

31 July, 2020

Sent to all Clerks of Member Municipalities

## **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.

As of November 1, 2020, the term of appointment for Mayor Nelson Santos, representing Union Water Supply System, is expiring. Mr. Santos has indicated his intention to remain on the SPC until the end of his term on the Union Water Supply System Board in November 2022. Mr. Santos has been on the SPC since 2015 and we are grateful for his contribution and continued commitment to the protection of our sources of drinking water.

Kevin Girard, who was representing the Municipality of Lakeshore, moved to a new position elsewhere. The Municipality of Lakeshore named Albert Dionne as his replacement. Mr. Dionne has 20 years of experience in water management, serving in various roles building, designing and maintaining water distribution systems. Mr. Dionne began working for the Town of Lakeshore in February 2019 and is now their Manager of Environmental Services.

Paul Drca, a member of the SPC representing the City of Windsor since 2015, announced his retirement from his position at the City, and therefore from the SPC. Mr. Drca was a valued member of the SPC and will be missed. Ian Wilson will be temporarily taking Mr. Drca's place on the SPC until such time as Mr. Drca's position at the City is filled. Mr. Wilson has been a member of the SPC since 2014 in the Economic/Industry sector representing consultants; however, he has just taken a new position as an Engineer at the City of Windsor. We are pleased that Mr. Wilson is able to continue on the SPC during this transition. His now vacant position in the Economic/Industry sector has been advertised.

Municipal Councils are asked to endorse all municipal candidates prior to their 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:

- **Albert Dionne, Town of Lakeshore**, appointment date: September 10, 2020; expiration of appointment September 10, 2025.
- **Ian Wilson, City of Windsor**, appointment date: September 10, 2020; expiration of appointment September 10, 2021.
- **Nelson Santos, Union Water Supply System**, appointment date: September 10, 2020; expiration of appointment November 30, 2022.

Responses in the form of Council Resolutions are kindly requested by **31 August, 2020**. The Essex Region Source Protection Authority is scheduled to address this matter at their meeting on September 10, 2020.

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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