

**THE CATARAQUI SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE - MINUTES OF MEETING  
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Wednesday November 24, 2021

Zoom

**Participants:** John Williamson, Chair; Chris Mangan-Greene; John Conley; Jeff Peters; Kim Sytsma; Michael Farrell; Natasha Prepas-Strobeck; Richard Lindgren; Terry Shea

**Non-Participants:** Adora Kwong, Mary Wooding

**Regrets** Gordon Ohlke, Nona Mariotti, Ric Bresee, Steven Allen, Municipal – Central (Vacant)

**Participating Staff:** Kelsey Guerette, Source Protection Coordinator and Tom Beaubiah, Manager, Conservation Lands

**Guests:** Amy Dickens - Quinte Conservation, Deborah Balika - Conservation Ontario

In response to recommendations by the Province of Ontario and public health officials for mitigating and responding to the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) meetings are not held in-person, therefore, this Cataraqui Source Protection Committee meeting was convened virtually via Zoom.

Chair John Williamson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

1) **Roll Call and Notice of Proxies**

There were eight (8) voting members participated in the meeting and no proxies.

2) **Adoption of Agenda**

No changes to agenda.

Moved by John Conley and seconded by Kim Sytsma.

3) **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

There were none.

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4) **Acknowledgement of Previous Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of March 25, 2021 were accepted on a motion by Terry Shea and seconded by Chris Mangan-Greene.

5) **Business Arising**

There were none.

6) **Delegations**

There were none.

7) **Correspondence**

There was none.

8) **Updates from the Source Protection Committee**

a) **Roundtable Updates from the Source Protection Committee**

John Williamson, Chair	<p>The last Chairs meeting followed a good format and there was good discussion. The Director indicated a desire for one-on-one meetings with each of the Chairs. In October, John had a one-on-one meeting with the Director. In the meeting, John discussed our SPA. John highlighted Mallorytown as unique with residents required to complete Risk Management Plans but don't have access to the municipal well and the delay in completion of RMPs in Leeds and the Thousand Islands which has been further delayed by the pandemic. John also discussed vulnerable populations such as nursing homes and schools on private wells having a lack of protection and the potential consideration for a pilot study. John was pleased with the discussion with the Director.</p> <p>John shared correspondence received from Christopher Manning by a municipal services corporation (MSC) or a joint municipal services corporation (JMSC) would fall under the definition of a municipal drinking water system under the Safe Drinking Water Act. Therefore, this would make these systems subject to the requirements under the Safe Drinking Water Act and Clean Water Act.</p>
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<p>Nona Mariotti</p>	<p>A report for Lake Associations reports a summer fighting gypsy moth utilizing a variety of methodologies, a spike in cottage sales and developers interested in building subdivisions. Watersheds Canada is again promoting excellent ideas to develop natural shorelines with lake associations. It also means encouraging Lake assessments for future planning.</p> <p>John added that there is a large surge of interest in lakes and cottages causing an increase in shore wells and lakes being used as drinking water sources but not monitored. Rural lots have also seen a boom. FRS is updating their official plans again and is encouraging more development. A new subdivision was proposed in rural South Frontenac with 31 wells near active gas station and dairy farm. John mentioned this is likely happening in other areas as well.</p> <p>Terry added that the City of Kingston does not allow estate residential in class 1 or 2 but would consider 3 or 4 and does a better job at supporting agriculture.</p> <p>Kim added that in her municipality they do not seem to be following the provincial policy statement.</p>
<p>Richard Lindgren</p>	<p>Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA) posted a tool kit and resource kit (<a href="https://cela.ca/making-the-links-a-toolkit-for-environmental-protections-health-and-equity/">https://cela.ca/making-the-links-a-toolkit-for-environmental-protections-health-and-equity/</a>)</p>
<p>John Conley</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Jeff Peters</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Kim Sytsma</p>	<p>Canadian Cattlemen’s Association and Provincial Group, 3<sup>rd</sup> party audit working with partners such as McDonalds and other restaurants to show work towards sustainability.</p>
<p>Michael Farrell</p>	<p>Keen eye on floods in BC and the impacts to groundwater and industry and what might be contributing to any issues, looking at emergency response and chemical storage inventories.</p> <p>John Williamson added that large farms would be another consideration related to flooding.</p> <p>Kim Sytsma added the long recovery period for the farming industry due to flooding. A family farm experienced this - the farm and liquid waste were under water leading to dead animals, milk processing equipment contamination, and a loss of feed.</p>
<p>Chris Mangan-Greene</p>	<p>Discussed interest in following PFAS and what is and isn’t acceptable. Due to COVID-19 golf was closed for a brief period over the summer but it was nice to get back into business and</p>

