

**Report To:** Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee  
**Report No.:** SPC-22-09-02  
**From:** Bob Edmondson, (former) Chair, Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee, spcchair@hrca.on.ca  
**Date:** September 13, 2022  
**Subject:** SPC Chair Update

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### **Recommendation**

**THAT** the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee receives for information report SPC-22-09-02 SPC Chair Update.

### **Executive Summary**

The SPC Chair and three SPC member participated in the Bloom and Bubbles Festival in June 2022 to showcase the Source Protection Program. Upcoming opportunities for outreach are the Hops and Harvest and the Children's Water Festivals, both in late September 2022.

### **Report**

Chair Bob Edmondson and Committee members Dana Couture, Carla Coveart and Chris Murray participated in the Bloom and Bubbles Festival held at the Kelso Conservation Area on the weekend of June 25 and 26, 2022. The event was held in the old Milton Quarry site that is part of the Kelso Conservation Area. This was the first time for the festival and it focused on things that grow locally including the production of wines. There were a variety of vendors and live entertainment including displays by Conservation Halton relating to their environmental programs as well as hands-on activities. It was a good fit for our program as an outreach opportunity and we took turns manning our Source Protection Drinking Water display. It was apparent to all of us that we need to update our display boards to make them current and have a banner identifying the program that can be seen by people as they circulate near our site. It was also obvious to all of us how little the general public knows about our program.

The next outreach opportunity is the Hops and Harvest Festival which we attended last year. It is scheduled for the weekend of September 23rd to 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and will be held at the same location as the Blooms and Bubbles festival. This is a large event and is well attended with attendance in the range of about 5,000 and provides a great opportunity for outreach.

A Children's Water Festival is scheduled for the dates of September 27 to 29, 2022 at the Kelso Conservation Area and we have discussed with the Conservation Halton staff the opportunity for the Committee to man an activity centre. The festival is catering to grade 5 students and the activity that we will be involved in is Amazing Aquifers. It provides for a good fit with our program and allows us to get our message across regarding protecting



drinking water sources. The models and materials are provided and we would be following a script outline that we can tailor to our needs.

Signed & respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Edmondson".

Bob Edmondson  
SPC Chair, Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee