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Regional Water Committee Appointed

Twenty-three individuals have been appointed to a community-based committee that will focus on the protection of current and future sources of municipal drinking water.

The Source Protection Committee (SPC) will work with Conservation Authority and municipal partners along with Chair Jim Hunt to guide drinking water source protection planning work in the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Region over the next five years. The planning region extends across the Trent/Ganaraska River watersheds, covering a 14,500 square kilometre area stretching from Algonquin Park to Lake Ontario and the Bay of Quinte.

Municipal representatives on the Committee are **Dave Golem** (Reeve, Township of Limerick), **Bruce Craig** (General Manager, Lakefront Utilities), **Dave Burton** (Reeve, Municipality of Highlands East), **Gerald McGregor** (Councillor, City of Kawartha Lakes), **Rosemary Kelleher-MacLennan** (Councillor, Municipality of Trent Hills), **Mary Smith** (Deputy-Reeve, Township of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield), and **Richard Straka** (Planner, City of Peterborough).

Representing economic sectors are **Beverly Spencer** (agriculture), **Edgar Cornish** (agriculture), **Glen Milne** (agriculture), **Kerry Doughty** (aggregates/mining) and **Monica Berdin** (recreation/tourism), **Rick Johnson** (large non-municipal water user), and **Robert Lake** (economic development).

Other members include **Mary Jane Conboy** (environmental non-government organization), **Terry Rees** (waterfront landowner), **Wayne Stiver**, (drinking water expert, **William Cornfield** (drinking water expert), **Alanna Boulton** (Trent-Severn Waterway), **Roberta Drew** (rural general public), and **Robert Stavinga** (urban general public).

Two First Nations will be represented on the Committee by **Tracey Taylor** (Rights & Resource Committee, Curve Lake) and **Pamela Crowe** (Councillor, Alderville).

Jim Hunt was appointed as Chair of the Committee by the Minister of the Environment in August.

"These individuals represent a diverse range of drinking water perspectives. Their level of experience and enthusiasm will undoubtedly result in sound plans to protect our local drinking water sources," states Jim Hunt, SPC Chair.

The public will be encouraged to get involved throughout the planning process.

"It is important the public gets involved in this process," adds Hunt. "Water is critical to all aspects of our lives and is our most precious natural resource. Our health, the health of future generations and the health of our ecosystem rely on clean water."

The Committee's first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 11, 2007 in Peterborough. All meetings will be open to the public.

The formation of the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Committee is a result of the *Clean Water Act* (CWA) which was passed by the Ontario Legislature in December, 2006. The CWA is part of Ontario's response to the Walkerton tragedy of 2001. The CWA prescribes a process of watershed-based research, analysis and actions rooted in good science, public participation and sustained effort for keeping Ontario's municipal drinking water safe. The province is divided into 19 Source Protection Regions for purposes of drinking water source protection. Each

of these 19 regions has a Source Protection Committee directing the production of Source Protection Plans to protect municipal drinking water sources in their area. The Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Region is one of those 19 regions.

Trent Conservation Coalition Partners

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