



**Minutes of the meeting of the
Quinte Conservation Source Protection Authority Meeting**

Date: Nov 24 ,2022 3:30pm

Location: Hybrid

Members Present: Chris Malette (City of Belleville),
Dale Grant (Stirling and Rawdon Township),
Dave Ogden (Tyendinaga Township),
Don Kuntze (City of Quinte West)
Ellen Johnson (Town of Greater Napanee),
Heather Lang (Tyendinaga Township),
James Flieler (Municipality of Tweed),
Janice Maynard (County of Prince Edward), ,
John Hirsch (County of Prince Edward)
John Wise (Stone Mills Township),
Kate MacNaughton (County of Prince Edward),
Kirby Thompson (Addington Highlands Township)
Les Stanfield (County of Prince Edward),
Lynn Klages (Township of Central Frontenac),
Mike Kirby (Centre Hastings Municipality)
Mike Stevens (Marmora and Lake Municipality),
Paul Carr (City of Belleville) ,
Ray Hobson (County of Prince Edward),
Sean Kelly (City of Belleville),
Tom Livingston (County of Prince Edward)

Members Absent: Carrie West (Township of Madoc),
Norm Roberts (Township of South Frontenac)
Ronald Carroll (Tudor and Cashel Townships),
Steven Everhardus (Town of Deseronto)

Also Present: Brad McNevin (CAO),
Amy Dickens (Source Water Protection Coordinator),
Curtis Vance (GIS/IT Systems Supervisor)
Kristina Hamilton (Corporate Services Assistant),
Lindsay Nash (Environmental & Regulations Technician),
Mark Boone (Hydrogeologist),

Mary Gunning (Aquatic Science Coordinator)
Paul McCoy (Planning and Regulations Manager),
Sharlene Richardson (Regulations Officer)
Tammy Smith (Corporate Services Manager),
Tim Trustham (Lands Operations Coordinator)

Also Present: Max Christie (Quinte Source Protection Committee Chair)

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3.34 pm.

a. **Notice Regarding Cell Phones and Pagers**

Cell phones and pagers are not permitted to be turned on during the meeting, except in an event of an emergency. If the device is to be left on, it must be announced at the beginning of the meeting.

b. **Collection of Personal Information for Board Minutes**

This is addressed to anyone that is not a board member and/or staff person of Quinte Conservation: Your name will be used in the board meeting minutes and the minutes will become public information after review and approval of the board. If you are present for a delegation or hearing, the context of your presentation will be recorded in the minutes of the board meeting.

2. Approval of the Agenda

There was a slight amendment to allow for a delegation from Quinte Source Protection Committee Chair, Max Christie.

MOTION SPA-22-007

Moved By: Les Stanfield

Seconded By: John Wise

THAT, the Agenda for the November 24, 2022, Source Protection Authority Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

3. **Chair's Announcement to Guests**

There were no guests.

4. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

5. **Approval of the Minutes of the Quinte Source Protection Authority meeting of April 21, 2022**

There was no discussion.

MOTION SPA-22-008

Moved By: Mike Kirby

Seconded By: Dale Grant

THAT, the Minutes from the April 21, 2022 Quinte Source Protection Authority Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

6. **Delegation**

Max Christie, Quinte Source Protection Committee (SPC) Chair, explained Source protection efforts to date only cover municipal residential drinking water systems and areas within a source protection plan. Many source protection committees across the province have advocated for further source protection, championing for source protection of drinking water systems regardless of if the system is rural or urban. In 2021, the government of Ontario released a guidance program called the *Best Practices for Source Water Protection*. This voluntary guidance program assists drinking water system owners, that are not included in a source protection plan and/or aren't regulated by the *Clean Water Act*, to assess the vulnerability of their system and determine appropriate source protection measures.

Across the province, 80 percent of Ontarians receive source protection on municipal, residential drinking water systems. Of the 18 member municipalities within Quinte Conservation's jurisdiction, only seven municipalities own and operate municipal-residential drinking water systems. Therefore, at the watershed scale, the percentage drops from 80 to 50 percent, with half of the watershed residents on private systems. Beyond the tens of thousands of private residential systems in the Quinte watershed, there are 355 drinking water systems that serve various populations, many of which are vulnerable populations, at long-term or childcare facilities. It is also important to note in Eastern Ontario, many villages/hamlets were established in the mid-1800s. These villages/hamlets most likely have deteriorating infrastructure and have not been updated to meet the new requirements for water wells, septic tanks, and sewage systems.

Board Member asked question on who makes the job most challenging. Max replied that each stakeholder group has their own challenges and advantages. Private landowners are the most challenging to reach. Board Member asked about UV light treatments on private systems. Max replied that his biggest concern is contamination such as commercial spills and such.

Board member replied on standards/guidelines vs. best practices. Asked for clarification on where responsibility for cost lay. Staff explained that municipally owned drinking water systems serving 6 or more residences must be included in the local source protection plan. If a system is privately-owned, source water considerations are not required, until a time when a municipality assumes responsibility for that system, at which time source water considerations are required.

7. Assuming Responsibility Report (Motion to receive)

MOTION SPA-22-009

Moved By: Les Stanfield

Seconded By: Sean Kelly

THAT, the Assuming Responsibility of a Drinking Water System report be received to address a question received under item 7 of the April 21, 2022 minutes.

CARRIED

Board Member stated concerns regarding capacity and liabilities. Staff clarified the Best Practices Guidance is a voluntary program for systems not captured by the source protection plan, therefore no requirement for municipalities to use the guidance. Assuming responsibility for drinking water systems can occur when a private system is abandoned or not to Ontario drinking water standards. When this occurs, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks may deem the local municipality responsible for the system, at which time source water protection would be required.

8. Program Update (Motion to Receive)

MOTION SPA-22-010

Moved By: Heather Lang

Seconded By: Chris Mallette

THAT, the Quinte Source Protection Authority receive the Program Update report.

CARRIED

No Discussion

9. Best Practices Guidance (Motion to approve)

MOTION SPA-22-011

Moved By: Mike Kirby

Seconded By: John Wise

THAT, the Quinte Source Protection Authority receive the best practices update report and THAT the Quinte Source Protection Authority endorse the municipal letter promoting use of the guidance.

CARRIED

Staff asked for endorsement with letter of endorsement. Board member commented on percentage of the watershed covered under the Clean Water Act and felt outreach efforts will provide source protection to a greater number.

10. Other Business

Staff clarified will provide orientation to source water protection for new Executive Board members.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The date and time of the next meeting will occur at the call of the chair.

12. Adjournment

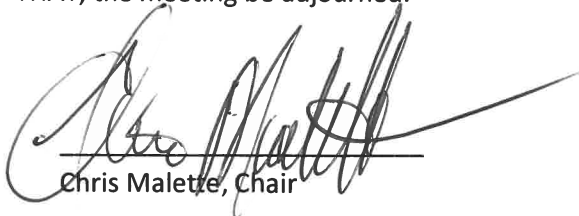
The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 pm.

MOTION SPA-22-012

Moved By: Kirby Thompson

Seconded By: John Wise

THAT, the meeting be adjourned.


Chris Malette, Chair

CARRIED

