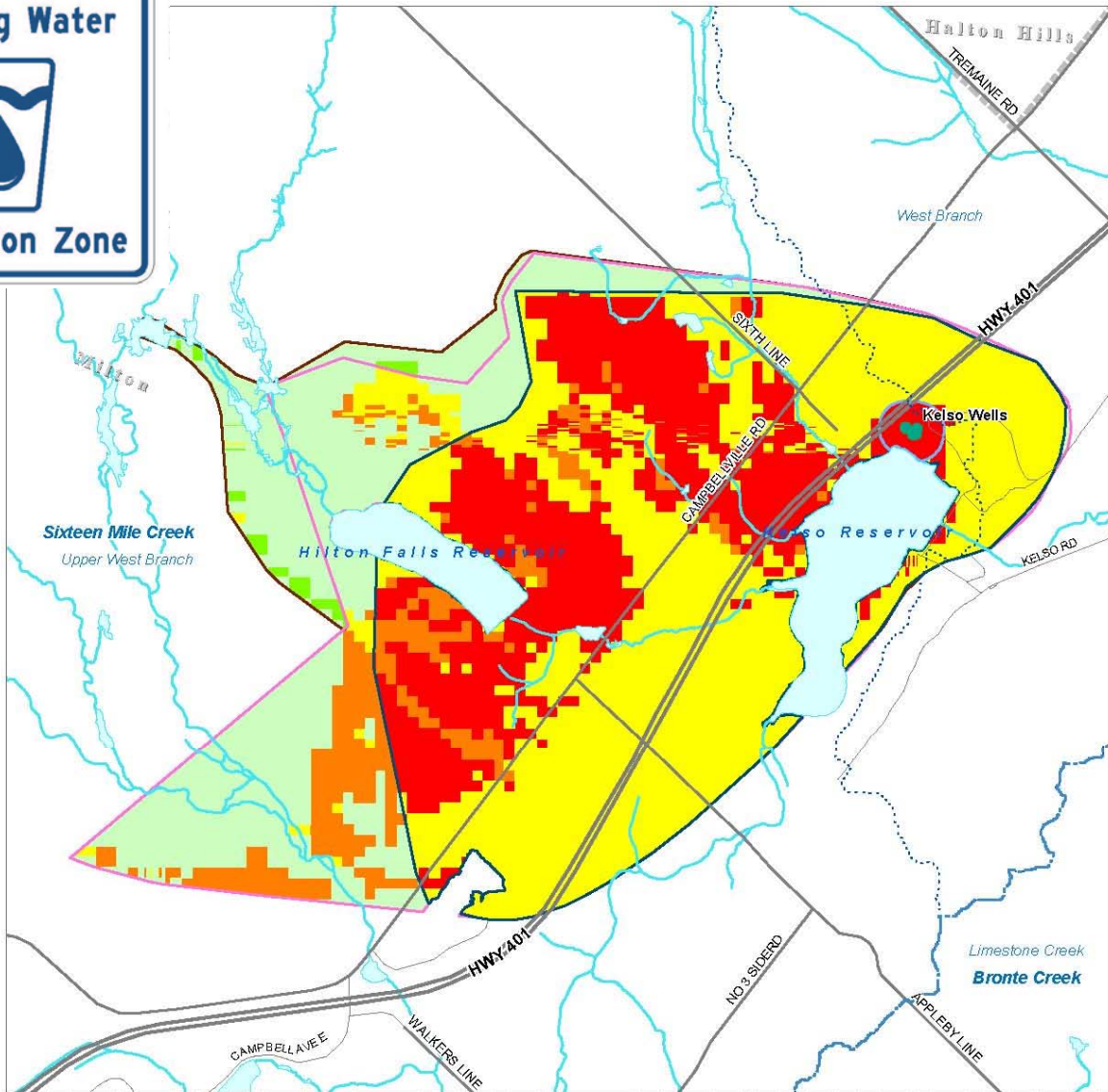


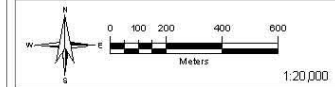
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**Kelso - Vulnerability**

### Legend

- Watersheds
- Subwatersheds
- Lower Tier Municipality
- Roads**
  - Highway
  - Regional
  - Local
- Hydrography
- Waterbody
- Municipal Well
- WHPA Boundary**
  - A
  - B
  - C
  - D
- Surface to Well Advection Time (SWAT)**
- Vulnerability**
  - 10 (high)
  - 8
  - 6
  - 4
  - 2 (low)

Source: Halton Region / Earthfx Groundwater Model (2010).

