

**REPORT TO:** Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee  
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**SUBJECT:** Halton-Hamilton Section 36 Updates: Process and Timelines

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## Recommendation

THAT the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee **receives for information the Staff report Halton-Hamilton Section 36 Updates: Process and Timelines.**

## Executive Summary

Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Region (HHSPR) staff prepared timelines for engagement and consultation in 2020-21 for the comprehensive science and policy updates undertaken per Section 36 of the Clean Water Act.

## Report

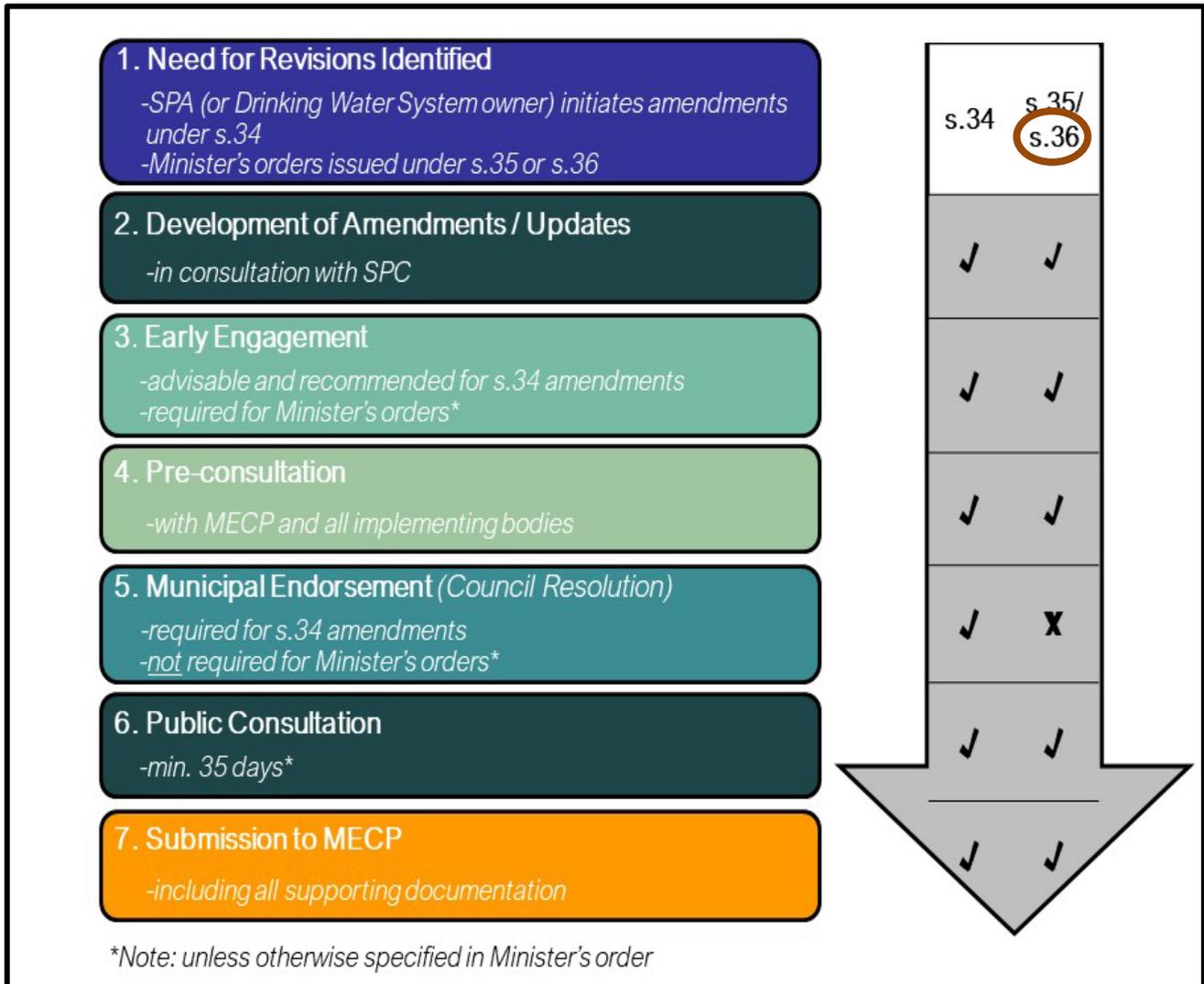
### Background

Under Section 36 of the Clean Water Act, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) required the submission of workplans to review Source Protection Plans. This has led to the second round of source protection planning across Ontario.

