

**MISSISSIPPI-RIDEAU SOURCE PROTECTION REGION**  
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*Hybrid meeting held in-person and electronically*

**FINAL MINUTES**

**Mississippi-Rideau**  
**Source Protection Committee**                      **4/24**                      **October 3, 2024**

<b>Present:</b>	Scott Bryce	Alex Clark
	Scott Ferguson	Drew Lampman
	Claude Lloyd	Michel Kearney
	Peter McLaren	Bev Millar
	Eleanor Renaud	Diane Smithson

**Staff:**

- Marika Livingston
- Ryan Hiemstra
- Brian Stratton
- Marissa Grondin
- Noah Mascardi

<b>Regrets:</b>	Randy Malcom	Wilf Stefan
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**Guests:**

- Sandra Bickell, Algonquins of Ontario
- Tessa Di Iorio, City of Ottawa
- Kristin Cote, Ottawa Public Health
- Nigel Holgate, MECP
- Karine Bourgon, MECP
- Michelle Gordon, MECP
- Jean-Francois Durocher, MECP

**1.0    Welcome and Introductions**

Interim Chair Smithson called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

She announced the new appointment of Sandra Bickell from the Algonquins of Ontario, who attended the meeting as a guest. Ms. Bickell's formal appointment is expected to be finalized by December 2024. Interim Chair Smithson welcomed Ms. Bickell and invited her to introduce herself, followed by introductions from all attendees.

**a)    Agenda Review**

Interim Chair Smithson reviewed the Agenda.

b) **Notice of Proxies**

None.

c) **Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion 1-241003**

**Moved by:**

Michel Kearney

**Seconded by:**

Scott Bryce

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

**Motion Carried**

d) **Declarations of Interest**

None.

e) **Approval of Minutes of July 4, 2024**

**Motion 2-241003**

**Moved by:**

Claude Lloyd

**Seconded by:**

Eleanor Renaud

That the minutes of the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee meeting of July 4, 2024 be approved as circulated.

**Motion Carried**

f) **Correspondence**

None.

**2.0 Municipal Drinking Water Inspection Process**

Interim Chair Smithson welcomed Water Compliance Officers from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), who made a presentation to the Committee regarding Municipal Drinking Water Inspections and addressed any questions.

Peter McLaren requested clarification and asked whether smaller systems must meet the same regulations as larger ones. The MECP representative confirmed that all systems are required to adhere to the same regulatory requirements.

Ms. Livingston inquired about municipalities' raw water sampling obligations and the required frequency. The MECP representative explained that large municipal treatment plants must collect raw water samples weekly for E. coli and total coliform, while smaller municipalities are required to sample once per month.

Mr. Stratton asked for a summary of the overall report card results. The MECP representative indicated that results in the area consistently meet or exceed 95%, with deficiencies being rare and typically not seen among municipalities.

Interim Chair Smithson thanked the presenters for their informative presentation.

### **3.0 Source Protection Staff Update**

Ms. Livingston referred to the letter of thanks sent to the MECP Minister and noted that no response has been received. She offered copies of the letter to members and explained that the minister is currently on parental leave, which may delay the response. Ms. Livingston assured members that she would keep them informed.

She also reviewed upcoming meetings, presentations, webinars, and events.

Ryan Hiemstra, RVCA Risk Management Inspector, provided an update on risk management activities.

Nigel Holgate delivered an update on behalf of the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

**Motion 3-241003**

**Moved by:**

Peter McLaren

**Seconded by:**

Alex Clark

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee receive this report for information.

**Motion Carried**

### **4.0 Section 36 Update**

Ms. Livingston provided an update presentation on the Section 36 update.

Mr. Stratton added that, as per feedback from local municipal staff, an exemption has been included in the sewage prohibition policy to allow pumping stations and related overflows with mitigation measures in IPZ-2 (and WHPA-B, score of 10) to accommodate potential future growth.

Michel Kearny inquired about the handling of overflow in pumping stations during emergencies. Mr. Stratton explained that the exemption related to this issue is still under review, but additional protective measures will be considered.

Interim Chair Smithson asked what would happen to existing pumping stations if future installations were not permitted. Mr. Stratton confirmed that a distinction will be made between existing and future pumping stations.

Peter McLaren inquired about the definition of processed organic waste. Ms. Livingston explained that it is the residual organic matter from sewage treatment, which can be applied to agricultural land but is considered a threat when stored at municipal waste sites.

Ms. Livingston concluded by reviewing the next steps.

**Motion 4-241003**

**Moved by:**

Michel Kearny

**Seconded by:**

Alex Clark

That this staff report Be Received by the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee; and,

That staff Be Directed to revise the Source Protection Plan and Assessment Reports as recommended within this report; and,

That the resulting updates Be Included in the amended Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Plan, Mississippi Valley Assessment Report and the Rideau Valley Assessment Report for further consultation.

**Motion Carried**

## **5.0 Other Business**

Mr. Stratton announced his retirement effective January 2025. Committee members extended their best wishes and thanked him for his service.

## **6.0 Member Inquiries**

None.

## **7.0 Next Meeting – Tentative: December 5, 2024**

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 5, 2024. Ms. Livingston will confirm the date.

## **8.0 Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m. on a motion by Claude Llyod,  
seconded by Peter McLaren.

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

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