



Kettle Creek Source Protection Authority
November 19, 2025

Agenda
11:00 a.m.

Audio/Video Recording Notice

Land Acknowledgement

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Introductions and Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Delegations

Minutes of Meetings

- a) Kettle Creek Source Protection Authority April 16, 20252
Recommendation: THAT the minutes of the April 16, 2025 Kettle Creek Source Protection Authority be approved.
- b) Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee Meeting June 12, 20255
Recommendation: THAT the minutes of the June 12, 2025 Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee Meeting be received.

New Business

- a) Proposed Changes to the Clean Water Act and Associated Regulations.....13
Recommendation: THAT the staff report on the Kettle Creek Annual Progress Report be received as information.

Next Meeting As required.

KETTLE CREEK SOURCE PROTECTION AUTHORITY

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

A meeting of the Kettle Creek Source Protection Authority was held on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 10:25 a.m. with members and staff joining in-person and electronically. The meeting was streamed live to Facebook.

The meeting came to order at 10:25 a.m. As some members attended virtually all votes were recorded and are included in the Recorded Vote Registry.

Audio/Video Record Notice

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

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Members Present:

Lori Baldwin-Sands	St. Thomas	In Person
Frank Berze	Middlesex Centre	In Person
Jim Herbert	St. Thomas	In Person
Grant Jones	Southwold	In Person
Sharron McMillan, Vice Chair	Thames Centre	In Person
Todd Noble, Chair	Central Elgin	In Person
Jerry Pribil	London	Virtual
JJ Strybosch	London	Virtual
John Wilson	Malahide	Virtual

Members Absent with Regret:

Sam Trosow	London
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Staff Present

Jennifer Dow	Water Resources Supervisor	In Person
Maisa Fumagalli	Planning and Regulations Supervisor	Virtual
Jessica Kirschner	Corporate Services Coordinator	Virtual
Betsy McClure	Manager Communications/Stewardship/Outreach	In Person
Jessy Van der Vaart	Communications and Outreach Coordinator	In Person
Elizabeth VanHooren	General Manager/Secretary Treasurer	In Person

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

Delegations

There were no delegations.

Election of Officers and Administrative Approvals

KCSPA1/2025

Moved by: Lori Baldwin-Sands

Seconded: Grant Jones

That the Chair, Vice Chair and all officers elected or appointed by the Kettle Creek Conservation Authority in 2025 serve in the same roles for the Kettle Creek Source Protection Authority in 2025.

Carried

Minutes of Meetings

a) Kettle Creek Source Protection Authority Meeting August 22, 2024

KCSPA2/2025

Moved by: Jim Herbert

Seconded: Frank Berze

That the minutes of the August 22, 2024 Kettle Creek Source Protection Authority be approved.

Carried

a) Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee Meeting January 30, 2025

KCSPA3/2025

Moved by: John Wilson

Seconded: Sharron McMillan

That the minutes of the January 30, 2025 Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee Meeting be received.

New Business

a) Kettle Creek Annual Progress Report

KCSPA4/2025

Moved by: Jerry Pribil

Seconded: Jim Herbert

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

KCSPA5/2025

Moved by: Sharron McMillan

Seconded: Grant Jones

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 10:33.

Carried

Elizabeth VanHooren

Elizabeth VanHooren
General Manager/Secretary Treasurer

Todd Noble
Chair

Recorded Vote Registry KCSPA1/2025 to KCSPA5/2025

A=Absent Y=Yes N=No

Board Member	KCSPA1/2025	KCSPA2/2025	KCSPA3/2025	KCSPA4/2025	KCSPA5/2025
Baldwin-Sands	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Berze	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Herbert	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jones	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
McMillan	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Noble	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Pribil	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Strybosch	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Trosow	A	A	A	A	A
Wilson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Result	Carried	Carried	Carried	Carried	Carried