The workplan for the Halton and Hamilton source protection areas was approved by MECP in March 2019, with a proposed timeframe of March 2021. **Attachment 1** is the Minister's amended Order pursuant to Section 36 of the Clean Water Act. The approved workplan includes tasks to review both science and policies, to support the continued protection of drinking water sources. The workplan is available at the website: <https://bit.ly/3k6pyu0>.

HHSPR staff are undertaking amendments to the assessment reports, source protection plan, and explanatory document per the Section 36 workplan. These amendments are being brought to the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee (HHSPC) for review and endorsement.

The **Figure 1** shows the steps required by MECP, leading to the submission of the amended documents to MECP.



**Figure 1: Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan Revision Process  
(MECP, October 2019)**

The required steps are taken from **Attachment 2: "Source Protection Planning Bulletin – Overview of Requirements for Plan and Assessment Report Amendments and Updates under sections 34, 35 and 36 of the Clean Water Act"**, by MECP, October 2019.

The **Table 1** developed by HHSPR staff provides timelines that ensure adequate consultation and result a submission to the MECP. Note that the timeline for early engagement is dependent upon the MECP.

**Table 1: Timelines for Comprehensive Updates for Source Water Protection**

No.	Step	Timeline
1	Need for revisions/updates identified (Minister's Order issued under S. 35 or S. 36; SPA initiated S. 34)	2018 onwards
2	Development of amendments/update (in consultation with the HHSPC)	April 1, 2019 to May 31, 2021 Involves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update documents by May 31, 2021</li> <li>SPC meeting on June 15, 2021</li> <li>Address SPC comments by June 20, 2021.</li> </ul>
3	Early engagement (with MECP)	June 21 to July 16, 2021* (4 weeks) *Dates depend on MECP. Involves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Send documents to MECP on June 21, 2021</li> <li>Receive MECP comments by July 16, 2021</li> <li>Address MECP comments and update documents for pre-consultation by July 30, 2021</li> <li>Email the pre-con package to the SPC on Aug. 10, 2021</li> <li>Address SPC comments by Aug. 16, 2021.</li> </ul>
4	Pre-consultation (with MECP and all policy implementers)	Aug. 17 to Sep. 10, 2021* (4 weeks) Involves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Send documents to MECP and policy implementers on Aug. 17, 2021</li> <li>Receive comments by Sep. 10, 2021</li> <li>Address comments and update documents for public consultation by Sep. 24, 2021</li> <li>SPC meeting on Oct. 5, 2021</li> <li>Address SPC comments and prepare all documents for public consultation by Oct. 15, 2021.</li> </ul>
5	Municipal endorsement (Not applicable for Section 36 updates)	Not applicable for Section 36 updates
6	Public consultation (minimum 35 days)	Oct. 18 to Nov. 22, 2021 (36 days) Involves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public posting on Oct. 18, 2021</li> <li>Receive comments by Nov. 22, 2021</li> <li>Address comments and update documents by Dec. 3, 2021</li> <li>SPC meeting on Dec. 14, 2021</li> <li>Address SPC comments and prepare all documents for the Source Protection Authority (SPA) Boards by Jan. 15, 2022.</li> <li>SPA board meetings on: Feb. 3 and Feb. 16 TBD, 2022.</li> <li>Prepare all supporting documentation and files including GIS shapefiles by March 14 to submit to MECP.</li> </ul>
7	Submission to MECP (including all supporting documentation)	March 15, 2022

Signed & respectfully submitted:

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**Attachments**

Attachment 1: Minister's amended Order pursuant to Section 36 of the Clean Water Act

Attachment 2: Source Protection Planning Bulletin – Overview of Requirements for Plan and Assessment Report Amendments and Updates under sections 34, 35 and 36 of the Clean Water Act, by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, October 2019.

