

## **Job Description**

### **Source Protection Committee Member**

#### **Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Region**

##### **Overview**

The Source Protection Committee (SPC) oversees a science-based planning process to protect municipal sources of drinking water, as governed by the Ontario *Clean Water Act, 2006*. The Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley (ABMV) Source Protection Committee (SPC) is responsible for guiding the development and ongoing amendments of the Source Protection Plans for the Ausable Bayfield and Maitland Valley areas. The policies within these plans aim to protect sources of municipal water – Lake Huron and underground aquifers – from contamination, as designated by the Province.

A source protection committee, in accordance with the Ontario *Clean Water Act, 2006*, was created in 2007 according to provincial regulation and facilitated by the local source protection authorities, with input from stakeholder sectors. The committee is currently comprised of 12 members plus the Chair. The Chair is appointed by the Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. The committee is composed of 1/3 Municipal; 1/3 Economic Sectors (Agriculture; Industry; Commerce); and 1/3 Other Sectors (Property Owners; Public-at-Large; Environmental) as per Section 2 of *Ontario Regulation 288/07*.

##### **Roles and Responsibilities**

Members of the Source Protection Committee will be dealing with technical information including mapping and reports related to municipal wells, and discussing often complex issues. Their responsibilities include the following:

- Contribute positively to the ongoing assessment and amendment, as required, of source protection plans and associated assessment reports;
- receive and review Annual Progress Reports on implementation of the Source Protection Plans;
- Have relevant knowledge of the watersheds and local land uses to provide constructive and collaborative input on local source protection planning issues.
- 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 whenever possible;

- Attend regular SPC meetings, usually four per year, for a five -year period. Meetings are typically held in the Clinton area, on the morning of the last Wednesday of the month
- Attend open houses and public consultation meetings for amendments to the Source Protection Plans as available.
- Protect freedom of information and privacy protection of personal information.
- Adhere to the Governing Rules of Procedure; Code of Conduct; and Conflict of Interest rules, available at [www.sourcewater.on.ca](http://www.sourcewater.on.ca)

## **Selection Criteria**

The following conditions and restrictions are applied to the appointment of SPC representatives, as per *O.Reg. 288/07* s. 7.

- 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 as the boards act as the watershed Source Protection Authority
- Ability to understand source protection science; concepts; and technical reports.
- Relevant knowledge and experience
- Ability to act as liaison for sector represented and be familiar with issues, considerations of interests they represent.
- Problem-solving, analytical, and communication skills; mutual respect for others opinions; conciliatory decision-making skills.
- Willingness and ability to travel around the source protection region

## **Remuneration**

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

For more information contact the Source Protection staff at the ABCA office at 519-235-2610 ext. 247