LAKE ERIE REGION SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Date:	June 12, 2025
Time:	1:00 pm
Location:	Auditorium Grand River Conservation Authority 400 Clyde Road, PO Box 729 Cambridge, ON N1R 5W6
Members Present	A. Dale, L. Davis, L. Dickson, N. Goucher, A. Henry, K. Hunsberger, M. Jauernig, L. Jones, S. Lorenz, I. Macdonald, B. McNeill, G. Moroz, A. Piggott, F. Sault, G. Schneider, J. Sepulis, E. Stahl, P. Wilson
Members Absent	A. Domaratzki, P. Emerson, C. Gerrits, L. Vandendriessche, B. Whitwell
Proxies:	A. Dale (P. Emerson), G. Schneider (A. Domaratzki), P. Wilson (L. Vandendriessche)
Liaisons:	S. Lawson (SPA Liaison), L. Rich (Conservation Ontario), B. Forrest and M. Lemke (Provincial), T. Black (Public Health)
Lake Erie Region staff:	S. Dahmer, J. Ivey, K. Rosebrugh, S. Strynatka
GRCA staff:	S. Catania and L. Stocco (Communications)
Municipal staff:	K. Davis and K. Funk (Wellington County), W. Galliher and E. Persaud (City of Guelph)

1. Call to Order

S. Walsh called the meeting to order at 1:03 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 a quorum with 21 members present.

3. Chair's Remarks

S. Walsh made the following remarks:

- May 2025 marked the 25th anniversary of the Walkerton contamination event. Drinking water protection remains important long after the Clean Water Act came into effect, as issues with the smell and taste of Aylmer's drinking water were recently discussed on social media.
- Lake Erie Region staffing updates: S. Dahmer will be on leave starting on June 20 and K. Rosebrugh will lead program delivery in the interim. J. Ivey (Director, Water Resources) and S. Strynatka (Senior Hydrogeologist) will provide additional staff support. Positions for Source Water Hydrogeologist and Temporary Source Protection Program Coordinator are currently vacant.
- B. McNeill and S. Lorenz have been appointed to the Source Protection Committee as economic sector representatives for business and industry.
- The second seat for a Six Nations representative is vacant until a new appointment is finalized.

4. Updates

4.1 Source Protection Authority Liaison, Grand River Conservation Authority

No update.

4.2 Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)

M. Lemke provided the following update:

- MECP is drafting supplemental guidance on the contents of Section 48 notices regarding establishment of, or alterations to, a municipal residential drinking system. The purpose of the guidance is to respond to questions and provide clarification on how these notices are written, to achieve greater consistency and assist Source Protection Authorities with determining whether and when a Section 34 amendment to a Source Protection Plan is deemed advisable.

4.3 Conservation Ontario

L. Rich provided the following updates:

- Conservation Ontario will be hosting the next Program Managers meeting on July 23, 2025, which will be combined with a Source Protection Committee Chairs meeting.

- Conservation Ontario, with assistance from Conservation Authorities, have responded to recent Environmental Registry of Ontario postings on two government bills. The responses to Bill 5 "Special Economic Zones Act" and Bill 17 "Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act" focused on ensuring that Conservation Ontario's mandatory programs and services, including drinking water source protection, were not compromised by the proposals. Both Bills have received royal assent; however, these comments will hopefully influence future related regulations.
- Conservation Ontario will continue to host Office Hours to discuss topics of importance for Program Managers. An upcoming session will focus on finalizing the agenda for the next Program Managers meeting.

5. Review of Agenda

Res. No. 25-25

Moved By E. Stahl

Seconded By J. Sepulis

THAT the agenda of June 12, 2025 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. 26-25

Moved By A. Dale

Seconded By L. Dickson

THAT the minutes of the previous meeting on March 25, 2025 be approved as circulated.

Carried

8. Hearing of Delegations

None

9. Presentations

None

10. Correspondence

- 10.1 T. McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks to Chair Challinor (GRSPA) and Chair Walsh (LERSPC) regarding approval of the Section 34 amendment to the Grand River Source Protection Plan for Region of Waterloo (March 25, 2025)
- 10.2 M. Lemke, Program Analyst, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks to S. Dahmer, Program Manager, LESPR regarding MECP response to SPC question about stormwater management facility sub-threats (March 27, 2025)
- 10.3 Chair Hunt, TCCSPC and K. Taylor, Program Manager, TCCSPR to Provincial Ministries regarding concern over Ontario college science based programs (April 10, 2025)
- 10.4 Chair Williamson, Cataraqui SPC to T. McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks regarding the Auditor General's Special Report 2025 "Safety of Non-Municipal Drinking Water" (May 1, 2025)
- 10.5 Conservation Ontario to the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade regarding formal comments on ERO Posting #025-0391, the proposed "Special Economic Zones Act, 2025" (May 17, 2025)
- 10.6 T. McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks to S. Dahmer (LESPR), S. Lawson (GRCA), J. Maxwell (LPRCA) and Chair Walsh (LERSPC) regarding amended order for submission of the Long Point Region S.36 update (June 5, 2025)