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Dear Mr. Smallegange, Ms. Fielding and Mr. Edmondson

I am following up on your proposed workplan for the comprehensive review and update of the Halton Region and Hamilton Region assessment reports and source protection plan for the Halton Region and Hamilton Region source protection areas. The workplan, dated November 22, 2018, was submitted in compliance with the order dated August 5, 2015 issued under section 36 of the *Clean Water Act*.

I am pleased to note that your workplan confirms that implementation of the source protection plan is going well and I appreciate the level of effort you put into your analysis of your assessment reports and plan.

Pursuant to subsection 36 (1) of the *Clean Water Act*, I am amending the order dated August 5, 2015, to establish requirements governing the content and timeframes of the review and the process to be followed for any updates to your assessment reports and plan. The source protection committee shall update the assessment reports and source protection plan to address the workplan items identified in the attachment to this order and ensure those changes comply with the recent amendments to the General Regulation and Director's Technical Rules.

You may proceed with any other items in the workplan that are consistent with the Act, its regulations and technical rules that are in effect at the time of the updates; staff in the Ministry's drinking water source protection program can provide you advice on this. You can contact Debbie Scanlon, Manager Approvals Section (416-212-8839) if you have any questions. I will leave it to the source protection committee and source protection authorities, with the local municipalities, to determine which of these other updates proceed.

When undertaking any updates, the source protection committee and lead source protection authority must follow the amendment process and consultation requirements set out in the attachment to this letter. All updates carried out under section 36 of the *Clean Water Act* are to be submitted to the Ministry within six (6) months after the completion of the required updates and consultation.

I want to thank you for the continued efforts of the source protection authorities, committee and local communities to ensure sources of drinking water are protected. Significant progress has been made in source protection and the province looks forward to continuing to work with you and all stakeholders to protect sources of drinking water.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rod Phillips', written over a faint circular stamp or watermark.

Rod Phillips  
Minister

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Mandatory Updates to the Assessment Reports and Source Protection Plan

The Halton-Hamilton Region source protection committee shall ensure that the review includes updates to the assessment reports and source protection plan to:

- comply with the amendments made to the Director's Technical Rules, published on the Environmental Registry in March 2017 under posting number 012-8507. In particular for your source protection areas, this includes assessing the vulnerability of the Great Lakes intakes that the workplan indicates are vulnerable (Burlington, Oakville and Woodward) and identifying locations where the above grade handling and storage of fuel poses a risk;
- update liquid hydrocarbon pipeline references in the current assessment reports and plan from a local threat to a prescribed drinking water threat of provincial interest and ensure policies apply to all relevant protection zones to align with 2018 amendments to the General regulation (O.Reg. 287/07) under the *Clean Water Act* and Director's Technical Rules;
- make updates to align with neighboring Source Protection Plans to incorporate the water quantity risk assessment and policies when included in the approved Grand River source protection area for Guelph-Eramosa;
- include technical work completed within the timeframe of the comprehensive review for changes to drinking water systems, including Freelon, Carlisle, Burloak, Campbellville, Cedarvale, Woodward and Walkers Line drinking water systems where appropriate, as necessary under O.Reg 205/18 of the *Safe Drinking Water Act*.
  - The source protection committee, authorities and affected municipality should jointly determine if it would be more appropriate to have the source protection authority propose amendments under section 34 of the *Clean Water Act* to deal with the changes to any drinking water systems, as opposed to including these updates as part of the review under section 36.
- revise policies that support improved implementation, such as policy G-2 for the County of Wellington.

Amendment Process for Updates including Consultation:

The rules that source protection committees and source protection authorities were required to follow under the *Clean Water Act* in preparing, consulting on and submitting assessment reports and source protection plans to the Ministry will generally apply when making updates as part of this review. However, as with locally initiated amendments, any proposed updates to the assessment reports and plan are to be consulted on concurrently and submitted together as one package to the Ministry by the source protection authority.

