



Kettle Creek Source Protection Authority
August 22, 2024

Agenda
10:30 a.m.

Audio/Video Recording Notice

Land Acknowledgement

Kettle Creek Conservation Authority wishes to acknowledge the treaty and traditional lands originally occupied by the Indigenous First Nation peoples of the Anishinabek, Attiwonderonk and Haudenosaunee nations. KCCA strives to build meaningful relationships with Indigenous communities and recognizes the importance of respecting these treaties and lands.

Introductions and Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Delegations

Minutes of Meetings

a) Kettle Creek Source Protection Authority April 17, 20242

Recommendation: THAT the minutes of the April 17, 2024 Kettle Creek Source Protection Authority be approved.

b) Lake Erie Source Protection Region Management Committee Meeting April 30, 2024.....5

c) Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee Meeting April 25, 2024.....7

d) Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee Meeting March 28, 202413

Recommendation: THAT the minutes of the April 30, 2024 Lake Erie Source Protection Region Management Committee and the minutes of the April 25 and March 28, 2024 Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee Meeting be received.

New Business

a) Approval of the Update Assessment Report and Kettle Creek Source Protection Plan..... 23

Next Meeting

As required.

KETTLE CREEK SOURCE PROTECTION AUTHORITY

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

A hybrid meeting of the Kettle Creek Source Protection Authority was held on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 10:45 a.m. with members and staff joining in-person and electronically. The meeting was streamed live to Facebook.

The meeting came to order at 10:45 a.m. A roll call of members was taken. As some members attended virtually all votes were recorded and are included in the Recorded Vote Registry.

Members Present:

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| Frank Berze | Middlesex Centre | In Person |
| Lori Baldwin-Sands (Vice Chair) | St. Thomas | In Person |
| Grant Jones (Chair) | Southwold | In Person |
| Sharron McMillan | Thames Centre | In Person |
| Sam Trosow | London | Virtual |
| Todd Noble | Central Elgin | In Person |
| Jerry Pribil | City of London | Virtual |

Members Absent:

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| Jim Herbert | St. Thomas |
| John Wilson | Malahide |

Staff Present:

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| Jennifer Dow | Water Resources Supervisor | In Person |
| Joe Gordon | Manager of Planning and Development | In Person |
| Jessica Kirschner | GIS/Information Services Coordinator | Virtual |
| Brandon Lawler | Forestry and Lands Technician | Virtual |
| Jeff Lawrence | Forestry and Lands Supervisor | Virtual |
| Betsy McClure | Stewardship Program Supervisor | In Person |
| Elizabeth VanHooren | General Manager/Secretary Treasurer | In Person |
| Marianne Levogiannis | Public Relations Supervisor | In Person |

Audio/Video Record Notice

The Audio/Video Recording Notice was posted and made available to the public.

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Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

Delegations

There were no delegations.

Election of Officers and Administrative Approvals

KCSPA1/2024

Moved by: Sam Troscow

Seconded: Jerry Pribil

That the Chair, Vice Chair and all officers elected or appointed by the Kettle Creek Conservation Authority in 2024 serve in the same roles for the Kettle Creek Source Protection Authority in 2024.

Carried

Minutes of Meetings

- a) Kettle Creek Source Protection Authority December 20, 2023
- b) Lake Erie Source Protection Region Management Committee Meeting November 23, 2023
- c) Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee Meeting November 30, 2023

KCSPA2/2024

Moved by: Lori Baldwin - Sands

Seconded: Todd Noble

THAT the minutes of the December 20, 2023 Kettle Creek Source Protection Authority be approved;

AND THAT the minutes of the November 23, 2023 Lake Erie Source Protection Region Management Committee and the minutes of the November 30, 2023 Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee Meeting be received.

Carried

New Business

- a) Kettle Creek Annual Progress Report

KCSPA3/2024

Moved by: Todd Noble

Seconded: Sharron McMillan

THAT the staff report on the Kettle Creek Annual Progress Report be received as information;

THAT in the opinion of the Kettle Creek Source Protection Authority implementation of the Kettle Creek Source Protection Plan is progressing well and is on target towards achieving plan objectives;

AND THAT the Kettle Creek Source Protection Authority direct Lake Erie Source Protection Region staff to submit the Kettle Creek Annual Progress Report to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Carried

KCSPA4/2024

Moved by: Sharron McMillan

Seconded: Todd Noble

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 10:54.

