



STAFF REPORT

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Date: August 15th, 2011
To: Source Protection Committee
From: Jennifer Stephens, Project Manager
RE: Pre-consultation with Implementing Bodies

Pre-consultation refers to the regulatory requirements within the *Clean Water Act* (2006) and Ontario Regulation 287/07 to carry out consultation activities. More specifically, it refers to the requirement to send notices to persons or bodies responsible for implementing policies, and to government ministries that have obligations under the *Clean Water Act*. The Regulation requires that pre-consultation must be completed before the Source Protection Committee (SPC) publishes a *draft* source protection plan on the Internet for the 35-day public consultation period.

Following the June 8th Forum, it was decided that the *draft* policies prepared by the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Committee would be provided to implementing bodies for a period of 60 days. The anticipated pre-consultation period for the TCC SPC will run from September 1st, 2011 through October 31st, 2011. Comments received from implementing bodies after October 31st, 2011 be given consideration by the TCC SPC, where appropriate.

The TCC Source Protection Region is coordinating pre-consultation with neighbouring Source Protection Regions/Areas for shared municipalities. Staff have prepared a pre-consultation notice based on the requirements as outlined in Regulation 287/07 for approval by the Committee. Pending approval, the Notice will be issued at the end of August with accompanying *draft* policies.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

THAT the attached Pre-consultation Notice be approved for circulation to implementing bodies.

www.trentsourceprotection.on.ca

Address of implementing body

Date

Dear <<Clerk, Municipal contact, Ministry contact>>

RE: NOTICE OF PRE-CONSULTATION - *Draft* POLICIES

The Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Committee (TCC SPC) has begun preparation of the Trent and Ganaraska Source Protection Plans to protect municipal drinking water sources. This letter serves as a Notice for the purposes of Ontario Regulation 287/07 made under the *Clean Water Act, 2006*.

This Notice is being issued because the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Committee has drafted policies to protect municipal drinking water sources. The draft policies have been prepared to manage or eliminate existing and future drinking water threats. The detailed rationale for each policy is included with the draft policy document attached to this Notice. Your organization will be responsible for implementing one or more of these policies as identified in the attached table. Drinking water threats are described in the Trent and Ganaraska Assessment Reports which can be found at the following website: www.trentsourceprotection.on.ca.

This is your first formal opportunity to provide comments on these *draft* policies. Between January and March 2012, the Committee will be posting a *draft* source protection plan on the Internet for public review and comment. The Committee will be providing a Notice advising of the opportunity to provide written comments. Further, the proposed source protection plan will be posted in May – June 2012 for a final round of public consultation before being submitted to the Minister of the Environment by August 20, 2012 for final review and approval.

As part of the pre-consultation requirements for these *draft* policies, we ask that you review and provide written comments on the enclosed policies to the Source Protection Committee by October 31st, 2011.

Thank you for your ongoing assistance with the Drinking Water Source Protection Program. Please contact Jennifer Stephens at 613.394.3915 Ext. 246 or jennifer.stephens@ltc.on.ca for any concerns or questions regarding this Notice.

Sincerely,

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Source Protection Committee

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LIST OF ENCLOSURES

- Covering Checklist
- Summary of *Clean Water Act* Tools; Explanation of the Content of a Policy; Summary of the Groups of Threats
- Applicability Table (municipalities versus policies; implementing body compared with policies)
- Policies – Broken into six groups
 - Part 1 – General Policies
 - Part 2 – Agriculture and Landscaping Threat Policies (incl. pesticides, fertilizers, ASM, grazing/pasturing)
 - Part 3 – Chemical Threat Policies (incl. DNAPLs, organic solvents, fuel, glycol from aircraft deicing, snow storage)
 - Part 4 – Transportation Related Threat Policies (incl. transportation corridors, road salt)
 - Part 5 – Waste Related Threat Policies (incl. waste disposal, sewage, NASMs)
 - Part 6 – Local Threat Policies (gasoline spill from pipeline, goose congregation)
- Mapping