Projection: UTM NAD 83 Zone 17  
Date: October 2014



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## **Ontario Regulation 288/07 – SPC amendments**

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# Committee Size and Composition

- Flexibility for Source Protection Authority to decide SPC size

Column 1 Source Protection Area or Source Protection Region	Column 2 Maximum number of members	Column 3 Minimum number of members
Halton-Hamilton	15	6

- Equal proportion of members from three groups is required
  - Municipal
  - Economic
  - Environment/health/general public
- Ability to change size again at future date if warranted

# Requirements

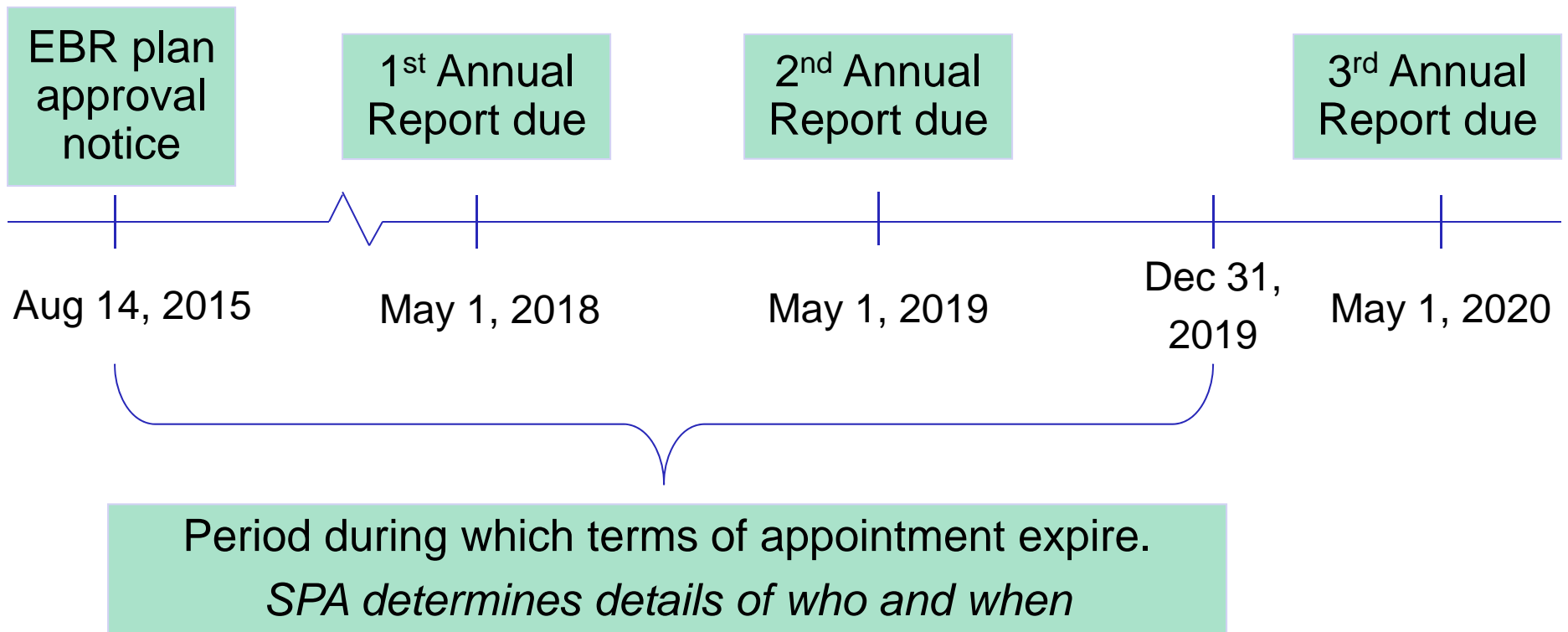
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- Can happen at any time
- Three requirements for SPC size change – the lead source protection authority must
  - consult with SPC chair about intent to reduce or increase SPC size
  - consult with other SPAs in source protection region
  - pass resolution to reduce or increase SPC size