Only those provisions of the *Clean Water Act* and the General regulation referred to below apply to the update of the assessment reports and source protection plan. For example, as no terms of reference is being required for the review and update of the assessment report and plan, subsection 36 (3) of the *Clean Water Act* does not apply.

Accordingly, for the updates to the assessment reports and source protection plan, the following provisions apply:

- Assessment report content outlined in section 15 of the *Clean Water Act* and sections 11 to 14 of the General regulation.
- Source protection plan content outlined in subsections 22 (2) to (15) of the *Clean Water Act* and sections 20 to 34 of the General regulation.

Updates to the assessment reports and source protection plan shall be made in consultation with affected municipalities, the Ministry, and any other bodies responsible for implementing a policy that may be revised as part of the updates. Consultation shall include the following minimum requirements:

- Early consultation on any draft updates to the assessment reports and plan with the Source Protection Programs Branch prior to carrying out pre-consultation with other bodies.
- Pre-consultation with all implementing bodies as well as persons and businesses engaged in significant drinking water threats in the geographic areas affected by the updates in accordance with sections 35 to 39 of the General regulation.
- Consultation for a minimum of 35 days, as outlined below.

The Explanatory Document that accompanies the plan (section 40, General regulation) shall also be updated to reflect the proposed changes to the plan and made available for consultation.

While consulting on the proposed updates to the assessment reports and source protection plan in accordance with the requirements set out above, comments received shall be documented, considered and addressed prior to advancing to the next consultation stage or finalizing the proposed updates to the assessment reports and plan.

Notification and publication of the proposed updates shall follow the provisions included in the General regulation for assessment reports and plans as described below. This includes making the proposed updates available on the Internet and in locations that are accessible to give the public and other interested parties an opportunity to inspect and comment on the updates. Specifically, consultation on the proposed updates to the assessment reports and plan shall occur concurrently and sections 23 to 25 of the *Clean Water Act* and section 41 of the General regulation apply with modifications noted below:

- References to a draft or proposed source protection plan shall be read as references to the proposed updates to the assessment reports and source protection plan that result from the review carried out under section 36 of the *Clean Water Act*.
- Notices shall be provided to the clerk of each municipality and all other persons and bodies listed in section 41 that are affected by the proposed updates.
- A public meeting referred to in clause (c) of subsection 41 (3) and in subsection 41 (7) is optional as determined by the source protection committee in consideration of the nature and scope of the proposed updates.

## Source Protection Planning Bulletin – Overview of Requirements for Plan and Assessment Report Amendments and Updates under sections 34, 35 and 36 of the Clean Water Act

October 2019

### Introduction

The purpose of the Clean Water Act (CWA) is to protect Ontario's existing and future sources of drinking water as part of an overall commitment to safeguard human health and the environment. A key focus of the legislation is the preparation of science-based assessment reports and locally-developed source protection plans. The source protection plans consist of a range of policies that reduce risks to water quality and quantity.

The source protection planning process ensures that affected and interested parties have opportunities to contribute to the preparation of amendments to source protection plans and assessment reports. Source protection planning is a locally-driven, collaborative process that includes municipal, provincial and public involvement through the source protection committees (SPCs), supported by local source protection authorities (SPAs).

### Plan Revisions under the Clean Water Act

The CWA enables source protection plans and assessment reports to be revised using one of four methods:

1. a locally initiated amendment under section 34;
2. a Minister ordered amendment under section 35;
3. an update resulting from the review under section 36; or
4. an amendment under section 51 of O. Reg. 287/07 for minor/administrative revisions.

The method used will depend on factors such as the level of complexity of the revisions and how time sensitive they are.

This bulletin provides guidance on the legislative requirements for making amendments to source protection plans and assessment reports under sections 34, 35 and 36 of the CWA.

The process for amendments is largely similar to the process followed when developing the initial plans and assessment reports, with a few key differences, including the importance of consulting concurrently on technical changes in an assessment report and plan revisions.

