Source Protection Committee Biographies Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee

Committee Chair

Ken Graham

Ken Graham has broad experience related to environmental protection and many years of service to his community in a variety of capacities. He served 20 years as an elected Smiths Falls Town Councillor and 11 years on the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors including three as Chair. Mr. Graham has also held Board of Directors positions at numerous other organizations such as the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit, the Smiths Falls Airport Commission, the Perth and Smiths Falls District Hospital, Smiths Falls Child Development Center and the Smiths Falls Heritage House Museum. In his professional career, Mr. Graham was a civilian employee of the Ontario Provincial Police, a Police Officer with the Smiths Falls Police Service and an Investigator with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment.

Municipal Representatives

Scott Bryce (Municipalities with groundwater-based municipal drinking water systems) Scott Bryce was raised in the Village of Westport and has resided there for most of the past fifty years. After attending Queen's and Carleton Universities, Scott has enjoyed work experiences in the federal, non-profit and private sectors before accepting a municipal staff appointment with the Village of Westport in 1992. Since Westport is a microcosm for urban municipal services, the full range of management challenges have been present for this municipality of under a thousand people, including provision of electrical distribution and water and sewer services. Scott is committed to providing a strong voice for those municipal stakeholders that are supportive of multiple barrier protection, but also must address issues of policy implementation and program cost. Scott recently retired as Clerk/Treasurer for the Village of Westport, but remains active in a number of municipal service files including water and wastewater and electrical distribution.

Paul Knowles *(Municipalities with surface water-based municipal drinking water systems)* Paul Knowles grew up and attended high school in Perth, Ontario. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering while attending Queen's University. From 1980-1989, Paul worked in the private sector as a Civil Engineer. In 1989, he joined the Town of Carleton Place as Town Engineer. As Town Engineer, he was responsible for all Public Works operations and development approvals. In 1996, Paul was promoted to Chief Administrative Officer for the Town. He continues in this position with responsibility for all municipal departments. Paul participates in several professional organizations and Chairs the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Monitoring Committee, for the Municipal Engineers Association, and the Watermains Specialty Committee for Ontario Provincial Standards.

Eleanor Renaud (Municipalities without municipal drinking water systems)

Eleanor Renaud is a Leeds County farmer who has served the community, county and province on various boards and committees for the past two decades. She is also a municipal councilor for Elizabethtown-Kitley for 16 years. During this time Eleanor has spent 15 years as an AMO and ROMA board member. She also served as a member of TORC, AMO's Bill 170 task force, and the Eastern Ontario Smart Growth Panel. Eleanor served 20 years as an OFA board member representing Leeds County. She has proven herself to be an effective voice for rural Ontario municipalities as she understands their needs and challenges.

Michel Kearney (City of Ottawa)

Michel has 31 years of experience in the fields of civil engineering and hydrogeology. He worked 18 years for a local engineering firm before joining the City of Ottawa in 2002, where he now creates and interprets servicing policies. Michel has been involved with Source Water Protection since 2006; at first as a member of the technical advisory teams for the Assessment Reports for the Mississippi-Rideau and Raisin-South Nation Source Protection Regions, then as an advisor in the crafting of the Source Protection Plans, and now with the implementation team at the City of Ottawa. Michel also sits on the Raisin-South Nation Source Protection Committee as a municipal member.

Economic Sector Representatives

Peter McLaren (Agriculture)

Peter McLaren is a descendant of the McLaren family who settled in Lanark around 1820 from Scotland. He graduated from Kemptville Agricultural College and is currently operating the McLaren family farm. His interests in agriculture led him to join several local committees, including the Lanark County Soil & Crop Improvement Association, the National Farmers Union, the Steering & Review Committee of the Rideau Valley Rural Clean Water Program and the Steering & Review Committee of the Mississippi Valley Rural Clean Water Program. Peter has been a member of these committees over the past ten years and remains an active member today. Peter is the Provincial Director for Ontario Soil & Crop Improvement Association representing the Ottawa Rideau Region, and is a member of the executive as 1st Vice President. Peter McLaren has served as Mayor and a member of Council for the Township of Lanark Highlands.

Scott Berquist (Industry)

Scott Berquist serves as the Manager of the Environmental Division at R.W Tomlinson Limited. The Division is responsible for the licensing, permitting and regulatory compliance for the company's core business operations, including quarries, construction and environmental services. One of Scott's key responsibilities is to ensure that the company's operations, of which a number are located in the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Region, do not adversely impact the quality and quantity of groundwater and surface water systems. Scott has served on the Board of Director's for the Ontario Hot Mix Producers Association and is currently a member of the Springhill Landfill Liaison Committee and the Orgaworld Public Liaison Committee. Scott holds a Bachelor Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Manitoba. He has been a member of Professional Engineers Ontario since 1993. Scott grew up in Nepean on the Ottawa River and currently resides just outside the village of Merrickville and also on the Mississippi River in North Frontenac Township.