# Membership Terms

- Terms of appointment for every member appointed by the SPA before the regulation was amended must expire before Jan 1st of the year the third annual progress report is due



# Membership Terms and Recruitment

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- Future terms of appointment
  - minimum of 6 months
  - maximum 5 years
  - Previous SPC members can always apply for appointment for a new term
- Recruitment process streamlined
  - Internet mandatory; newspaper notices discretionary as SPA determines is necessary in local circumstances
  - Minimum posting period reduced to 1 month (from 2 months)

# Recruitment of Municipal Members

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- Municipalities are grouped and a number of seats given to each grouping.
- When a municipal vacancy arises, SPA provides a notice to municipalities that comprise the group where vacancy occurred and invite them to jointly provide replacement name(s) to represent the interests of that group by a specified date.
- If municipal councils do not jointly provide a list of names by the specific date or provide fewer names than required, the SPA may select the municipal member(s) that is representative of the interests of all the municipalities in the group.

# Conditions of Appointment

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- The appointee must
  - reside in
  - own or rent land in
  - be employed in
  - operate a business in
  - be employed by a municipality that is located, in whole or in part, in the source protection area or source protection region
- And must
  - regularly attend meetings of the source protection committee
  - comply with the source protection committee's code of conduct and conflict of interest policy

# Other changes

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- Health Liaison no longer appointed by the Minister
- Out-of-date requirements removed
  - Member appointment timing
  - First meetings
  - Quarterly reports



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# **Response of the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Management Committee**

Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee

Bob Edmondson, Chair

December 8, 2015

# Committee Size

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- Reduce committee from 15 to 9 members plus a chair
  - Need a committee size that works locally for the CA
  - Need a committee that is sustainable and engaged – possibly meeting only once or twice per year
  - Reducing provincial funding envelop for the program
  - Reducing staff complement to support the SPC
  - Reduced work of the SPC

# Committee Composition

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- Municipal\*\*
  - 1 Hamilton/Grimsby/Niagara Region
  - 1 Halton Region/Milton/Burlington/Oakville/Mississauga/Peel Region
  - 1 Puslinch/County of Wellington
- Economic
  - 2 agricultural
  - 1 commercial/industrial
  - Based on significant threats identified - Agricultural source material application and storage, commercial fertilizer storage, pesticide application, fuel handling and storage, pipelines, land associated with livestock, DNAPL storage
- Environment/health/general public
  - 1 environmental
  - 2 general public/health
  - Representation from across Region

\*\* A Risk Management Official will declare a conflict of interest for discussions that directly affect his/her position/work



# Terms of Appointment

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- Municipal – 4 years or less to align with election cycle
- Non-municipal existing members – staggered expiration from each group over three year period
  - 1 economic and 1 public group in 2017, 2018, and 2019
- New appointments of non-municipal members – 5 years likely, possibly 4
  - Depends on work program and milestones

# Recruitment of Members

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- Municipal – letters to municipal clerks requesting nominations from each municipal group
- Non-municipal – advertisement on source protection and CA websites, social media, e-mail to webpage followers, in newspapers as warranted, any other means to broaden coverage
  - Also if we are targeting a certain sector we will approach the appropriate association for nominations – such as OFA for agricultural reps

# Next Steps

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- Staff report to source protection authorities on January 28 and February 4 for approval
- Letters to municipal clerks in February asking for nominations from municipal groups (require Council resolution from each municipality) – given 2-3 months to submit
- Recruitment for non-municipal vacant seats begins in February
- Staff report with nominations for appointment will go to source protection authorities in May/June