While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information in this document, it should not be construed as legal advice or relied on as a substitute for the legislation.

### 1. Need for Plan Amendment or Update

The SPA<sup>1</sup> should first consider whether the necessary revisions should be made as part of an amendment under section 34, an update under section 36 in accordance with a Minister's order, or if the revision is minor/administrative in nature (i.e. the revision would not change how the plan is being implemented), under section 51 (typographical and other changes) of O. Reg. 287/07. If an amendment is made under section 51, the SPA must publish the

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<sup>1</sup> References to SPA are intended to be the lead SPA in a source protection region unless otherwise indicated.

amendment, and a notice describing the amendment, on the internet as soon as reasonably possible after the amendment is made. The SPA must also give a copy of the notice to the Director and to every person or body responsible for implementing a policy that is affected by the amendment and must also provide updated geospatial mapping data to the ministry. The SPA should record the rationale for the amendment and keep it on file.

Section 34 amendments are typically those with some urgency, including those that ensure new or changing municipal sources of drinking water are protected, include important information not available at the time the plan was first approved (e.g. water budgets), address new or changing land uses or infrastructure that impact vulnerable area mapping or scores, and ensure policy implementation issues are addressed.

## **2. Development of Plan Amendments/ Updates**

When source protection plans and assessment reports are being revised, the SPA is responsible for administering the overall process; however, in practice, the SPA and SPC may continue to work together as they have in the past. The SPA may move forward with consulting on the proposed amendments if the SPA and SPC agree it is advisable (section 48 of O. Reg. 287/07). Within your source protection area or region, SPA boards may already have established a process for determining when to move forward with amendments, or locally delegated these decisions to the project manager, lead SPA, or regional management committee of SPAs in a region.

When preparing a section 34 amendment or a section 36 update, in addition to text and/or maps that are the focus of the changes, O. Reg. 287/07 requires the revisions include:

- Any changes to the list of applicable legal provisions in the Appendix of the approved plan (i.e. legal effect list)
- Summary of all consultation activities undertaken (e.g. description of who was consulted, how they were consulted, and when)
- Description of consultation methods/dates/locations (e.g. letters, newspaper notices, public meetings, etc.).

### *Transport Pathways*

In the event a section 34 amendment is being contemplated as a result of a notice received from a municipality about a new or modified transport pathway under ss.27(3) of O. Reg. 287/07, the SPA is required to give notice of its intention to propose such an amendment (O. Reg. 287/07, ss.48(2)). This notice must be provided to the municipality that received the transport pathway proposal, the person responsible for the proposal, and any persons engaging in activities that could be affected by policies as a result of the amendment. This notice can be provided at this stage (Development of Plan Amendments) or during the next stage (Early Engagement).

### *New and Changing Municipal Residential Drinking Water Systems*

Changes in 2018 to O. Reg. 287/07 under the CWA and the establishment of O. Reg. 205/18 under the Safe Drinking Water Act require municipalities to work with the SPA to include new

or changing municipal drinking water systems in a source protection plan before water may be provided to the public. The drinking water system owner is responsible for the work required to complete the amendment and may carry it out themselves, arrange for a consultant, or engage the SPA to complete the requirements. This includes the time and effort required to complete all technical and policy work necessary for the amendment, including consultation.

The SPA is responsible for issuing a notice to the drinking water system owner when the SPA is satisfied that the technical work set out in ss.48(1.1)(a) of O. Reg. 287/07 has been completed. Specifically, this refers to vulnerable area mapping and the identification of areas where an activity of condition would be a significant, moderate and low drinking water threat (e.g. vulnerability scores). The SPA does not approve this work but is expected to consider if the work generally aligns with the content of the approved assessment report, plan and Director's Technical Rules (i.e. is the required content present, such as maps of vulnerable areas, vulnerability scores, enumeration estimates, etc.), and notify the drinking water system owner accordingly that it is satisfied with the work.

