

Report to: Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee

Report No: SPC-22-12-03

From: Bob Edmondson, Chair, Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee

Date: December 6, 2022

Subject: SPC Chair Update

Recommendation:

THAT the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee receives for information report SPC-22-12-03 SPC Chair Update.

Executive Summary

The SPC Chair and three SPC members participated in the Hops and Harvest Festival and Children's Water Festival held at the Kelso Conservation Area during the month of September.

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Chair Bob Edmondson and Committee members, Dana Couture, Carla Coveart and Chris Murray participated in the Hops and Harvest Festival on the weekend of September 23 to 25. The committee participated in this event last year. It was well attended with attendance close to 5,000 and presented a good opportunity for outreach. The festival was located in the Milton Quarry site where the Blooms and Bubbles Festival was held in June. The Milton Quarry is part of the Kelso Conservation Area. A short script was developed to get the message across as succinctly as possible as people moved around the site. The event highlighted the need to update our story boards for future events.

The Children's Water Festival was held the next week from September 27 to 29 in area 5 at the Kelso Conservation Area. The festival catered to grade 5 students and the activity presented by the committee members was the 'Amazing Aquifer'. It was an excellent fit as it related to our program. A model of an aquifer was used to demonstrate the water cycle; including, precipitation, evaporation, condensation and infiltration. It allowed for the demonstration of how water is stored in an aquifer then pumped out for use as well as how pollutants can infiltrate into the aquifer. The grade 5 students were cycled through activity centers and spent about 15 minutes at each activity before moving on to the next one. It was fast paced but I think everyone agreed on how responsive the students were with their interest and questions. The model worked out very well and could be considered for other events.

Also, a presentation was made to Natalie Pierre, MPP for Burlington. This was done virtually and provided her with an overview of how the program started, how it works across Ontario and how specifically we apply it in the Halton-Hamilton area. Ms. Pierre is a new member of the legislature and similar presentations were made to others back in 2018 who have been re-elected. Other new MPPs have been contacted and asked if they would like a similar presentation. Ms. Pierre was thankful for the presentation and asked if she could help in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Edmondson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

Bob Edmondson
SPC Chair, Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee.