

DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION

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SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE CHAIR'S QUARTERLY REPORT

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Submitted to: Crowe Valley Source Protection Authority
Ganaraska Region Source Protection Authority
Kawartha-Haliburton Source Protection Authority
Lower Trent Source Protection Authority (Lead)
Otonabee-Peterborough Source Protection Authority

Submitted by: Jim Hunt, Chair, Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Committee

In the last quarter, the Source Protection Committee (SPC) has been setting the foundation for the development of preliminary policies and policy concepts to address significant drinking water threats and potentially significant drinking water threats identified through the Proposed Trent and Ganaraska Assessment Reports. In December 2010, the Committee held a municipal forum to update the municipalities in the Trent Conservation Coalition on the progress of the source protection program to date, and plans for 2011 through 2012. The Forum was well represented with elected representatives and staff from the majority of the TCC municipalities. Some of the feedback out of the Forum was that this same group would be interested in other meetings with a similar format in 2011. Therefore, in the preparation of its workplan for 2011, the Source Protection Committee has scheduled a similar municipal forum in June and in the fall. These sessions will allow the SPC to engage municipalities on draft policy text and solicit input.

The results of the majority of outstanding technical studies for inclusion in the Updated Assessment Reports for the Ganaraska and Trent watersheds were completed in this quarter. The text of the Assessment Reports is now being updated to reflect this new information. The Committee will complete its legislated consultation requirements on new technical results in March and April 2011.

The member Conservation Authorities of the Trent Conservation Coalition and the SPC received confirmation that its application for funding under the Drinking Water Stewardship Program has been approved. The 'Early Response' program will fund on-the-ground projects to manage or address significant threats.

Sincerely,



Jim Hunt, Chair