This notice must also include a description of the amendments necessary to incorporate the new or changing system, and an indication of when the SPA will be in a position to propose the amendments, noting if the changes are being incorporated as part of an update following a review under s.36. Other work that may be necessary to complete the amendments (i.e.: updates to impervious surface or livestock density mapping, review and possible amendments to plan policies, policy timeline updates, summary of consultation activities, pre-consultation with implementing bodies and public consultation) can be completed after issuing the notice and should be documented within it.

Source Protection Programs Branch (SPPB) staff are available to review early draft technical or policy work developed by, or on behalf of, a municipality or drinking water system owner.

### **3. Early Engagement**

Early engagement is a fundamental part of the planning process to ensure that technical reports and information that supports the assessment report changes are evaluated and meet the requirements of the Director's Technical Rules, regulation and CWA in effect at the time of the amendments/updates. During early engagement, it is important that the SPPB be engaged before technical and policy work is finalized in order to provide essential early feedback. Early engagement documents should reference which version of the Director's Technical Rules and Tables of Drinking Water Threats are used (note: SPAs are expected to use the version in effect at the time of the revisions). Key reminders about the content of early engagement submissions are located in *Appendix A*.

Early engagement provides an excellent opportunity for the SPA to inform affected municipalities that a council resolution will be *required* for locally initiated amendments (or if directed in Minister's orders under s.35 or s.36, before the amendment package can be submitted to the ministry for review and approval). See section *Municipal Endorsement* below for more details.

Early engagement with SPPB serves two main purposes:

1. General discussion on approach (i.e.: new concepts/methodology), where there is consultation and dialogue on the proposed or selected methodology for conducting technical work including the delineation of Wellhead Protection Areas / Intake Protection Zones / Issues Contributing Areas / Event Based Areas, assigning vulnerability scores, etc. This is particularly important in situations where the approach was not previously used in the assessment report or there may be some uncertainty about its suitability for the new technical work. This will help alleviate any concerns with the technical or policy work prior to you beginning pre-consultation with implementing bodies.
2. SPPB review following completion of technical work, where branch staff review and comment on the technical reports before they are finalized, on early draft assessment report text as available, and on early draft policies that will inform the revised source protection plan.

#### 4. Pre-Consultation

As the SPA enters the pre-consultation stage, they should provide responses to outstanding comments from early engagement (and include updated technical reports, if applicable) to the SPPB as well as updated assessment report text. Pre-consultation with implementing bodies is required in all cases except for typographical and other changes set out in section 51 of O. Reg. 287/07. Implementing bodies are to be made aware of the plan and assessment report revisions and given an opportunity to provide feedback as early in the process as possible. Pre-consultation refers to the regulatory requirements within O. Reg. 287/07 (s.35 to s.39) and is listed within amended section 36 Minister's orders, to consult with impacted implementing bodies prior to conducting broader public consultation. More specifically, it refers to the requirement to send notices to persons or bodies<sup>2</sup> responsible for implementing policies, including government ministries that have obligations under the CWA (government contact information is provided in *Appendix B*). These pre-consultation requirements were applied when the plans were initially developed. Bodies responsible for implementing policies, such as affected municipalities and ministries, must be provided with the plan amendment proposal prior to public consultation, including:

- Notice of plan revisions (incl. assessment report);
- Policy text (incl. vulnerable area mapping<sup>3</sup> or other information about where the policy will apply);
- Summary of rationale for amendments;
- Request for submission of written comments.

Depending on the extent of early engagement with municipalities, pre-consultation notices sent to affected municipalities could inform them that a council resolution will be required. The SPA can determine if it wishes to combine the notice for pre-consultation with the notice seeking a municipal council resolution. If these are combined, the SPA will need to provide a copy of the

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<sup>2</sup> The regulation refers to "persons or bodies". For discussion purposes, "bodies" is used in the remainder of this bulletin.

<sup>3</sup> Particularly when previously approved policies are being extended to new areas.

notice to the clerk of the municipality.

