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Sent to all Clerks of Member Municipalities

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Re: Essex Region Source Protection Committee – Municipal Representation

As required by the Clean Water Act, 2006, the Essex Region Source Protection Authority (ERSPA) has an established Source Protection Committee (SPC), which follows the guidance of Ontario Regulation 288/07 (O.Reg 288/07). The SPC is composed of 15 members, including five (5) representatives from the municipal sector. The remaining two-thirds of the SPC are representatives of key industries (e.g. agriculture, greenhouse operations, and fuel suppliers) and members of the public at large.

In 2007, the ERSPA striking committee proposed the following composition of municipal representation on the SPC.

- City of Windsor 2 members
- Union Water Supply System 1 member
- Town of Lakeshore 1 member
- Town of Amherstburg 1 member

The striking committee felt that those municipalities responsible for the Water Treatment Plants that provide the largest water supplies should have the opportunity to have representation on the SPC. A letter was sent to all Clerks of Member Municipalities on July 30, 2007 to this effect, and this distribution of representation was subsequently endorsed by all municipalities in 2007. At this time, the term of appointment is expiring for one municipal member, one municipal member is retiring and one municipal member has taken a new position and can no longer sit on the SPC in this role.

lan Wilson, a member of the SPC since 2014 first in the Economic Sector and then filling an interim position for the City of Windsor since September 2020, will be stepping down from his position. Mr. Wilson was a valued member of the SPC, and will be missed. The City of Windsor has nominated Kevin Webb as their representative to the SPC. Mr. Webb is the City's Manager of Environmental Quality, which was previously held by Paul Drca. Mr. Webb brings a background of human health, laboratory analysis, and a passion for safe drinking water. We are pleased to have Mr. Webb join the SPC.

Municipal Councils are asked to endorse Mr. Webb prior to his formal appointment by the Essex Region Source Protection Authority as a regular SPC member. In keeping with our previous practices, at this time we are asking that all member Municipalities endorse the following individuals' appointment to the Essex Region Source Protection Committee:

- **Kevin Webb**, **City of Windsor**, appointment date: April 14, 2021; expiration of appointment: April 14, 2026

Responses in the form of Council Resolutions are kindly requested by **1 March, 2021**. The Essex Region Source Protection Authority is scheduled to address this matter at their meeting on April 14, 2021

This letter is sent under separate cover to municipal staff who have been appointed by their municipality to assist with Source Water Protection. Please contact me if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

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