
REPORT TITLE: **Clean Water Act Requirements – Credit Valley, Toronto and Region, and Central Lake Ontario Source Protection Committee Member Appointment Process**

FROM: Kealy Dedman, Commissioner of Public Works

RECOMMENDATION

That the Director, Water and Wastewater, Infrastructure Planning, Partnerships and Compliance, be nominated to serve as the Region of Peel's representative on the Credit Valley, Toronto and Region, and Central Lake Ontario (CTC) Source Protection Committee;

And further, that the Councils of the Cities of Brampton and Mississauga and the Town of Caledon be requested to endorse the nomination of the Director, Water and Wastewater, Infrastructure Planning, Partnerships and Compliance, to serve on the Committee and forward their endorsements to the Credit Valley, Toronto and Region, and Central Lake Ontario Source Protection Committee.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- Regional Staff is recommending the position of Director, Water and Wastewater, Infrastructure Planning, Partnerships and Compliance be jointly nominated to fill the vacancy on the Credit Valley, Toronto and Region, and Central Lake Ontario (CTC) Source Protection Committee (the Committee).
 - Designating a specific position rather than a specifically named person facilitates business continuity should staff changes occur in the future.
 - This position is aptly suited as the Region's representative since this position represents the Region on the Lake Ontario Collaborative Group (LOCG) municipal Director's Implementation Committee and LOCG Steering Committee.
 - The overall Source Protection program mandate falls within the Water and Wastewater, Infrastructure Planning, Partnerships and Compliance Division.
 - Since the establishment of the Committee in 2007, the Region has met the obligations of the mandate of the Committee and having a senior member of the Region's Water and Wastewater Division participate on the Committee is consistent with past practice.
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DISCUSSION

1. Background

The *Clean Water Act, 2006* established watershed-based source protection areas and the criteria for membership on multi-stakeholder committees, including notification of vacancies, and conditions and terms of appointment. The responsibility for recruiting candidates for membership and appointing members to committees lies with the source protection

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authorities, except for the Chair who is appointed by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

The Credit Valley, Toronto and Region, and Central Lake Ontario (CTC) Source Protection Committee (the Committee) is comprised of 21 members, seven each from municipal, economic, and public sectors and the Chair. The role of the Committee is to oversee and guide drinking water source protection planning, implementation, and monitoring. The members act as liaisons for their sectors to ensure a balanced approach in the decision-making process, reflect diverse interests and concerns, and communicate the Committee's work to the sector represented.

The Region's representative on the Committee became vacant in June 2020 when Mr. Andrew Farr resigned from the Region. The municipal group consisting of the Region of Peel, the Cities of Brampton and Mississauga, and the Town of Caledon must jointly agree and nominate one municipal Committee member (for a five-year term) to fill this vacancy. There is no limitation on Committee members serving for consecutive terms.

2. New Source Protection Committee Member Nomination

Regional Staff is recommending the position of Director, Water and Wastewater, Infrastructure Planning, Partnerships and Compliance (currently held by Mr. Elvis Oliveira) be jointly nominated to fill the vacancy (replacing Mr. Andrew Farr) on the Committee. Designating a specific position rather than a specifically named person facilitates business continuity should staff changes occur in the future.

This position is aptly suited as the Region's representative since the overall Source Protection Program mandate falls within the Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Planning, Partnerships and Compliance Division. Mr. Oliveira meets all the Committee membership eligibility requirements; has direct experience in "source-to-tap" multi-barrier approach to safe drinking water; and ongoing involvement relevant to the Lake Ontario policies contained within the CTC Source Protection Plan as the Region's representative on the Lake Ontario Collaborative Group (LOCG) Municipal Director's Implementation Committee and the LOCG Steering Committee.

Since the establishment of the Committee in 2007, the Region has met the obligations of the mandate of the Committee and having a senior member of the Region's Water and Wastewater Division participate on the Committee is consistent with past practice. This direction also coincides with partner municipalities in the LOCG having senior staff sit on the Committee with direct knowledge about municipal drinking water systems and operational issues. It would be most advantageous to have a municipal representative in a position to make on-the-ground organizational/operational changes, and able to approve feasible projects as they relate to drinking water source protection.

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

The Committee member appointed should represent the interests of all the municipalities that are in the group. The process by which a representative is selected for nomination is determined by the municipalities in the group. Although the regulations under the *Clean Water Act, 2006* does not require Council resolutions to accompany the nomination, this practice supports an inclusive and transparent municipal sector member nomination process. If the

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municipalities do not submit a joint nomination, then the Source Protection Authority can select a candidate to be appointed.

CONCLUSION

The Credit Valley, Toronto and Region, and Central Lake Ontario (CTC) Source Protection Committee plays a critical role to ensure source protection plan policies are both reasonable and effective and the plan is implemented as intended. Regional Staff has sustained commitment to the Source Protection Program, as well as internal capacity and expertise to continue the functions and obligations of the Committee.

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