

# MISSISSIPPI-RIDEAU SOURCE PROTECTION REGION

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## APPROVED MINUTES

**Mississippi-Rideau  
Source Protection Committee**

**October 1, 2015**

**#1/15**

**Location:** Rideau Valley Conservation Centre  
3889 Rideau Valley Drive, Manotick

**Present:**

Scott Berquist	George Braithwaite
Scott Bryce	Carol Dillon
Richard Fraser	Paul Knowles
Drew Lampman	Patricia Larkin
Randy Malcolm	Peter McLaren
Beverly Millar	Eleanor Renaud

Kathryn Downey (Medical Officer of Health Liaison)  
Mary Wooding (Ministry of the Environment Liaison)

John Karau (Source Protection Authority Liaison)  
Lyle Pederson (Source Protection Authority Liaison)

**Guests:**

Sommer Casgrain-Robertson	RVCA
Franco Pagani	Ottawa Public Health
Ryan Polkinghorne	City of Ottawa

**Staff:**

Allison Gibbons	Michelle Paton
Brian Stratton	

**Regrets:** Janet Stavinga (Chair)

### **1.0 Welcome and Introductions**

#### **a) Agenda Review**

Scott Bryce assumed the Chair in Janet Stavinga's absence. Chair Bryce welcomed everyone and asked participants to introduce themselves.

Chair Bryce reviewed the Agenda and the purpose of the meeting.

**b) Notice of Proxies** None

#### **c) Adoption of the Agenda**

Motion 1-1/15

That the Agenda be approved as presented.

**Carried**

d) **Declarations of Interest** None

e) **Approval of Minutes**

In response to a question from a member regarding the activities of Québec-based organizations, Sommer Casgrain-Robertson and John Karau provided an update on the Ottawa River Summit held in May 2015. The summit was attended by Ontario's Minister of the Environment and Climate Change and Quebec's Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and the Fight against Climate Change. Summit participants were encouraged by proposed inter-provincial collaboration.

Motion 2-1/15

That the minutes of the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee meeting of December 5, 2013 be approved as circulated.

**Carried**

f) **Status of Action Items** None

g) **Correspondence** None

## **2.0 Source Protection Plan Implementation Progress Report**

Allison Gibbons gave an update on Source Protection Plan implementation and noted that there has been progress on almost all of the Plan's policies.

In response to questions from members regarding the education program required under EDU-1-LB (Living and Working in the Drinking Water Zone), Ms. Gibbons confirmed that education brochures would be delivered to the municipalities for distribution. She added that a portion of the educational program is geared towards children.

Brian Stratton updated the Committee on the status of Risk Management Staff. Most member municipalities have authorized RVCA to take on the role of Risk Management Official (RMO). Terry Davidson was appointed as the lead RMO over three Risk Management Inspectors. The City of Ottawa has appointed its own Risk Management Official. No Risk Management Plans are in place yet.

Brian Stratton reported on the Source Protection Municipal Implementation Fund (SPMIF) launched on November 1, 2013. The Province recently announced an extension of the SPMIF until March 2017. Mr. Stratton noted that municipalities in the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Region, except for the City of Ottawa, qualified for this funding. Mr. Stratton added that additional funding was made available if municipalities collaborated on implementation. The City of Ottawa has assigned responsibilities and has initiated implementation of each policy type - administrative, municipal operations, Part IV (risk management) and education. Starting this fall, new road signs will be installed across the Province in

communities with municipal wells or river intakes to raise awareness about drinking water zones.

Members discussed interpretation of the *Great Lakes Protection Act, 2014* and whether the North and East (Ottawa River) are included; this impacts available subsidies. Mary Wooding offered to look into and provide clarification on this issue.

Members discussed the ramifications of transporting contaminants through the drinking water zone and how to apply a local approach to “drive-through” traffic. Carol Dillon spoke of recent rail activity and noted that a train comprised of 80 plus oil tankers had travelled through the area. In response to a question from a member regarding pipelines, Mary Wooding advised that the province has followed the prescribed process for commenting on National Energy Board (NEB) applications. John Karau added that the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority had also provided comments to the NEB and based the comments on recommendations and information identified by the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee (MRSPC). Brian Stratton advised that the RVCA was adopting a neutral position but sharing relevant, local watershed information with the NEB.

With respect to Oversight of Earth (Geothermal) Energy Systems, Mary Wooding noted that the MOECC will be posting a discussion paper in 2016.

Mary Wooding explained that, to date, the MOECC has been focusing on legally binding policies but will be starting to address non-legally binding policies.

### **3.0 Amendments to Ontario Regulation 288/07 “Source Protection Committees”**

Allison Gibbons updated the Committee on proposed amendments to Ontario Regulation 288/07 which set out the requirements for the size, appointment, and operation of Source Protection Committees. On the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee (MRSPC), the environment/health/public sectors already have one vacant seat (general public) and the municipal sector has two vacant seats (City of Ottawa). Only one seat from the economic sector would need to be selected to “expire” by January 1, 2018 in order to meet the first membership expiry requirement of the regulation. Staff will develop a discussion paper for circulation in 2017 to address the required member expiry. Mary Wooding explained that the goal is increased flexibility.

Members agreed that the current size of the MRSPC works well. Concern about losing collective memory was voiced along with potential difficulties in recruiting new members. Mary Wooding clarified that responsibility for recruitment rests with the Source Protection Authorities. Inconsistent MRSPC representation by the City of Ottawa was discussed. Sommer Casgrain-Robertson noted that the City of Ottawa’s interest has never been a problem even though there have been challenges in finding the right Committee representative. Ms. Casgrain-Robertson added that RVCA municipal



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**Scott Bryce**  
**Chair**

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**Michelle Paton**  
**Recording Secretary**