Pre-consultation should take place early in the process, after the core of the technical and policy work has been completed or finalized (i.e. after early engagement review and comments from SPPB). The SPA must then consider comments received and determine whether policies should be further revised prior to public consultation (it is important to build in sufficient time to address pre-consultation comments prior to commencing public consultation). The regulation requires pre-consultation when there are changes in the vulnerable area where policies apply, even if the policy text remains unchanged from the original plan approved by the Minister. It would be helpful for the pre-consultation notices to explicitly state when this is the case. For pre-consultation notices about MECP policies, please direct them to SPPB's general email ([source.protection@ontario.ca](mailto:source.protection@ontario.ca)) and your Liaison Officer.

### **5. Municipal Endorsement (Council Resolution)**

Prior to conducting public consultation for locally initiated amendments under section 34, the CWA requires the SPA to obtain a municipal council resolution from each municipality affected by the amendments (if the SPA has not already done so during pre-consultation, a copy of the proposed amendments must be provided to the clerk of all affected municipalities). A municipality may be considered "affected" if it is located within a geographic area related to the amendments, and/or the municipality is responsible for taking actions or otherwise implementing source protection policies related to the amendments. During the initial plan development process, municipal council resolutions were not required, and as a result, municipalities may not be aware of this change for locally initiated amendments. It is advisable to engage municipalities early in the planning process and inform them of the need to obtain a council resolution. Doing so may help prevent potential submission delays associated with this requirement.

There is no legislative requirement to obtain a municipal council resolution as part of amendments or updates under sections 35 or 36 of the CWA, unless explicitly stated in your Minister's order. However, municipalities have the discretion to pass resolutions expressing comments on the proposed updates.

Where a municipality has provided council resolutions, the SPA must submit those to the ministry with the proposed revisions.

### **6. Public Consultation**

The public consultation requirements for revisions are similar to those during initial plan development; however, for locally initiated amendments and s.36 orders issued to date, only one public consultation opportunity is required and there is no requirement for a public meeting. The SPA may have a public meeting depending on local circumstances and the scope and scale of the changes.

The public consultation period must be for a minimum of 35 days (or as otherwise noted in a Minister's order), and notification of this consultation must be provided to all implementing bodies, persons believed to be engaged in significant drinking water threat activities and affected municipalities. Consultation is required with First Nations with reserve land in the area affected by the amendments, and consideration for broader First Nations engagement is appropriate to help keep the lines of communication open with communities in your area and

to ensure awareness of recent developments in source water protection. When you reach out for discussions or send notices to the Chiefs of First Nations, please also copy SPPB's general email ([source.protection@ontario.ca](mailto:source.protection@ontario.ca)) and your Liaison Officer.

Public consultation notices for locally initiated amendments and following Minister's orders issued to date must be published on the SPA's website and in the local newspaper, and hard copies made available at one or more locations that are sufficiently accessible to give the public a reasonable opportunity to inspect the amendments or updates. Note, even if the text of the approved plan policies remains unchanged, the SPA is still required to consult if the geographic area of a given policy is extended as a result of the amendments; it is helpful for the public consultation notices to explicitly state when this is the case.

Please direct public consultation notices for MECP to the branch's general email ([source.protection@ontario.ca](mailto:source.protection@ontario.ca)) and your Liaison Officer.

You have local discretion to provide additional public consultation opportunities prior to finalizing the amendments.

Summary of parties to notify of posting and opportunity to comment:

- ✓ Clerk of each affected municipality
- ✓ Chief of any affected First Nations band with reserve land
- ✓ All bodies responsible for implementing policies
- ✓ Persons that could be engaging in significant threat activities
- ✓ Other miscellaneous bodies identified in O. Reg. 287/07 under ss.50(2) (e.g. Niagara Escarpment Commission, planning boards, contacts for Great Lakes water quality agreements, etc.).

