

TCC – SPC Notice of Plan Preparation



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NOTICE 1:

- Municipalities within the Source Protection Region
- Key stakeholders, when they exist in the Source Protection Region:
 - The chief of a band or reserve,
 - The secretary or treasurer of a planning board

NOTICE 2:

Every person the committee believes could be engaging in one or more activities that are or would be significant drinking water threats, according to the information contained in the assessment report (AR)

**NOTICE: PERSONS WHO COULD BE ENGAGING IN
SIGNIFICANT DRINKING WATER THREATS MUST INCLUDE:**

- An explanation that, according to the information in the AR, they are receiving the notice because the SPC believes the person could be engaging in one or more activities that are significant drinking water threats, or would be significant if established in the future;
- A specification of the activity that is believed to be a significant threat OR a list of activities that could be a significant threat, as listed in the AR;
- A statement that the source protection plan will contain policies that may affect their activity or activities; and
- A request that if the identified activity or activities is (are) regulated by a Prescribed Instrument, the SPC requests the number, if any, of the instrument and a description.

Introduction:

Across Ontario local committees are working to prepare plans to protect the quality and quantity of municipal drinking water sources. This work is supported by conservation authorities and the Province of Ontario under the *Clean Water Act*, 2006.

The Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Committee has begun the preparation of source protection plans for the Ganaraska and Trent watersheds, and your participation is invited in this process. The plan will address the threats to our municipal drinking water.

Between now and August 2012, when the plan is due, the Source Protection Committee will seek and encourage input from the public, municipalities, and stakeholders in order to identify the best methods of reducing the risks to our drinking water. The aim is to find practical, workable solutions. More information about the Source Protection Program can be found at www.trentsourceprotection.ca

Your property and the Source Protection Plan:

You have received this letter (and a previous notification in 2010) because your property is located in an area where the quality of the drinking water source for the << location >> is vulnerable to pollution. This area is known as the <<well or intake name >>.

The Source Protection Committee has prepared Proposed Assessment Reports for the Ganaraska and Trent watersheds that were submitted to the Ministry of the Environment for approval in October 2010. These reports identify: watershed characteristics; vulnerable areas for both groundwater and surface water sources; activities and conditions that pose a risk to the quality and quantity of drinking water sources; and, it ranks these risks as significant, moderate or low threats.

In accordance with provincial standards, the following activities are considered a significant drinking water threat to the water source if they are occurring on your property now or if they could be undertaken in the future:

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(If none of the significant threats listed above occur on your property, or you no longer own the property, please contact us (contact information below) in order that we may update/correct our records.)

The source protection plan must ensure that existing activities on the above list cease to be a significant drinking water threat and that future ones do not become a significant drinking water threat. **The plan will contain policies that may affect how these activities are or would be conducted on your property.** The Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Committee welcomes your participation in the planning process as these policies are developed.

Please be assured that there will be no personal identifying information in the Source Protection Plan. Policies developed will address the type of threat and not specific, individual situations.

How to find out more and become involved:

- Visit www.trentsourceprotection.ca.
- Sign up for email newsletter updates at www.trentsourceprotection.ca.
- Attend a Source Protection Committee meeting to learn more. All meetings are open to the public and the schedule is posted at www.trentsourceprotection.ca.
- View the minutes of Source Protection Committee meetings at www.trentsourceprotection.ca.
- Speak or meet with a member of the project staff team.
- Participate in a stewardship project on your property. Grants are available that cover up to 80% of the cost for certain projects. Details at www.trentsourceprotection.ca.
- You may also assist the Source Protection Committee now by providing information about how activities on your property may already be regulated.

You may already be following specific rules in order to engage in the activity(s) listed on page 1 because the activity may be regulated by the Province of Ontario. If so, the Committee needs to know this, so that policies developed by the Committee do not duplicate requirements already in place.

If an activity or activities on your property is (are) already regulated, please advise us by completing the enclosed form and returning it in the postage paid envelope provided or by calling or emailing (contact below). Please provide the following details:

- Document title;
 - Document number;
 - Date of issuance;
 - Expiry date;
 - Name of issuing Ministry or agency; and
 - A description of the provisions in the document which regulate the activity on your property.
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Please be assured that there will be additional opportunities for you to be involved in the development of the Source Protection Plan over the next **XX** months. The Source Protection Committee updates its website (www.trentsourceprotection.ca) frequently.

The Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Committee wants your input and to include your ideas so that the Source Protection Plan, when written, will be fair, effective, and based on accurate information. Your assistance in the process by providing the information on the Prescribed Instruments affecting activities on your property is much appreciated.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Stephens, Project Manager at 613-394-3915 Ext 246, or via e-mail at jennifer.stephens@ltc.on.ca.