Carried



Elizabeth VanHooren
General Manager/Secretary Treasurer

Grant Jones
Chair

Recorded Vote Registry KCSPA13/2024 to KCSPA152024

A=Absent Y=Yes N=No

| Board Member | KCSPA1/2024 | KCSPA2/2024 | KCSPA3/2024 | KCSPA4/2024 |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Baldwin-Sands | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Berze | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Herbert | A | A | A | A |
| Jones | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| McMillan | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Noble | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Trosow | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Wilson | A | A | A | A |
| Pribil | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Result | Carried | Carried | Carried | Carried |

**LAKE ERIE SOURCE PROTECTION REGION
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (LERMC) MEETING**

**MEETING MINUTES OF
April 30, 2024**

Present: P. Buchner, S. Dahmer, S. Lawson, J. Maxwell (Chair), K. Rosebrugh, D. Underhill
E. VanHooren, C. White

Regrets: R. Chambers, A. Dale, G. Jones, J. Ivey

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

2. Review and Approval of Agenda

Moved by C. White

Seconded by E. VanHooren

THAT the meeting agenda for April 30, 2024 be approved as distributed.

Carried

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interests

None

4. Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (January 24, 2024)

Moved by C. White

Seconded by P. Buchner

THAT the minutes of the previous meeting of January 24, 2024 be approved.

Carried

5. Correspondence

None

6. Presentations

None

7. Source Protection Program Reports

a) Report 24-04-01 Source Protection Committee Member Update

S. Dahmer reviewed the report.

Moved by: C. White

Seconded by: D. Underhill

THAT report 24-04-01 Source Protection Committee Member Update be received for information;

THAT the Lake Erie Region Management Committee recommend that Alex Piggott be appointed to the Source Protection Committee for a four-year term as municipal representative for Group 7;

THAT the Lake Erie Region Management Committee recommend that Brian Whitwell be re-appointed to the Source Protection Committee for a four-year term, as an economic representative for agriculture;

THAT the Lake Erie Region Management Committee recommend that Ken Hunsberger be re-appointed to the Source Protection Committee for a four-year term, as an economic representative for agriculture

Carried

8. Joint Advisory Committee Update

None

9. Business Arising from Previous Meetings

None

10. Update from Conservation Authorities

LERMC members agreed it's a busy time for CA staff who are working to address the new S.28 Regulation, respond to provincial ERO postings, and prepare for the upcoming camping season. No further updates were provided.

11. Other Business

C. White asked whether municipalities should still send letters of support regarding the proposed phase-out of free well water testing, as per SPC correspondence dated April 19, 2024. It's unclear if the Province intends to close testing labs despite their commitment to continued water testing.

J. Maxwell noted that Nottawasaga passed a resolution today that can help inform other municipalities looking to provide support. D. Underhill will provide the resolution wording to S. Dahmer to circulate to LERMC members.

S. Lawson asked that LERMC be kept updated on this matter.

12. Meeting Dates

- May 2024 – Financial update

13. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Moved by D. Underhill

Seconded by S. Lawson

Carried

LAKE ERIE REGION SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 25, 2024

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: GRCA Zoom Virtual Meeting

Chair: A. Dale (Acting)

Members Present: L. Davis, L. Dickson, A. Henry, K. Hunsberger, R. Krueger, M. Jauernig, L. Jones, I. Macdonald, G. Moroz, P. Rider, F. Sault, G. Schneider, J. Sepulis, B. Strauss, B. Whitwell, P. Wilson, L. Vandendriessche

Members Absent: A. Domaratzki, P. Emerson, C. Gerrits, B. Ungar

Proxies: L. Dickson (A. Dale & P. Emerson), P. Rider (C. Gerrits), A. Henry (A. Domaratzki)

Liaisons: D. Manser (Public Health), D. Underhill & P. Buchner (Source Protection Authority), L. Rich (Conservation Ontario)

Staff: S. Dahmer, J. Ivey, E. Persaud, K. Rosebrugh

1. Call to Order

A. Dale called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum – 14 Members Constitute a Quorum (2/3 of Members plus Chair)

The Recording Secretary called the roll and certified quorum with 21 members present.