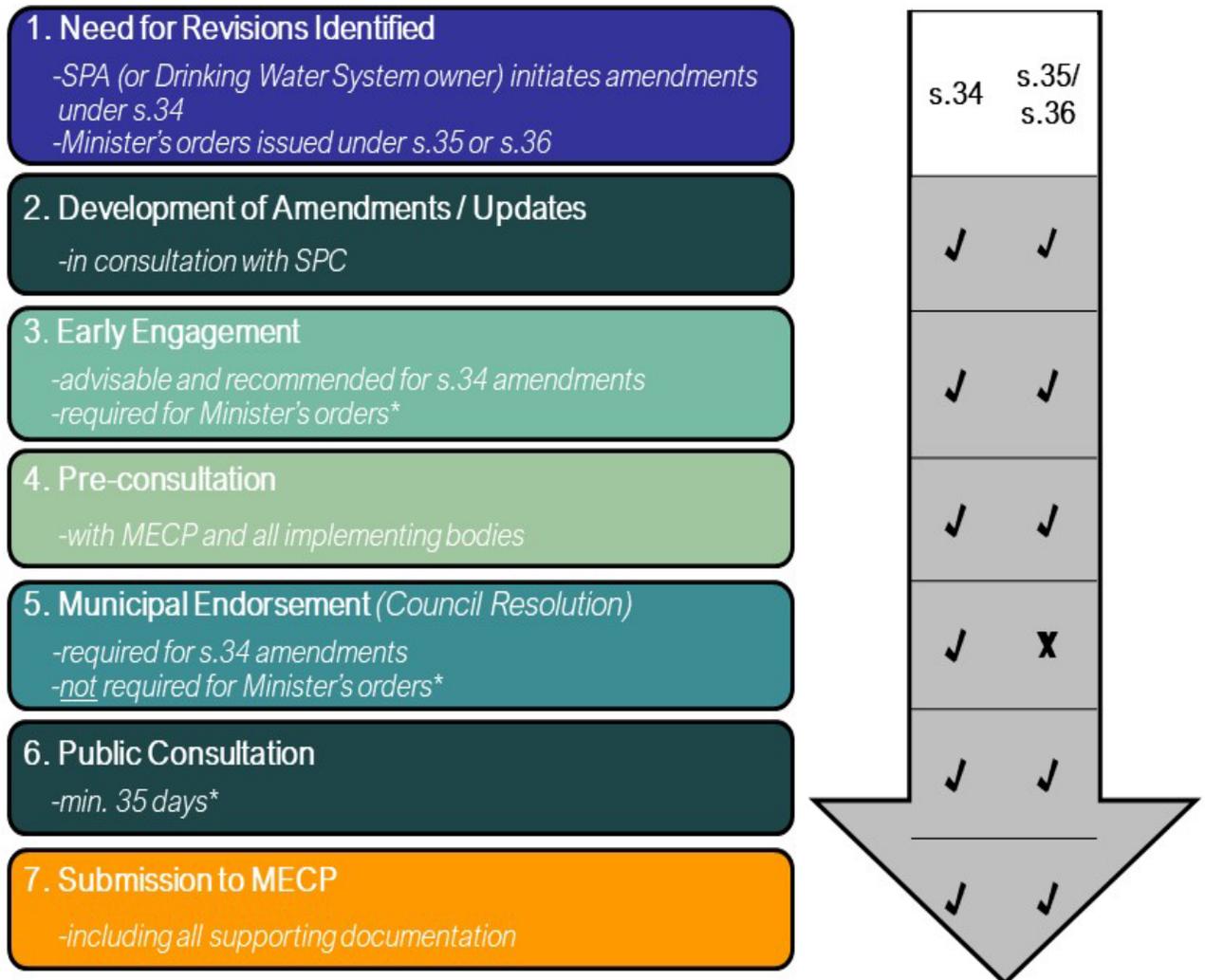
## 7. Submission to MECP

Following public consultation, any comments received during public consultation are to be submitted to the ministry as part of your submission package. Other submission details and supporting information for the ministry's review are outlined in *Appendices C and D*.

### Appendices

- Appendix A: Reminder/Checklist at Various Stages of Amendments and Updates
- Appendix B: Consultation Contact List
- Appendix C: Supplemental Items to Facilitate Ministry's Review
- Appendix D: Submission Requirements for Assessment Report and Plan Revisions.

**Figure 1: Assessment Report and Plan Revision Process under the Clean Water Act**



\*Note: unless otherwise specified in Minister's order