J. Sepulis asked if MECP could provide a timeline on the implementation of the Auditor General's report recommendations.

B. Forrest responded that MECP staff will review the question internally and provide a timeline at a future meeting, if possible. The Auditor annually reviews progress with each program area responsible for the recommendations. MECP is working diligently on recommendation #15 that speaks to relooking at the feasibility assessment of non-municipal drinking water systems.

Res. No. 27-25

Moved By J. Sepulis
Seconded By E. Stahl

THAT Correspondence from June 12, 2025 be received as information.

Carried

11. Reports

11.1 SPC-25-06-01 Source Protection Program Update

K. Rosebrugh presented the report.

Res. No. 28-25

Moved By A. Henry

Seconded By G. Schneider

THAT report SPC-25-06-01 Source Protection Program Update be received as information.

Carried

11.2 SPC-25-06-02 Transport Pathway Assessment for 605 Downey Road, Township of Puslinch

S. Strynatka presented the report.

Res. No. 29-25

Moved By J. Sepulis

Seconded By A. Dale

THAT report SPC-25-06-02 Transport Pathway Assessment for 605 Downey Road, Township of Puslinch be received as information;

AND THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee direct staff to incorporate the Transport Pathway Assessment for 605 Downey Road, Township of Puslinch into the Grand River Assessment Report.

Carried

11.3 SPC-25-06-03 Transport Pathway Assessment for 60 First Line, Elora

S. Strynatka presented the report.

Res. No. 30-25

Moved By J. Sepulis

Seconded By L. Dickson

THAT report SPC-25-06-03 Transport Pathway Assessment for 60 First Line, Elora be received as information;

AND THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee direct staff to incorporate the Transport Pathway Assessment for 60 First Line Elora, into the Grand River Assessment Report.

Carried

11.4 SPC-25-06-04 Multi Aquifer Wells Transport Pathway Assessment, County of Wellington

S. Strynatka presented the report.

A. Dale asked for confirmation that the cluster of wells identified as a potential water contamination concern may not be the only unused private wells within the study area. S. Strynatka confirmed that the study targeted wells that provide a pathway down to within 3 metres of the top of the bedrock aquifer. There may be other unused wells that didn't meet the study criteria, but are still in the vicinity of the municipal aquifer.

B. McNeill asked if a transport pathway can only increase the vulnerability classification by one level (e.g. low to medium and medium to high, not low to high). S. Strynatka noted that vulnerability is typically adjusted by one step but would need to confirm if an adjustment from low to high is possible.

Res. No. 31-25

Moved By I. Macdonald
Seconded By J. Sepulis

THAT report SPC-25-06-04 Multi Aquifer Wells Transport Pathway Assessment, County of Wellington be received as information;

AND THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee direct staff to incorporate the Multi Aquifer Wells Transport Pathway Assessment, County of Wellington into the Grand River Assessment Report.

Carried

11.5 SPC-25-06-05 Guelph-Guelph/Eramosa Township (G-GET) Draft Water Quantity Policies

S. Dahmer presented the report.

A. Dale thanked everyone involved in the G-GET amendment. It was a long, collaborative, and important process. There is still more work to be done, but the progress reflects the shared values for protecting the safety of future water supplies and for a taking proactive steps to mitigating the impacts of growth. Every time a community grows, there is increased pressure and demand for water. The Committee, staff and municipal partners have an important job to do. There has been a lot of hard work, patience and professionalism to get to this stage and it is rewarding to see it finally moving forward.

L. Davis asked if there are any chicken farms within the water quantity vulnerable area, as they can be large water users. S. Dahmer could not confirm but noted that this information may be contained in the Assessment Report.