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	open for tourism.
Terry Shea	Expressed concern in 2018 about a watercourse in Bayridge Area located at the South End of Dunham Street due to excessive erosion issues and aggregate and gravel loading. Approached the City with concern, and staff from Cataraqi Conservation filed an inquiry on his behalf. Terry was recently contacted and notified that a new bridge is going to be constructed in 2022 to replace the current structure. Thanked the CRCA for their input and discussion with the City of Kingston.
Natasha Prepas-Strobeck	As the new member Natasha introduced herself. Natasha has a background in engineering with previous experience working with wastewater and more recently with Utilities Kingston. Now completing her Masters at Queens University.

b) Local Drinking Water Source Protection Program and Risk Management Update – Kelsey Guerette, Source Protection Coordinator

Kelsey provided an update on RMPs in Leeds and the Thousand Islands. John Pyke has officially finished the RMO training. Following his completion of the training he indicated at the end of last week he reached out to the properties with draft RMPs currently out in hopes of getting a couple signed back and finalized. Kelsey indicated she will follow up.

Phase II of the Directors Technical Rules are still awaiting final approval. No major changes are anticipated from the proposed amendments staff presented to the committee at the end of 2020.

Kelsey provided an update on section 36 updates indicating she has created a timeline for the updates to aid in making good progress over the next few months.

Committee recruitment status was outlined. Natasha welcomed as new committee member. Letter has been drafted seeking new Central Municipal seat and will be issued shortly.

Lastly, provided an update on the CRCA vaccination policy as it related to committee members. The policy has been approved by the board. Therefore, when we do return to in-person committee members would be required to show proof of vaccination prior to entering the outdoor center. If you are unvaccinated or do not wish to disclose your vaccination status, you would be required to show a negative covid test prior to the in-person meeting. When we return to in-person meetings we would continue to have a virtual option. Kelsey expressed that she would provide the vaccination policy through email to the committee members. Based on discussion with the committee we will look into having our first in-person/hybrid meeting in the new year.

c) Provincial Drinking Water Source Protection Program, Mary Wooding Source Protection Liaison

Mary indicated Kristen is the new director. Kristen met with John for a one-on-one meeting and has roughly four or five more Chair meetings. Moreover, the Directors Technical Rules are still uncertain on timing. TPAs are in place for March 2022.

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Working on Section 34 updates (new systems). Several new systems across the province. Section 36s are starting to come in. Three have been updated and approved and some are close to submission.

CA Act update improves governance and gives municipalities more say over programs and services. The Provincial government has finalized the mandatory programs and agreements with Municipalities. CA act consolidates use of land S39 of the CA act updated to provide consistency.

d) Conservation Ontario Update, Deb Balika, Source Water Protection Lead

Deb provided an overview of the Drinking Water Protection Road Sign campaign that ran through the month of October. It was shared through social media posts, and included mapping, and other educational tools. Strategy was to promote during the fall as people are driving around looking at the foliage. The campaign included a story map, music video, daily posts, and an interactive map – locations for municipal and local signs. By clicking on a particular road sign a link would bring you to the corresponding SPA, push for local knowledge and website awareness in their own backyard.

