

Date: September 7, 2021
Time: 1 pm
Location: Zoom (see email invitation for instructions)

Welcome and Introductions		
1.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Agenda Review b. Notice of Proxies c. Adoption of the Agenda (D) d. Declarations of Interest e. Approval of Minutes – April 7, 2021 (D) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Draft minutes attached as a separate document f. Correspondence – none 	Pg.
		<i>Chair Graham</i>
Staff Reports, Updates and Presentation		
2.0	Highly Vulnerable Aquifer Guidance Story Map —presentation (I)	
3.0	Section 34 Amendment Update —staff report attached (D).....	1-3
4.0	Climate Change Tool Findings —presentation (I).....	
5.0	SPC Recruitment Update —verbal update (I).....	
Other		
6.0	Other Business	<i>Chair Graham</i>
7.0	Member Inquiries	<i>Chair Graham</i>
8.0	Next Meeting -TBD	<i>Chair Graham</i>
9.0	Adjournment	<i>Chair Graham</i>

(I) = Information (D) = Decision

Delegations: If you wish to speak to an item on the Agenda please contact Laura Cummings before the meeting (laura.cummings@rvca.ca or 613-692-3571 x 1148)

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3.0 Section 34 Amendment

Date: September 7, 2021
To: Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee
From: Laura Cummings, Project Manager
Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Region

Recommendation:

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee receive this update and direct Source Protection staff to submit the Section 34 amendment.

Background

In November 2020, a Section 34 Amendment was initiated to address a new well. The Municipality of North Grenville is undergoing a project to expand the Kemptville Drinking Water System by adding an additional well, pumphouse, and elevated storage tank. The expansion is developer driven and is intended to meet the demand requirements of Kemptville's growing population. The amendment will include revised Wellhead Protection Area (WHPA) mapping for North Grenville and the Village of Merrickville-Wolford as the new well impacts the WHPA for the Merrickville Drinking Water System.

The threats assessment for the revised Kemptville WHPA resulted in the removal of five potential Dense Non-Aqueous Phase Liquids (DNAPLs) significant threats and the addition of two new potential DNAPLs significant threats. The threats assessment for the revised Merrickville WHPA resulted in the removal of two DNAPLs significant threats. The property owners for the potential new significant threats have already been contacted by Mississippi-Rideau Risk Management staff.

Purpose of Amendment

Any proposed change to the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Plan or Assessment Report(s) is required to undergo a Section 34 Amendment under the *Clean Water Act*.

Pre-consultation

We are required to provide a pre-consultation comment opportunity for municipalities and implementing bodies, prior to broader public consultation. In May, a Notice of Pre-consultation was circulated to all municipalities and implementing bodies affected by this proposed amendment. Comments were due by June 24, 2021. Comments were provided by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and Ministry of Transportation (MTO). Their comments were addressed and no changes to the documents and technical studies were required prior to starting public consultation.

Municipalities affected by the proposed amendment are also required to provide a Council resolution endorsing the amendment. We received all Council endorsements by July 7, 2021.

Public Consultation

Following pre-consultation, we are required to complete a minimum 35-day public consultation. Our public consultation period started on July 7, 2021. Ads were placed in three local newspapers and posted on social media. The Notice and accompanying information were posted on our website www.mrsourcewater.ca. Municipalities and implementing bodies were also informed of the commencement of public consultation. Comments were requested by August 13, 2021.

Comments Received

To date, comments received have been very minor. A summary of comments is included below. Copies of written comments will be included in the submission of the amendment to MECP as per Section 34 (3) of the *Clean Water Act*.

Next Steps

The Amendment will be presented to the Source Protection Authorities for approval to submit to MECP on September 15, 2021 (Mississippi Valley) and September 23, 2021 (Rideau Valley) and submitted shortly after.

Summary of Comments Received During Public Consultation

July 7, 2021—August 13, 2021 (37 days)

Stakeholder	Date	Method of Communication	Comment	Outstanding Comments/Questions
Member of the Public	July 9, 2021	Email	-Is their property located in the new WHPA?	None. Staff responded via email, provided old and new mapping, indicated property is inside new WHPA however no policies apply as it is within WHPA-D.