3. Chair's Remarks

A. Dale made the following remarks:

- Lake Erie Region staff sent a letter on behalf of the Source Protection Committee (SPC) to the appropriate Provincial ministries expressing concern about the proposed phase-out of private well water testing. The

Province recently announced through Health Minister Sylvia Jones that they will continue to provide private well water testing for rural households.

- The next SPC meeting in June will be held in-person. Members should prepare for a longer meeting.

4. Updates

4.1 Source Protection Authority Liaison, Catfish Creek Conservation Authority

D. Underhill provided an update on the recent ERO Posting # 019-8320 impacting Conservation Authorities:

- The ERO posting proposes changes to the Minister's permit and review powers under the *Conservation Authorities Act*
- The proposal specifies circumstances under which the Minister may issue an Order preventing a Conservation Authority (CA) from making a permitting decision and make the permitting decision in place of the CA or undertake a review of a permit decision. This provides the Minister the ability to overrule or bypass environmental oversight provided by CAs.
- The new Regulation under Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* also weakens the ability of CAs to protect water quality, ensure buffer between development and wetlands, and prevent CAs from requiring permits for smaller structures.
- Cumulatively, these Provincial changes strip CAs of their powers, as the Minister will be able to permit and direct development without CA review. Developers will also gain new instruments to appeal CA decisions. The Province is undervaluing the expert opinion of CAs as leaders in conservation.
- The deadline to comment on the ERO posting is May 6.

4.2 Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

None

4.3 Conservation Ontario

L. Rich provided the following updates:

- Conservation Ontario (CO) held their AGM on April 15 where Chair White (GRCA) was acclaimed as the Chair of CO
- Members of the Ontario Road Salt Management Advisory Committee presented at the Good Roads conference on April 24 on the topic of navigating road salt challenges, liability risks, and solutions for water resources. SPC members P. Rider and G. Moroz assisted with the presentation that was very well received.

- CO will be meeting with CA staff on Friday April 26 regarding the proposed Bill 185: Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024 and the proposed Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) that will replace the Provincial Policy Statement. There are some positive changes in the new PPS, for example, more recognition of watershed planning. Feedback received from CAs will help inform CO's comments on the ERO postings.

5. Review of Agenda

Res. No. 13-24

Moved By A. Henry

Seconded By I. Macdonald

THAT the agenda of April 25, 2024 be approved as distributed.

Carried

6. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interests made in relation to the matters to be dealt with.

7. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Res. No. 14-24

Moved By R. Krueger

Seconded By P. Rider

THAT the minutes of the previous meeting on March 28, 2024 be approved as circulated.

Carried

8. Hearing of Delegations

None

9. Presentations

None

10. Correspondence

None

11. Reports

11.1 SPC-24-04-01 Source Protection Program Update

S. Dahmer presented report SPC-24-04-01.

Res. No. 15-24

Moved By J. Sepulis

Seconded By G. Moroz

THAT report SPC-24-04-01 Source Protection Program Update be received as information.

Carried

11.2 SPC-24-04-02 S.34 Amendment to the Grand River Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan: Regional Municipality of Waterloo

E. Persaud presented report SPC-24-04-02.

Res. No. 16-24

Moved By L. Dickson

Seconded By B. Strauss

THAT report SPC-24-04-02 S.34 Amendment to the Grand River Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan: Regional Municipality of Waterloo be received as information;

AND THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee release the S.34 amendment to the Grand River Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan for pre-consultation.

Carried

12. Business Arising from Previous Meetings

12.1 Local aggregate threat request under Technical Rule 119: Discussion has been referred to the Lake Erie Region IWG for further consideration.

13. Other Business

I. MacDonald addressed the Committee with the following comments:

- Under Bill 162: Get It Done Act, 2024, the Province is proposing to expand areas for development into groundwater recharge areas in the Regional Municipality of Waterloo (RMOW). This will impact the vulnerability of the aquifer and interfere with infiltration to RMOW's water supply.
- RMOW staff brought a report to Regional council in March noting that development in these groundwater recharge areas should be denied.
- The expansion goes against the objectives of the SPC to protect groundwater sources. The SPC should support the RMOW's opposition to the expansion of development in this area.

