



STAFF REPORT

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To: Source Protection Committee

From: Andrew Doiron, Source Protection Planning Coordinator

RE: Draft Policy Wordings – Agriculture and General

Draft policy wordings to address the significant drinking water threats related to agricultural activities have been reviewed by the municipal working groups. Further, a number of “general” policies have been developed based on feedback received from the municipal working groups and source protection committee.

The intent, rationale, policy text, and any outstanding issues related to these policies are attached in three groups:

- 1) General policies that refer to all significant drinking water threats or provide detail with respect to the application of specific policy tools.
- 2) Policies related to agricultural activities. These were consolidated into a single set of policies due to the common policy approaches proposed for these activities. The activities addressed by the agricultural policies include the following:
 - Application of agricultural source material to land
 - Storage of agricultural source material to land
 - Application of commercial fertilizer to land
 - Handling and storage of commercial fertilizer
 - Application of pesticides to land
 - Handling and storage of pesticide
 - Use of land as livestock grazing or pasturing land, an outdoor confinement area, or a farm animal yard

Staff Recommendation:

Approve the attached policies for pre-consultation and discussion with implementing bodies.