

February 2023

## **Committee Member – Job Description**

A source protection committee (SPC) is envisioned in the Ontario *Clean Water Act, 2006* and has been created according to provincial regulation and facilitated by the local source protection authorities (SPAs) with input from stakeholder sectors. The committee is comprised of 15 members, plus the Chair appointed by the Ontario Minister of the Environment and Conservation and Parks. The committee is composed of 1/3 Municipal; 1/3 Economic Sectors (Industry, Agriculture, etc.) and 1/3 Other Sectors (e.g., Property Owners, Health, Environmental, etc.), as well as up to 2 seats for First Nations representatives as per Section 2 of *Ontario Regulation 288/07* (O.Reg 288/07).

Under the Clean Water Act the watersheds of the Upper Thames River, Lower Thames Valley and St. Clair Region Conservation Authorities have been joined together to form the Thames-Sydenham and Region Source Protection Region. Members of the Thames-Sydenham and Region Source Protection Committee must reside, own property or rent property, be employed in or operate a business in, or be employed by a municipality that is located within the watershed boundaries of the Thames-Sydenham and Region.

## **Job Purpose**

The SP Committee is responsible for protecting sources of drinking water by monitoring the implementation of, and completing any amendments to the Assessment Reports and Source Protection Plan which is based on science and local cooperation.

## **Skills and Qualifications**

- Demonstrated ability to understand source water protection science concepts and reports.
- Proven ability to act as a liaison to sector represented.
- Solid problem-solving, analytical, communication and organizational skills.
- Knowledge of watershed(s), local issues, etc.

## **Roles and Responsibilities**

- Member will attend meetings of the SP Committee approximately 2 – 4 times per year.
- Member must have knowledge of sector interests and issues and be able to communicate these at the SP Committee table.
- Source Protection Plans are viewed as ‘living’ documents and are subject to review and updates. Under the provisions of the CWA, a review of the Source

- Protection Plan may include: updates to technical work completed under the CWA; the removal of, or the addition of municipal drinking water systems; or revisions or additions to the source protection plan policies. Amendments to the Source Protection Plan may also be proposed by the Source Protection Authority. Annual reports, which report on the implementation progress of the Source Protection Plan, may provide the basis for these future amendments.
- Members are expected to participate in working groups and forums as well as be available to participate in meetings with their sector stakeholder groups as required.
  - Member will act as liaison of their broad sector bringing forward representative issues from the sector to the SP Committee and assist in communicating the SP Committee work back to the broad sector. The Committee, with the assistance of the SP Authority, could create central communications to ensure common messaging is communicated to all sectors.
  - Member is expected to make decisions at the SP Committee table.
  - Members must work collaboratively with partners such as municipalities, First Nations, health units, agriculture, industry, community stakeholder groups, and Conservation Authorities to develop updated Assessment Reports and updated SP Plans as defined under the Act.

### **Term and Time Commitment**

- Members are expected to make a commitment to attend meetings 2 to 4 times per year.
- Appointments will be for a 4-year term expiring in June, 2027.

### **Compensation**

Based on a per diem (\$150 per meeting) and eligible expenses.

### **Application Deadline – April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Send Applications to:

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