G. Moroz provided the following additional information and elaborated on the potential impact to RMOW's water supply:

- In May 2023, RMOW council endorsed a small portion of land being added to the RMOW Urban Area through the 6th amendment of the Official Plan
- After council approval, the Province added over 1,000 hectares of additional lands to the Urban Area into the groundwater recharge area in the core of the Waterloo moraine where significant infiltration occurs to recharge and supply the aquifer system. This expansion includes lands where the RMOW has previously prohibited growth.
- Groundwater recharge in this area is critical to the security of RMOW's water supply. There are also impacts to natural heritage features that are groundwater based.
- RMOW staff have submitted a letter to MECP by the ERO posting deadline stating their opposition to the recharge areas being included in the Urban Area expansion

S. Dahmer, L. Dickson and J. Sepulis all confirmed that Bill 162 is going through third reading, meaning the Bill has gone through Standing Committee and the opportunity to comment has passed.

G. Moroz added that the Province will be deciding before summer whether to ratify Bill 162.

L. Rich (CO) noted that the opportunity to comment on Bill 162 has passed; however, proposed changes under Bill 185 will allow development proponents to appeal decisions under the *Planning Act* for urban expansions. This may be an alternative opportunity for the SPC to provide comments.

I. Macdonald reiterated that the timing is critical for the SPC to support the RMOW on this matter and put forward the following motion:

Res. No. 17-24

Moved By I. Macdonald

Seconded By G. Moroz

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee directs staff to send a letter to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks indicating the committee's support for the Region's position on Bill 162.

Carried

14. Closed Meeting

Not applicable

15. Next SPC Meeting

June 20, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

16. Adjourn

Res. No. 18-24

Moved By J. Sepulis

The Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee meeting of April 25, 2024 adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

LAKE ERIE REGION

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 28, 2024

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Auditorium
Grand River Conservation Authority

Chair: A. Dale (Acting)

Members Present: L. Davis, L. Dickson, A. Domaratzki, P. Emerson, C. Gerrits, A. Henry, K. Hunsberger, M. Jauernig, L. Jones, I. Macdonald, G. Moroz, P. Rider, F. Sault, J. Sepulis, B. Strauss, B. Whitwell, P. Wilson

Members Absent: R. Krueger, G. Schneider, B. Ungar, L. Vandendriessche

Proxies: A. Domaratzki (G. Schneider), P. Emerson (A. Dale), A. Henry (B. Ungar), I. Macdonald (R. Krueger)

Liaisons: B. Cheyne (Public Health), E. Harkins (Provincial), L. Rich (Conservation Ontario), E. VanHooren (Source Protection Authority)

Staff: S. Dahmer, E. Persaud, K. Rosebrugh

1. Call to Order

A. Dale called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

2. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum – 14 Members Constitute a Quorum (2/3 of Members plus Chair)

The Recording Secretary called the roll and certified quorum with 21 members present.

3. Chair's Remarks

None.

4. Updates

4.1 Source Protection Authority Liaison, Elizabeth VanHooren, General Manager, Kettle Creek Conservation Authority

E. VanHooren provided the following update:

Conservation Authorities across the province are working on revising internal policies and procedures to address the recent regulation updates under section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act that will come into effect on April 1st.

A single regulation, Ontario Regulation 41/24, was released on February 16th and will apply to all 36 Conservation Authorities. Permits are still required for otherwise prohibited activities; however, there have been key changes made to the circumstances under which a permit can be required as a result of the new Regulation.

Conservation Ontario is supporting Conservation Authorities with this transition to ensure that interim policies are in place before April 1st. Updated mapping and other policy implications will take more time to implement. Agenda packages for recent Conservation Authority Board meetings are a good resource for more information on the upcoming changes.

