

Job Description

Source Protection Committee (SPC) Member

Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Drinking Water Source Protection Region

Overview

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 Climate Change. The committee is composed of 1/3 Municipal; 1/3 Economic Sectors (Industry, Commerce, etc.) and 1/3 Other Sectors (e.g., Property Owners, Health, Environmental, etc.) as per Section 2 of *Ontario Regulation 288/07* (O.Reg 288/07).

As part of the locally determined process, it was decided the composition of the Economic and Other sectors would be made up as follows:

Economic

Agriculture (3); Industry (1); Commerce (including small business and tourism) (1)

Other

Public-at-large – Maitland Valley (1)

Public-at-large – Ausable Bayfield (1)

Environment (2)

Property Owners' Associations (1)

Roles and Responsibilities

Members of the Source Protection Committee (SPC) should be able to:

- Contribute positively to the production of updated assessment reports and source protection plans, review correspondence and direction from Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC), receive and review a Tier 3 Water Budget, and other duties as required.
- Attend 2 - 3 meetings of the committee and related committees or work sessions per year for a three-year period. Meetings are typically held in Holmesville on the last Wednesday of the month, or alternate date, in which the meeting is taking place. Meetings are typically held during the day with a 9:30 a.m. start time.
- Attend Open Houses and public consultation meetings as required.
- Review meeting materials provided in advance and provide input in a timely fashion, if requested.

- Demonstrate an ability to weigh different points of view and exhibit solid problem-solving, analytical, communication and organizational skills.
- Hold relevant knowledge of the watersheds and local land uses and institutions to provide constructive, collaborative and science-based input on local source protection planning issue(s)
- Work with others collaboratively to make decisions at the committee table.
- Act as liaisons by bringing forward common concerns from their knowledge and experience in their sector to the committee and assist in communicating the committee's work
- Attend training sessions offered
- SPC members must protect freedom of information and privacy protection of personal information
- Other roles and responsibilities yet to be determined by Joint Management Committee, Source Protection Authority (SPA), and/or Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC)

Selection Criteria

The Source Protection Planning Committee (SPC) size and composition is determined to some extent by legislation. (Section 2 of *O.Reg 288/07* as noted above).

- A member 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 borders of the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Region.
- A representative cannot be a current Conservation Authority Board member without special permission of the Ontario Minister of the Environment and Climate Change.

The Joint Management Committee for the source protection authorities has proposed the committee composition to represent the multi-sectoral interests of the planning region.

Criteria for member selection include:

- Demonstrated ability to understand source protection science, concepts, and technical reports
- Relevant knowledge (e.g., local, municipal, watershed, scientific or technical)
- Demonstrated ability to work with group dynamics and team environments

- Member should exhibit familiarity with the terms and concepts associated with environmental management (e.g., watersheds, hydrologic cycle, wellhead protection areas)
- Proven ability to act as liaison for the sector(s) being represented – SPC member should be familiar with the issues and considerations of the interests they represent.
- Problem-solving, analytical, communication, and organizational skills; conciliatory decision-making skills
- Willingness and ability to travel around the source protection region or area
- Ability to work cooperatively with others
- Desire to seek solutions
- Ability to listen
- Commitment to mutual respect for others and for their views
- An openness to working together positively with representatives from other sectors

Remuneration

Source Protection Committee (SPC) per diems and mileage are set by the source protection authority and adjusted annually.