There was a photo op with the minister to wrap up the campaign at Ganaraska and gave good comments and positive messages. Was a successful event.

Deb gave thanks to the working group for a successful collaborative project and thanked Kelsey for providing road sign data for the CSPA.

The next campaign will start in the middle of December and run to February. The campaign will be releasing social media posts on Wednesday to promote education on various topics such as road salts.

9) Business/Reports

a) 2020 Annual Reporting Summary (Presentation)

No further feedback received.

**Resolution:** CSPC-004-21  
**Moved By:** John Conley  
**Seconded By:** Terry Shea

**That** the presentation 2020 SPA Annual Progress Reporting Summary presented by Mary Wooding, **Be Received.**

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b) Cataraqui Source Protection Plan – Draft Transportation Corridor Policy (Report IR-111-21-CSPC)

No further comments on policies drafted under Report IR-111-21-CSPC.

*Kelsey brought forward an additional concept to gauge committee interest in developing another policy for transportation corridors. Similar policies are being considered or already implemented at other Source Protection Areas and Regions. The policy would be an education and outreach policy to include signage around boat launches and marinas to educate the public on DWSP.*

*Mary added that Mississippi Rideau has policies related to signage and the funding component was municipal. Amy added that the signage is included in vulnerable areas and the signs aren't just DWSP but are included into other signs.*

*Kelsey will investigate this concept further and any new drafted policy for transportation corridors will be brought to the committee for approval prior to being added to the amended Cataraqui Source Protection Plan.*

**Resolution:** CSPC-005-21  
**Moved By:** Kim Sytsma  
**Seconded By:** Terry Shea

**That** Report IR-111-21-CSPC, Cataraqui Source Protection Plan – Draft Transportation Corridor Policy, **Be Received;** and,

**That** staff **Be Directed** to revise the draft policies as recommended within this report; and

**That** the resulting updated policies **Be Included** in the amended Cataraqui Source Protection Plan for further consultation.

**Carried**

c) Other Systems Policy (Report IR-112-21-CSPC)

Rick noted that this policy is a small but important step. However, it is not necessarily compelling as it's a non-binding policy so some may adopt it, but others may not, should encourage planning act tools. Indicated that it's important to raise the issue but there needs to be some provincial direction.

Kim added that within her municipality they had to appeal setbacks from quarries and barns. They had to pay to fight to force the municipality to follow their own rules.

Chris added that it is disappointing to see that there is still mix on who is responsible and responsibility is generally deflected.

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**Resolution:** CSPC-006-21  
**Moved By:** John Conley  
**Seconded By:** Richard Lindgren

**That** Report IR-112-21-CSPC, Cataraqui Source Protection Plan – Other Systems Policy, **Be Received**; and,

**That** the Source Protection Committee **Endorse** the draft policy provided by Quinte Conservation for other systems as presented in this report; and

**That** staff **Be Directed** to revise the Other Systems Policy to relate to the Cataraqui Source Protection Area to be included in the ongoing Source Protection Plan Update under Section 36 of the *Clean Water Act*.

**Carried**

d) Communications Report (Report IR-113-21-CSPC)

No further feedback received.

**Resolution:** CSPC-007-21  
**Moved By:** Kim Sytsma  
**Seconded By:** Chris Mangan-Green

**That** Report IR-113-21-CSPC, Report on Communications, **Be Received**.

**Carried**

10) Announcements or Inquiries

There were none.

11) Motions/Notice of Motion

There were none.

12) Opportunity for Questions from the Media

There were no questions.

13) IN CAMERA Session

This was not required.

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**14) Next Meeting**

To be held at the call of the Chair. Likely to be held in February or March.

**15) Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. on a motion by Kim Sytsma, seconded by Richard Lindgren.

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John Williamson, Chair

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Kelsey Guerette,  
Coordinator, Source Protection