4.2 Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Erin Harkins

E. Harkins provided the following updates:

- Annual Progress Reports for Source Protection Areas across the province are due for submission on May 1st. MECP will release a summary "placemat" to showcase province-wide implementation progress following review of the reports.
- Funding applications have been received from all Source Protection Regions (SPRs) to enter into a three-year Transfer Payment Agreement from 2024 to 2027. MECP staff have reviewed the applications and are engaging with SPRs on further questions and comments.
- MECP has been updating the guidance for the section 34 amendment process. Major changes to the process are not proposed, but several streamlining efforts will be made.
- Consultation is ongoing on various section 34 amendments and section 36 updates.
- The SPP Branch has not filled the roles of SPP Liaisons. Analysts will continue to attend SPC meetings when possible and keep regular contact with Program Managers in the interim.

4.3 Conservation Ontario, Leslie Rich

L. Rich provided the following updates:

- CO completed a recent social media campaign and have been working with a sub-committee on improvements to social media content. A new spring campaign will be released shortly. CO encourages SPRs and municipalities to share these campaigns as they are released.
- CO provided comments on behalf of Conservation Authorities on the recent ERO posting for the proposed regulation to focus Environmental Assessment (EA) requirements. The comments include concerns with eliminating EA requirements for certain projects. CO has asked MECP to clarify that other legislative requirements still apply to these projects and that opportunities remain available for Conservation Authorities to provide early feedback regarding natural hazards and source water protection.
- CO presented at the Ontario Water Works Association (OWWA) Source Protection and Groundwater Seminar on the program and process improvements document shared with the Ministry back in July. Positive feedback was received on efforts to develop a technical checklist and guidance materials to support the amendment process. The draft of the document is based on work done in the South Georgian Bay-Lake Simcoe and Lake Erie SPRs.
- Staff are busy supporting Conservation Authorities with the tight turnaround for implementation of the new section 28 Regulation.
- The Conservation Ontario AGM will be held in-person on April 15th.

5. Review of Agenda

Res. No. 1-24

Moved By A. Henry

Seconded By P. Emerson

THAT the agenda of March 28, 2024 be approved as distributed.

Carried

6. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interests made in relation to the matters to be dealt with.

7. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Res. No. 2-24

Moved By B. Strauss

Seconded By I. Macdonald

THAT the minutes of the previous meeting on November 30, 2023 be approved as circulated.

Carried

8. Hearing of Delegations

None.

9. Presentations

None.

10. Correspondence

10.1 ABMV Source Protection Committee to Honourable Lisa Thompson, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, regarding recommended phase out of free well water testing (February 26, 2024)

A. Dale read aloud the following motion put forward by J. Sepulis in response to the correspondence.

Res. No. 3-24

Moved By J. Sepulis

Seconded By L. Dickson

WHEREAS the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee is in receipt of the February 26, 2024 letter from the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee (ABMVSPC) to Honourable Lisa Thompson, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs concerning Public Health Ontario's recommended phase out of free well water testing;

Be it resolved THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee supports the letter from the ABMVSPC to Minister Lisa Thompson and requests staff to:

1. Send a similar letter of concern to Minister Lisa Thompson;
2. Forward the letter to area municipalities requesting their support;
3. Forward the letter to the other Ontario SPCs;
4. Send a letter to the ABMVSPC thanking them for advising us of this matter; and
5. Send copies to Honourable Sylvia Jones Minister of Health and Long Term Care and Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Carried

B. Cheyne (Public Health) thanked the SPC for their support, as a variety of Public Health organizations are also sending similar correspondence.

11. Reports

11.1 SPC-24-03-01 Source Protection Program Update

S. Dahmer presented report SPC-24-03-01.

Res. No. 4-24

Moved By J. Sepulis

Seconded By B. Strauss

THAT report SPC-24-03-01 Source Protection Program Update be received as information.

Carried

11.2 SPC-24-03-02 2023 Annual Progress Report for the Catfish Creek Source Protection Area

S. Dahmer presented report SPC-24-03-02.

F. Sault asked for the presentation slides to be circulated after the meeting.

Res. No. 5-24

Moved By B. Strauss

Seconded By L. Davis

THAT report SPC-24-03-02 2023 Annual Progress Report for the Catfish Creek Source Protection Area be received as information;

THAT in the opinion of the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee, implementation of the Catfish Creek Source Protection Plan is progressing well and is on target towards achieving the plan objectives;

AND THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee direct staff to present the 2023 Annual Progress Report to the Source Protection Authority for submission.