N. Goucher further congratulated everyone on the amendment progress. The policies address important issues and will significantly impact the future. She asked if there was any push back on the proposed policies from implementing bodies during early engagement.

S. Dahmer responded that initial proposals did receive push back, which led to further discussion on what provincial ministries can feasibly implement. Certain comments requested revisions and those changes are reflected in the draft set in SPC-25-06-05. Lake Erie Region and municipal staff continue to push for preferred outcomes with certain policies, while still taking ministry comments into consideration. It is anticipated that ministries will provide further comments during pre-consultation. Receiving formal comments on the current draft policies will help strengthen them as the amendment moves forward.

L. Dickson asked who is the Community Liaison Group. S. Dahmer noted that it includes a number of different impacted sectors and community groups, including some representation from the aggregate industry.

Res. No. 32-25

Moved By J. Sepulis
Seconded By A. Dale

THAT report SPC-25-06-05 Guelph-Guelph/Eramosa Township (G-GET) Draft Water Quantity Policies be received as information;

THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee direct staff to incorporate draft water quantity policies into the Grand River Source Protection Plan;

AND THAT the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee release the Section 34 amendment package for pre-consultation with implementing bodies.

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

12.2 MECP response to SPC concerns regarding Part IV policy implications for storm water management subthreats 2.3 and 2.4 (report SPC-24-06-05 - Draft Policy Approaches for Sewage Subthreats)

This item is addressed under Correspondence b).

13. Other Business

None

14. Closed Meeting

Not applicable

15. Next SPC Meeting

October 30, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

16. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Res. No. 33-25

Moved by E. Stahl

THAT the Lake Erie Source Protection Committee meeting of June 12, 2025 be adjourned.

Carried

DATE: November 19, 2025
TO: Kettle Creek Source Protection Authority
FROM: Elizabeth VanHooren
SUBJECT: Proposed Changes to the Clean Water Act and Associated Regulations

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the staff report be received.

SUMMARY:

- On October 20, 2025 the Province released two Environmental Registry Postings related to proposed changes to the Clean Water Act, 2006 and associated regulations for public consultation:
 - ERO No. 025-1060 “Accelerating and Improving protections for Ontario’s Drinking Water Sources” included legislative amendments to *the Clean Water Act, 2006* and was tied to Bill 56 “Building a More Competitive Economy Act, 2025”. The comment period is closed.
 - ERO No. 025-1104 “Regulatory changes for accelerating and improving protections for Ontario’s drinking water sources” is seeking feedback on amendments to regulations under the Clean Water Act, 2006, creation of a new Minister’s regulation and changes to O.Reg. 205/18 under the *Safe Drinking Water Act*. The comment period closes December 4, 2025.
- Conservation Ontario and Grand River Source Protection Authority are reviewing the documents and will be preparing comments ahead of the December 4 comment deadline.

BACKGROUND:

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Bill 56 “Building a More Competitive Economy Act, 2025” received Royal Assent on November 3. As the proposed legislative changes associated with ERO #025-1060 were tied to Bill 56 the comment period for this posting have closed.

ERO #025-1104 “Regulatory changes for accelerating and improving protection for Ontario’s drinking waters sources,” is recommending changes to O.Reg. 287/07 under the Clean Water Act, 2006; creation of a new Minister’s regulation, and changes to O. Reg. 205/18 under the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002.

The proposed amendments aim to streamline the source protection amendment process by:

- Allowing local source protection authorities to approve certain routine updates to source protection plans
- Allowing additional minor plan amendments (such as modifications that are administrative in nature) to proceed without approval or consultation
- Setting clear timelines for approvals by the Minister of source protection plan amendments
- Simplifying consultation requirements on plan amendments while ensuring the right people are engaged
- Enabling the use of new drinking water sources (such as wells and intakes) faster where protections are already in place
- Changing how policies affecting “prescribed instruments” (such as approvals, permits and licences) can be used to manage risks to drinking water

Staff will be reviewing comments being prepared by Conservation Ontario and Grand River Source Protection Authority for submission to the ERO posting by the commenting deadline of December 5, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the staff report be received.