

**MISSISSIPPI-RIDEAU SOURCE PROTECTION REGION**  
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**Meeting Held Electronically due to COVID-19 Restrictions**

**FINAL MINUTES**

<b>Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee</b>		<b>2/23</b>	<b>April 6, 2023</b>
<b>Present:</b>	Beverly Millar Diane Smithson Michel Kearney Randy Malcolm Mary Wooding		Carol Dillon Eleanor Renaud Peter McLaren Scott Bryce
<b>Staff:</b>	Maren Catt Marika Livingston		Marissa Grondin Brian Stratton
<b>Regrets:</b>	Claude Lloyd Wilf Stefan		Drew Lampman

Marika Livingston, RVCA Project Manager called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. and reviewed the procedures for naming an Interim Acting Chair.

Ms. Livingston called for nominations for Interim Acting Chair from Members.

Scott Bryce nominated Diane Smithson.

Diane Smithson accepted the nomination for Interim Acting Chair.

Ms. Livingston called for nominations a second time. No other nominations were presented.

Diane Smithson was acclaimed Interim Acting Chair.

**1.0 Welcome and Introductions**

Acting Chair Smithson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**a) Agenda Review**

Acting Chair Smithson reviewed the Agenda.

**b) Notice of Proxies**

None.

c) **Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion 1-230406**

**Moved by:**

Carol Dillon

**Seconded by:**

Peter McLaren

THAT the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee adopts the Agenda as amended.

**Motion Carried**

d) **Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

e) **Approval of Minutes of February 2, 2023**

**Motion 2-230406**

**Moved by:**

Eleanor Renaud

**Seconded by:**

Peter McLaren

That the minutes of the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee meeting of February 2, 2023 be approved as circulated.

**Motion Carried**

f) **Correspondence – Letter of thanks from Friends of the Tay Watershed**

Interim Acting Chair made note of the thank you letter from the Friends of the Tay Watershed sent February 3, 2023.

Peter McLaren commented that he noticed all the rail ties have been removed from the area.

**2.0 Staff Update**

Marika Livingston, Project Manager gave an update on the vacant Chair position.

She informed members of former SPC member, Roy Huetl's acceptance of a Board position with Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority and relayed the Minister's approval to proceed with member recruitment.

Ms. Livingston reviewed Source Water Protection staff presentations across the watershed.

Maren Catt, Source Water Intern gave an update on a drinking water survey from seven lakes and provided a summary on the special pilot project. She informed the Board about the creation of educational materials for public outreach purposes, and of a draft policy that will be brought to the committee at a future meeting.

Ms. Livingston gave an update on the Section 36 Workplan. She noted that the planned submission for the Section 36 is December 31, 2024.

Interim Acting Chair Smithson thanked Ms. Livingston and Ms. Catt for their updates and hard work over the last year.

### **3.0 2022 Annual Progress Report to MECP**

Ms. Livingston gave an overview of the annual reporting procedure and timeline and provided an update to the 2022 Annual Progress Report under Section 46 of the *Clean Water Act*. She noted that the municipal annual report process is now online.

Ms. Livingston reviewed Sections I and III of the Public Facing Document and opened the floor to questions. There were no questions.

She outlined Section IV: Implementation Progress and highlighted the differences between 2022 and 2023. She informed the members that there are no other significant changes to note. Most policies are complete or in progress and are on track to have one hundred percent implementation status by 2024. Ms. Livingston opened the floor to questions.

Beverly Millar pointed out that because 2% of the policies are not applicable, then the completion status would be 94%, not 92% as presented. Ms. Livingston confirmed that 94% would be correct with 6% outstanding.

Ms. Livingston provided the scoring staff recommendations for Section II Part 4.

Mary Wooding responded to a question from Eleanor Renaud about how the provincial land use planning changes may affect Source Water Protection, by stating that there is a requirement for municipalities with official plans to continue conforming with the Source Protection policies. The official plans are still being reviewed, and the Source Protection policies must be addressed in the official plans. Ms. Renaud inquired further about which department would be suitable for municipalities to rely on for support if they are experiencing issues with developers. Ms. Wooding confirmed that her department will support municipalities if the Source Protection policies are in the official plans.

Ms. Livingston reviewed Section IV Part 1: Source Protection Plan Policies and Addressing Significant Risks, the staff recommendation score of

“Progressing Well/On Target” and opened the floor to questions. There were no questions.

Ms. Livingston reviewed Section IV Part 2: Municipal Progress: Addressing Risks on the Ground, the staff recommendation score of “Progressing Well/On Target” and opened the floor to questions. There were no questions.

Ms. Livingston reviewed Section IV Part 3: Septic Inspections, the staff recommendation score of “Progressing Well/On Target” and opened the floor to questions. There were no questions.

Ms. Livingston reviewed Section IV Part 4: Risk Management Plans, the staff recommendation score of “Satisfactory” and opened the floor to questions. There were no questions.

Peter McLaren inquired about the gas threats. Ms. Livingston confirmed that the threats are from home heating tanks, however, these threats may have been resolved without informing staff.

Ms. Livingston responded to Eleanor Renaud’s inquiry about the two agricultural threats by informing her that the threats are manure application and farm animals in an Outdoor Confinement Area.

Ms. Livingston reviewed Section IV Part 5: Provincial Progress the staff recommendation score of “Progressing Well/On Target” and opened the floor to questions. There were no questions.

Ms. Livingston reviewed Section IV Part 6: Source Protection Awareness and Change in Behaviour and opened the floor to questions.

Eleanor Renaud inquired if the Best Practice Pilot Project includes both private and municipal wells. Ms. Livingston stated that the project is focused on private water wells and for anyone not under the *Clean Water Act*. Mary Wooding added that the First Nation’s best practices are also underway.

Ms. Livingston reviewed Section IV Part 7: Summary of Delays and opened the floor to questions. There were no questions.

Scott Bryce inquired if the Fuel Tank Replacement Rebate programs currently being considered are all within the City of Ottawa, and if the homeowners who proactively changed their fuel tanks are also eligible for the rebate program. Ms. Livingston confirmed that they are all within the City of Ottawa, and those who already changed their fuel tanks are eligible if they are within the City of Ottawa. Mr. Bryce commented further that it doesn’t appear as though there will be any outstanding issues upon submission of this report.

Ms. Livingston reviewed Section IV Part 10: Additional Information and opened the floor to questions. There were no questions.

She informed Committee members that she will be accepting comments and suggestions until April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Livingston returned to the overall grading of the Annual Report and asked members to refer to page 2 where she relayed the staff recommendation of “Progressing Well/On Target”. Ms. Livingston opened the floor to questions. There were no questions. Scott Bryce commented that he supports the staff recommendation.

**Motion 3-230406**

**Moved by:**

Carol Dillon

**Seconded by:**

Bev Millar

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee receive for review the draft Annual Progress Report for 2022;

And further, that the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee assess and grade the progress achieved so far, providing a grade achieved through discussion at the meeting of April 6, 2023 to be recorded in the meeting minutes;

And further that the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee direct staff to summarize the comments, notes, grading and discussion and provide the Annual Progress Report to the Source Protection Authority for their approval.

**Motion Carried**

**6.0 Other Business**

**7.0 Member Inquiries**

**8.0 Next Meeting – October 5, 2023**

Scheduled as a hybrid meeting.

**9.0 Adjournment**

The Interim Acting Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m. on a motion by Eleanor Renaud which was seconded by Peter McLaren.

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**Diane Smithson**  
**Interim Acting Chair**

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**Marissa Grondin**  
**Recording Secretary**