

Report To: Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee
Report No.: SPC-23-09-06
From: Bob Edmondson, Chair, Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee
Date: September 26, 2023
Subject: SPC Chair Update

Recommendation

THAT the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee receives for information report SPC-23-09-06 SPC Chair Update.

Executive Summary

The SPC Chair participated in a Chairs' meeting on June 28, 2023

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The Chair participated in a Chairs' virtual meeting on June 28, 2023 with Kirsten Service, Director, Conservation and Source Protection with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and other staff from the Ministry. An additional three chairs were appointed by the Ministry in February while four additional appointments are still pending.

Information was provided to the Chairs on program support and changes in staffing with the Ministry. As noted earlier, Beth Forrest is no longer our Ministry Liaison and our new liaison has yet to be assigned. Regardless, the staff is busy working on amendments and a liaison attending our meetings will probably not happen unless absolutely necessary. Lines of communication, however, have been established to answer questions. The Ministry assured the Chairs that this is not intended to signal a backing away of support by the Ministry.

The Ministry has been working on an overview of requirements for plan amendments and updates for Section 34, 35, 36 and 51 approvals with the intent to streamline the process.

Transfer Payment Agreements are in place with two First Nation communities to fund the use of the Ministry's online 'Best Practices for Source Water Protection' Guide. The funding includes scoped technical work to help the communities better understand their drinking water systems and water quality risks and local engagement activities.

Regarding outreach, an application has been submitted to the Rockton World's Fair organization for a booth at the Fair over the October Thanksgiving weekend. Also,



discussions have been held with Conservation Halton staff to participate in the Children's' Water Festival in September

Signed & respectfully submitted:

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

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