



**LOWER TRENT SOURCE PROTECTION AUTHORITY
MINUTES**

MEETING #SPA 2025-01

DATE: April 10, 2025

TIME: 1:45 p.m.

LOCATION: Administration Office, 714 Murray Street, Trenton

PRESENT:

ON SITE		REMOTE SITE (R)
Eugene (Gene) Brahaney (Chair)	Rick English	Lynda Reid
Sherry Hamilton (Vice Chair)	Jeff Wheeldon	Eric Sandford
Mike Ainsworth	Bob Mullin	Bobbi Wright

REGRETS: Jim Alyea

STAFF: Rhonda Bateman, Keith Taylor, Anne Anderson, Chitra Gowda, Gage Comeau

GUESTS: Jim Hunt, Source Protection Committee Chair, Trent Conservation Coalition

1. Meeting called to order by the Chair

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gene Brahaney at 1:45 p.m.

2. First Nation Acknowledgement by the Chair

"This land is located on the traditional territories of the Anishnabek, Huron-Wendat, and Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) peoples. We acknowledge our shared responsibilities and obligations to preserve and protect the land, air and water. We are grateful to have the privilege to meet, explore, and connect here on these shared lands. In the spirit of friendship, peace and respect, we extend our thanks to all the generations that came before us and cared for these lands - for time immemorial."

3. Disclosure of pecuniary interests

There was no disclosure of pecuniary interests.

4. Approval of the Agenda

RES: SPA1/25

Moved by: Bob Mullin

Seconded by: Jeff Wheeldon

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

5. Delegations

There were no requests for delegations received for this meeting.

6. Correspondence

There is no correspondence received for this meeting.

7. Lower Trent Source Protection Authority 2024 Annual Progress Report

Anne Anderson, Lower Trent Source Protection Authority Lead, explained that this Report is complementary to the regional annual progress report. There are no concerns with progress. It is planned to work with municipalities on septic system inspections reporting system.

Director Sherry Hamilton asked about the rating of “Satisfactory” assigned to municipalities. Anne Anderson responded by saying that the rating reflected the opinion of the Source Protection Committee. Keith Taylor, Program Coordinator, noted that this would be discussed in detail in the next agenda item.

RES: SPA2/25

Moved by: Sherry Hamilton

Seconded by: Bobbi Wright

THAT the Lower Trent Source Protection Authority Annual Progress Report for the period January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 be received as information.

Carried

8. 2024 Trent and Ganaraska Source Protection Plans Annual Progress Reports

Keith Taylor summarized the comprehensive Annual Progress reports as included in the agenda package. He noted that one municipality was out of compliance as no progress was made in 2024 to meet the requirement to establish risk management plans. All other municipalities made progress and met the requirements. A rating of “Progressing Well” was assigned to all municipalities, with a note added about the compliance issue with the Municipality of Minden Hills, which has now hired a consultant and is making progress in 2025.

Keith Taylor also explained the rating of “Satisfactory” assigned by the Source Protection Committee to the provincial government’s implementation of Prescribed Instrument policies. This rating is downgraded by one level from the previous year’s top rating of “Progressing Well”, because most of the annual progress reporting made by the province is about their operational processes rather than the outcomes or their performance in meeting policy requirements to protect sources of drinking water.

Keith Taylor provided examples of Prescribed Instruments under the Clean Water Act, 2006: environmental compliance approvals for sewage treatment plants, storm water facilities, pesticide permits and other approvals that the provincial government is the lead on to manage drinking water threats. Keith Taylor noted that the provincial government recognizes that it is not doing well in reporting on the performance of Prescribed Instruments, and is committed to providing this information to source protection authorities in the future. He added that the reporting has improved slightly.

RES: SPA3/25

Moved by: Sherry Hamilton

Seconded by: Jeff Wheeldon

THAT the 2024 Trent and Ganaraska Source Protection Plan Annual Progress Reports be received as information; and

THAT staff be authorized to submit the 2024 Trent and Ganaraska Source Protection Plan Annual Progress Reports to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks as required by Section 46 of the Clean Water Act and Section 52 of O. Reg. 287/07, along with any comments received from the Source Protection Committee be approved.

Carried

9. Source Protection Committee Chair

Jim Hunt, Source Protection Committee Chair, provided verbal comments to the members. He spoke about the 'complacency conundrum', explaining that when things are going well, we do not pay attention to what we are supposed to be doing. Often safety is removed for the sake of expediency and saving costs. In the Walkerton drinking water tragedy in the year 2000, people died due to the removal of safeguards for water safety. Jim Hunt also remembered other severe drinking water issues in Milwaukee in 1992, Collingwood in 1996, in North Battleford in Saskatchewan, and in Detroit where the water supply was switched from a Great Lakes source to Flint River and the water pH caused lead to leach from the pipes into the water. Jim Hunt reiterated the important work being carried out under the Drinking Water Source Protection Program and thanked the Board for all of its work.

RES: SPA4/25

Moved by: Sherry Hamilton

Seconded by: Rick English

THAT the verbal comments from Jim Hunt, Chair TCC Source Protection Committee be accepted as information.

Carried

10. Members Inquiries/Other Business

There were no member inquiries or other business.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

RES: SPA5/25

Moved by: Rick English


Seconded by: Lynda Reid

THAT the Source Protection Authority meeting be adjourned.

Carried

Time: 2:01 p.m.


Chair Gene Brahaney


Rhonda Bateman, CAO/ST