Carried

11.3 SPC-24-03-03 2023 Annual Progress Report for the Kettle Creek Source Protection Area

S. Dahmer presented report SPC-24-03-03.

A. Henry noted that the outstanding Risk Management Plan (RMP) for the handling and storage of fuel at the Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System (EAPWSS) was originally drafted before the Source Protection Plan was approved and conforms to their ISO 14001 certification for the water system. The significant drinking water threat is being managed, but EAPWSS is awaiting approval from the Risk Management Official (RMO) on a revised draft of the final RMP.

Res. No. 6-24

Moved By A. Henry
Seconded By G. Moroz

THAT report SPC-24-03-03 2023 Annual Progress Report for the Kettle Creek Source Protection Area be received as information;

THAT in the opinion of the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee, implementation of the Kettle Creek Source Protection Plan is progressing well and is on target towards achieving the plan objectives;

AND THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee direct staff to present the 2023 Annual Progress Report to the Source Protection Authority for submission.

Carried

11.4 SPC-24-03-04 2023 Annual Progress Report for the Long Point Region Source Protection Area

S. Dahmer presented report SPC-24-03-04.

P. Emerson noted that Long Point Region has been short of meeting the RMP target for three years. He asked why staff did not recommend the score "Progressing Well / Short of Target".

S. Dahmer responded that the score "Progressing Well / On Target" was assigned last year and is being carried forward this year as there continues to be improvement. The number of outstanding RMPs is small and after RMOs complete more threat verification, the number may reduce again. Lake Erie Region does not have a deadline to implement RMPs like other SPRs. The progress is not measured against a timeline.

P. Emerson still felt that Progressing Well / Short of Target should be assigned for Long Point Region.

M. Jauernig clarified that Oxford County delineated a Nitrate Issue Contributing Area (ICA) in 2020, which increased the number of RMPs. There were significant implementation challenges due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The County had to focus on the new RMPs for the ICA and can now shift focus back to the RMPs left outstanding.

C. Gerrits added that the Province should reinstate funding for RMP implementation if they want it completed faster.

L. Dickson agreed with the recommendation to assign "Progressing Well / On Target" for Long Point Region. The data shows that Plan implementation is progressing well, and while there are a few RMPs short of target, that is not a reflection of progress for the entire Plan. The workload associated with RMPs is understood to be a challenge for municipalities. J. Sepulis also agreed there has been tangible improvement from last year and that the score of "Progressing Well / On Target" is appropriate.

S. Dahmer added that each time a Plan is amended, original threats are added into the total number of threats during reporting. There is no way to distinguish between new and original threats. RMOs have that information, but those nuances can get missed when staff must summarize the data for the entire Source Protection Area.

A. Dale shared (for example) that the Otterville water system was updated a few years ago. It takes time to get the RMPs that result in place. The number of outstanding RMPs appears to be a lack of progress; however, the number is actually new work resulting from an amendment.

Res. No. 7-24

Moved By A. Domaratzki

Seconded By P. Rider

THAT report SPC-24-03-04 2023 Annual Progress Report for the Long Point Region Source Protection Area be received as information;

THAT in the opinion of the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee, implementation of the Long Point Region Source Protection Plan is progressing well and is on target towards achieving plan objectives;

AND THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee direct staff to present the 2023 Annual Progress Report to the Source Protection Authority for submission.

Carried

11.5 SPC-24-03-05 2023 Annual Progress Report for the Grand River Source Protection Area

S. Dahmer presented report SPC-24-03-05.

P. Emerson commented that the Grand River and Long Point Region Source Protection Areas could be assigned the same score; however, he will vote in favour of the recommendation given the level of staff effort put

into collecting and analyzing the reporting data. He felt that he must rely on staff interpretation for this matter.

E. Harkins responded to the earlier comment made by C. Gerrits regarding Provincial funding for RMP implementation. She noted that Part IV enforcement is a municipal responsibility under the *Clean Water Act* and municipalities accept the cost of implementation when Part IV policies are adopted into a source protection plan.