Drew Lampman (Industry)

Drew Lampman earned a Bachelor of Applied Science in Civil Engineering degree from the University of Waterloo in 1995 and is a professional engineer. He resides in the Rideau Ferry area. He has worked in the precast concrete, mining, construction and manufacturing industries as a project and EHS manager. He has been involved with ground and surface water monitoring and improvements since 1997. He has worked with DFO, MNR, RVCA and MVCA on various projects. He is a trained ISO internal auditor and the Management Systems representative for ISO 14001 Environmental and OHSAS 18001 Health and Safety. He was elected as chair of the Ontario Mining Association Environmental Committee and was involved in the development of their Spill Prevention, Contingency Planning and Reporting for the Mining Sector document.

Beverly Millar (Small Business)

Bev Millar, an effective, experienced advocate for rural businesses has owned and represented businesses in both rural and urban settings and has a comprehensive understanding of the many issues facing rural residents and businesses. She owns and operates SummerMill Farm, for beef cattle and shale, and Main Street Consulting. She is a Director on the Greater Ashton Community Association, volunteers on local community events and provides small business advisory services. In the past, she co-owned Main Street Automotive and the Main Street Building. Bev is past president of the Rideau Chamber of Commerce, Past Chair of the National Capital Business Alliance (representing over 1500 rural and urban business interests) and a founding Director of ORCNet. She was a founding member of the City of Ottawa's Business Advisory Committee, the Mayor's Task Force on Red Tape, the Property Tax Assessment Taskforce, The Ottawa Marketing Strategy, the BR+E Rural Tourism Pilot and a number of other initiatives that give her a broad experience base. Formal education includes a Baccalaureate in Political Science from Carleton University, the School of Public Administration Public Service Studies Certification, the Federal PWGSC's IT Project Management and Carnegie Mellon University's Risk Management. She has served on the Mississippi-Rideau Source Water Committee since its inception.

Public Interest Representatives

Randy Malcolm (First Nations)

Randy Malcolm was elected Chief of the Snimikobi (Ardoch) Algonquin First Nation. He represents the interests of the Algonquin people living throughout the Mississippi River Valley as well as the Algonquin Nation of Ontario. In May 2005, Randy was elected as an Algonquin Nation Representative (ANR) and sits with a team of 16 ANRs, a principal negotiator, a legal team and a Technical Advisory Group to work with the Governments of Canada and Ontario to negotiate a Land Claim Treaty for the Algonquin's of Ontario. The Mississippi-Rideau Source

Protection Region falls within the Land Claim Area. Randy graduated from Algonquin College in Forestry and later in Electronics. He has spent several years working for the Ministry of Natural Resources and a number of years working in electronics repair in private industry. Randy is currently working full-time for the Algonquin Nation on many aspects of the Algonquin Land Claim.

Carol Dillon (Environmental)

Carol Dillon is a rural resident from the Perth area with a long standing interest in water. She has been an active member of the community-based Friends of the Tay Watershed since its inception and has served on the Board of Directors as co-chair, and as director of school programs and provincial liaison. Carol successfully used Ontario's Environmental Bill of Rights to draw attention to needed changes in water management in Ontario and in 2006 served on Ontario's Advisory Panel on the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program. Carol has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and Sociology and a Master degree in Adult Education. She conducted a successful management consulting business across Canada for 35 years. Carol brings academic background, career skills, volunteer experience and a passion for good water management to this appointment.

Patricia Larkin, PhD (Non-governmental Organization)

Patricia Larkin works as an independent consultant in applied environmental and human health risk management. Her focus is on issues related to water, energy systems and climate change mitigation and adaptation at local and regional scales. She has a broad range of experience with fostering sustainability in decision making by government, conservation groups, schools and in household settings and is interested in advancing the integration of health in non-health sector contexts. She is principal and founder of Nature Works Learning, has been active with the Well Aware program and Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists, and enjoys living in the rural area outside Pakenham.

George Braithwaite (General Public)

George Braithwaite is a retired Naval Officer, who lives in the Township of Lanark Highlands with his wife Judith. They have three adult children, all of whom live in Ottawa. Since his retirement, he has served as a municipal councilor, Chair of the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority, Vice-Chair of Conservation Ontario and as a member of non-profit boards of directors in various capacities. He currently serves as a member of the Lanark Highlands' Police Services Board and is Past President of a provincial organization dedicated to serving the interests of People with Intellectual Disabilities and their families.