



STAFF REPORT

Date: November 8th, 2011
To: Source Protection Committee
From: Jennifer Stephens, Project Manager
RE: Update on Activities Related to Estimating Costs for Implementation of *Draft* Policies

At the June 8th Municipal Forum, the Director of the Source Protection Programs Branch suggested that it is appropriate to initiate discussions regarding financial and resource implications of source protection plans with implementing bodies.

- It has been acknowledged by the Ministry that there will be costs for municipalities for implementing source protection policies. For example, initially, municipal staff will need to be engaged through the formal consultation process. Once the Source Protection Plans are approved, these same staff may be responsible for inspection and enforcement of policies (*i.e.* Risk Management Plans, septic re-inspection program) as well as ensuring compliance with administrative requirements such as updating their Official Plans, creation of by-laws, etc.
- The TCC SPC has used the legislated **pre-consultation** requirement to initiate discussions about how the TCC SPR municipalities are going to prepare to implement and administer the policies in the plan.
- CA staff have been working with municipal representatives through the Municipal Working Groups (MWG) and follow-up meetings to identify the number and type of draft policies (*i.e.* # of RMPs, # of by-laws, OP amendments, etc.) which each municipality will be required to implement.
- These discussions have helped to identify the financial implications of the source protection plan policies on each municipality
- MWG members have completed a preliminary exercise where for each *draft* policy circulated for pre-consultation, the following details are being provided:
 1. Funding Magnitude (High, Medium, Low)
 2. Costs Estimates (\$/unit) (Example: \$/RMP, \$/100 permit applications)
 3. Description of how costs were generated
 4. Funding Mechanisms (*i.e.* How funding is to be recovered?)
- The feedback from the five MWGs will be summarized and returned to each MWG for discussion at their November meeting.
- The intent is to have these cost estimates available for the December SPC meeting when feedback on the *draft* policies is being reviewed.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee receives the following report for information.

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