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NOTICE
Committee Composition and Members Required
Ausable Bayfield and Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee (SPC)
Under O. Reg. 288/07, Clean Water Act, 2006

Summary of Functions for Committee:

As outlined in the Clean Water Act, 2006, the Ausable Bayfield and Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee will be created according to provincial regulation. The Source Protection Committee will oversee a science-based planning process to develop a Source Protection Plan to protect municipal sources of drinking water in the Ausable Bayfield and Maitland Valley Planning Region. The Committee by regulation will be comprised of 15 members, excluding the Chair.

Summary of Member Obligations:

- A three to five year commitment to participate.
Committee will start in September of 2007 and meet monthly; there may be additional public meetings or working group sessions.
Attend training sessions.
A representative must reside, own property, rent property, be employed in, operate a business in, or be employed by a municipality that is located within the borders of the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Planning Region. However, a representative cannot be a current Conservation Authority Board member.
A full job description is available at www.sourcewaterinfo.on.ca or contact the Drinking Water Source Protection Project at 1-888-286-2610.

Description of Composition:

As per Section 2 of O. Reg 288/07,

- 1/3 of the members must reflect the interests of the local municipalities,
1/3 of the members must reflect the interests of agriculture, commerce, industry, and small business,
1/3 of the members must reflect other interests including environmental, health and other public interests.

The proposed composition of the committee is listed below:

Table with 3 columns: Municipal Sector (Municipal 5), Economic Sector (Agricultural 3, Commercial 1, Industry 1), Other Interests (Environmental 2, Landowner/Property 1, Health 1, Public at Large 1)

Composition Rationale: The Joint Management Committee for the Source Protection Authority assigned the seats to represent the multi-sectoral interests of this planning region. The Committee gave consideration to who impacts drinking water and who is impacted by drinking water.

Local municipalities reached a broad consensus that elected officials should hold the position of the one-third municipal representation. Municipalities that are located in whole in part of the Ausable Bayfield and Maitland Valley Source Protection Region agreed to divide the planning region into five regional municipal groups and have one assigned member of the Source Protection Committee for each regional group.

For the economic sector, agriculture is one of the leading economic sectors locally, representing a significant percentage of land area. This sector has expressed a keen interest in participating, offers unique expertise in land use and stewardship, and is consequently assigned three seats on the committee. Manufacturing and Industry is also a leading economic engine with specific interest and input and consequently merits its own seat on the Committee. In addition, commerce is also a major local economic sector. Small businesses have their own distinct interest related to the project and water quality is a specific interest of tourism, therefore, a seat will be reserved for the business and tourism sectors.



For other public interest sectors, one seat is allocated to the health sector because of its role in water issues and network within the community. Landowners and property associations have a vested interest in land use policies and are assigned a seat. As well, the nature of the project and need for environmental and ecological expertise merits two seats for environmental groups. Lastly, there is a seat reserved for a member of the public at-large who does not participate as a representative of a specific sector of interest.

Composition of Committee: The Source Protection Authority welcomes written submissions addressed to Cathie Brown, Project Manager (see address below) on the proposed composition which must be received by **August 11, 2007**.

How to Apply for Appointment to the Committee: If interested in consideration for appointment to the Ausable Bayfield and Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee, please submit a brief summary of interest and background by **August 11, 2007** to the sector organizer listed below:

Agricultural

Bob Down
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Environmental

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Landowner/Property

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Industry/Manufacturing

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Public at Large

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Applications can also be submitted by mail to the sector organizer, c/o ABMV Drinking Water Source Protection Project, 71108 Morrison Line, Exeter, Ontario, N0M 1S5. Any applications received to-date by the sector organizers will be considered to stand. Sector organizers will submit top candidates within each sector by **September 11, 2007** to the Source Protection Authority. For general information, contact Cathie Brown, Project Manager, at 1-888-286-2610 / 519-235-2610 or at info@sourcewaterinfo.on.ca.

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