



**Minutes of the meeting of the  
Quinte Region Source Protection Committee**

**Date:** March 24, 2022 at 6:30 pm

**Location:** ZOOM Meeting

**Members Present:**

- Andrew Landy** (Health Unit Liaison)
- Ernie Margetson** (Prince Edward County)
- Gary Fox** (Agriculture)
- Garnet Thompson** (City of Belleville)
- Gillian Ward** (General Public)
- Heather Lang** (Agriculture)
- Jack Alexander** (Economic- Small Business)
- Joanne Albert** (Tweed, Centre Hastings and Marmora and Lake)
- Josh Powles** (General – Education)
- Mary Wooding** (MECP Liaison)
- Max Christie** (Chair)
- Mel Plewes** (General – Public urban)
- Mike Kirby** (Source Protection Authority Liaison)
- Phil Norton** (General - Public Rural Non-Farm)
- Roger Cole** (Town of Deseronto and Greater Napanee)
- Ron Hamilton** (Group 5)
- Terry Kennedy** (General – Environmental)

**Also Present:**

- Amy Dickens** (Project Coordinator)
- Sam Reid** (Corporate Services Assistant)

**Absent:**

- Bryon Keene** (Economic – Business)
- Curtis Maracle** (Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte)
- Sandy Latchford** (Economic – Business)
- Vacant** (Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte)

**1. Call to Order**

The Chair, Max Christie called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

There was no discussion.

**By consensus, the Quinte Region Source Protection Committee approved the agenda for the SWP Committee meeting on March 24, 2022**

**3. Chairs Statement to Guests - Collection of Personal Information for Board Minutes**

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**4. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interests**

There were no disclosures.

**5. Approval of the minutes of the Source Protection Committee of February 24, 2022**

There was no discussion.

**By consensus, the Quinte Region Source Protection Committee approved the minutes of the February 24, 2022 meeting.**

**6. Matters Arising from Minutes**

No matters arose.

**7. Action Items of Previous Meeting**

Staff stated all action items are completed.

**8. Annual Progress Report**

Staff explained the objectives and the evaluation scores of Annual Progress Report.

Staff went through each section of the report and gave the recommended score for each.

A Committee Member asked that the Strategic Plan be added to the "Changes in Behaviour" update.

A Committee Member asked if road signs could have more information.

The Chair explained the process that was involved in the creation of the road signs.

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks liaison added that the Ministry of Transportation has strict rules regarding the amount of text on a sign, for safety reasons.

A Committee Member asked if education and outreach videos could be sent to municipalities for them to share.

Staff answered that staff are working on small videos to be created internally that could be reshared by the public and municipalities.

**By consensus, the Quinte Region Source Protection Committee decided on the progress scores and approved the Annual Progress Report.**

#### **9. Chair's Update (Best Practices Guidance)**

The Chair discussed the advances of the best practices guidance for source protection that the ministry has developed.

Chair explained the concern with not having source water protection in rural areas with vulnerable areas (schools and long-term care facilities).

This guidance can be used by rural municipalities and by others called "best Practices". It is completely voluntary.

The Chair asked if there was any objection to taking this on as our big cause over the next few years.

There were no objections.

Committee Member asked if each municipality would have their own policy aside from the provincial guidelines.

Chair said yes but would align with the provincial guidelines.

Committee Member asked why it is not under the Clean Water Act.

Chair said that this is what was suggested but that this is the first step in affording source protection for all Ontarians.

Discussion followed.

**By consensus, the Quinte Region Source Protection Committee approved the minutes of the Chairs Update.**

#### **10. Director Technical Rules 2021 Review**

Staff went through the amendments made to the "Technical Rules".

A Committee Member asked whether the changes to the rules for determination of a GUDI well would affect Point Anne.

Staff responded that the Point Anne system was a surface water system that was under the influence of groundwater.

The Committee asked for additional information on this system at a future meeting.

A Committee Member asked why landfill threats were now significant threats in vulnerable areas with lower vulnerability scores than before.

The MECP liaison explained the change was made to align with current Acts and Regulations associated with that threat circumstance.

MECP is doing road salt workshops on the creation of a series of best management practices for road salt use and management to help ensure human health and safe drinking water while not compromising public safety during winter months.

**By consensus, the Quinte Region Source Protection Committee approved the Director Technical Rules 2021 Review.**

### **11. Education and Outreach Initiative**

Staff gave verbal report about a new outreach initiative.

Previously, education and outreach initiatives have been directed to adults and not children.

Outreach staff are going to film a short educational video that teachers can show students on source water protection. Students will be asked to prepare pictures and creative writing pieces for submission into a competition. Submissions will be judged and prizes awarded.

Staff have been brainstorming a potential prize like a bike, roller blades, classroom pizza party (celebrity bring the pizza). Looking for people to volunteer to be judges and donations of prizes. Staff are also looking for locations to display the winning entries.

A Committee Member encouraged staff to contact the library, community halls and rec centres for displaying prizes.

A Committee Member also encouraged staff to extend this outreach to local libraries.

**By consensus, the Quinte Region Source Protection Committee approved the Education and Outreach Initiative verbal report.**

### **12. Other Business**

There was no other business.

### **13. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

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

### **14. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

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Max Christie, Chair