Res. No. 8-24

Moved By J. Sepulis
Seconded By A. Domaratzki

THAT report SPC-24-03-05 2023 Annual Progress Report for the Grand River Source Protection Area be received as information;

THAT in the opinion of the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee, implementation of the Grand River Source Protection Plan is progressing well but remains short of target on achieving plan objectives;

AND THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee direct staff to present the 2023 Annual Progress Report to the Source Protection Authority for submission.

Carried

11.6 SPC-24-03-06 Proposed Regulation to Focus Municipal EA Requirements

THAT report SPC-24-03-06 Proposed Regulation to Focus Municipal EA Requirements be received as information.

E. Persaud presented report SPC-24-03-06.

Res. No. 9-24

Moved By B. Strauss
Seconded By I. Macdonald

THAT report SPC-24-03-06 Proposed Regulation to Focus Municipal EA Requirements be received as information.

Carried

11.7 SPC-24-03-07 Regional Municipality of Waterloo Blair Road System Update

E. presented report SPC-24-03-07.

A. Dale highlighted the list of previous SPC reports that have been brought forward to date in preparation of the upcoming section 34 amendments.

Res. No. 10-24

Moved By K. Hunsberger

Seconded By G. Moroz

THAT report SPC-24-03-07 Regional Municipality of Waterloo Blair Road System Update be received as information;

AND THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee direct staff to incorporate the Blair Road System Update into the Grand River Assessment Report.

Carried

11.8 SPC-24-03-08 Regional Municipality of Waterloo William Street System Update

E. Persaud presented report SPC-24-03-08.

Res. No. 11-24

Moved By L. Dickson

Seconded By A. Domaratzki

THAT report SPC-24-03-08 Regional Municipality of Waterloo William Street System Update be received as information.

AND THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee direct staff to incorporate the William Street System Update into the Grand River Assessment Report.

Carried

13. Other Business

A. Domaratzki asked for an update on the Provincial proposal to shift the approval process for storm water management approvals to the Environmental Activity Sector Registry (EASR) away from Environmental Compliance Approvals (ECAs). A. Dale confirmed there is no update to provide at this time.

14. Closed Meeting

Not applicable

15. Next SPC Meeting

April 25, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

A. Dale noted the following:

- The next meeting scheduled for April 25th will be virtual.
- The following meeting scheduled for June 20th will be in-person.

16. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Res. No. 12-24

Moved By B. Strauss

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee meeting of March 28th, 2024 be adjourned.

Ministry of the Environment,
Conservation and Parks

Ministère de l'Environnement,
de la Protection de la nature et des
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Dear Mr. White, Mr. Jones and Mr. Walsh:

I am pleased to inform you that the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks has approved the updated assessment report and source protection plan for the Kettle Creek Source Protection Area. These updates will take effect on the day a notice of this decision is posted on the Environmental Registry.

When the initial plan was approved in 2015, an order was given under section 36 of the *Clean Water Act, 2006* governing the future review of the plans, with an amended order issued on July 22, 2019 outlining the specific requirements. The amended order allowed for the Grand River Conservation Authority on behalf of the Lake Erie Source Protection Committee, along with the Kettle Creek Source Protection Authority and the affected municipalities, to determine if the required updates could be completed and submitted as future amendments to the assessment report and source protection plan under section 34 of the *Clean Water Act, 2006*. I am advised that the set of required updates were completed and submitted to the ministry for approval. As such, I am not requiring another review of the source protection plan at this time. With the approval of these updates, compliance with the amended section 36 order has been achieved.

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To ensure your source protection plan remains current and continues to protect sources of drinking water, future updates to the plan can be made through locally initiated amendments under section 34 of the Act. This would include updates to reflect new or expanding drinking water systems, new scientific or technical information, revisions to policies to address implementation challenges, and any other updates that are necessary to ensure your source protection plan is achieving the objective to ensure that activities cease to be, or never become, significant threats to sources of drinking water.

I appreciate the dedication of the local municipalities, source protection authority and committees, and all our partners and stakeholders for their work and contributions to these updates. Our strong protection framework will continue to help ensure Ontario's drinking water is held to high safety standards and that sources of drinking water in the province are protected for future generations.

Sincerely,



Andrea Khanjin
Minister

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