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# Call for Applications to serve on **SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE** and Opportunity to Comment on Committee Composition

The Clean Water Act, 2006, and five accompanying regulations were recently proclaimed into law. Under approved regulations, a Source Protection Committee (SPC) is to be established in the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region (SPR).

In accordance with Ontario Regulation 288/07, this notice is being published on the Internet to advise that Expressions of Interest are now being accepted for certain positions on the SPC. As well, the public has an opportunity to review the proposed Committee composition as outlined below and make comments before the composition is finalized.

## **Functions of the Source Protection Committee**

The Source Protection Committee will oversee a science-based planning process to develop a Terms of Reference, an Assessment Report and a Source Protection Plan to protect municipal sources of drinking water. The process for developing a plan is expected to take up to five years to complete.

## **Committee Composition and Opportunity to Comment**

O. Reg. 288/07 sets out the process for appointing SPC members and the number of members in each SPR.

The SPC for the local Source Protection Region will have sixteen members:

- One Chair, to be appointed by the Minister of the Environment
- One-third (five members) to represent the interests of municipalities
- One-third (five members) to reflect the interests of agricultural, commercial or industrial sectors
- One-third (five members) to reflect other interests, such as environmental, health and other interests of the general public.

Two members, in addition to the sixteen noted above, may be nominated jointly by the councils of First Nations in the SPR.

**Proposal:** The Saugeen Valley Source Protection Authority, as the lead authority in the SPR, must decide how to allocate positions to represent the various stakeholder and public interests within the region.

The following table shows the proposed allocation:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Number of Members to be Appointed</b>	<b>Details</b>
Chair	1	To be appointed by Minister of the Environment (as per Clean Water Act s. 7 (4))
Municipal interests	5	Municipalities in the SPR will be assigned into groupings and Councils within each grouping will jointly submit a nomination for the group's representative (O.Reg. 288/07 s. 3)
Agricultural, commercial or industrial sectors	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three (3) positions to represent agriculture</li> <li>• One (1) position to represent the industrial sector</li> <li>• One (1) position to represent the commercial sector</li> </ul>
Other interests	5	Five (5) positions to represent public interests, which may include environmental and health interests

**Rationale for the Proposed Composition of the Source Protection Committee:**

The Regulations state that the “Municipal Sector” will have 1/3 of the seats on the Source Protection Committee and that the municipal councils in each grouping will jointly nominate their representative.

The Regulations also provide that the “Agricultural, commercial or industrial sectors” will have 1/3 of the seats on the Source Protection Committee. The Source Protection Authority is recommending that agriculture, which is a significant land use and major economic sector across the region, be allocated three seats on the SPC. One seat would be represent industry, including manufacturing and food processing, which are often significant users of water in their operations and can also impact upon water resources. The commercial sector, which would include retailers, small businesses and recreation, is a vital part of the local economy and would be allocated one seat on the SPC.

“Other Interests” are assigned 1/3 of the seats on the SPC under the Regulations. The Source Protection Authority is proposing that the category be left under a broad definition of representing public interests, including environmental and health interests. This will permit the selection of representatives who, as a group, reflect the wide range of stakeholders and viewpoints in the SPR.

**Opportunity to Comment:** The public is invited to comment on the proposed allocation of representatives within the “Agricultural, commercial or industrial sectors” and the “Other interests” categories. Comments may be made to the Saugeen Valley Source Protection Authority at the address below. Following the comment period, the Source Protection Authority will finalize the composition and publish a notice.

Deadline for comments is **August 30, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.**

Send comments to:

Don Smith, Project Manager  
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Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region  
c/o Grey Sauble Conservation Authority  
237897 Inglis Falls Rd. RR# 4  
Owen Sound, Ontario, N4K 5N6 (519) 376-3076 x. 245

## **APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR TEN POSITIONS**

Applications are now being accepted for the “Agriculture, commercial and industrial sector” representatives (five seats) and “Other interests” (five seats).

### **Obligations of SPC Members**

Members of the Source Protection Committee will be dealing with technical information and discussing often complex issues. As such, the following list of duties and expectations are provided for consideration:

- Contribute positively to the production of a Terms of Reference, Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan
- Appointment of members to the Source Protection Committee will be for a 3 - 5 year term
- Be prepared to start in the fall of 2007
- Attend monthly meetings of the Committee
- Review and understand Source Protection science, concepts and technical reports
- Hold relevant knowledge of the watersheds and local land uses and institutions
- Exhibit familiarity with the terms and concepts associated with environmental management (e.g., watersheds, hydrologic cycle, wellhead protection areas)
- Participate at public meetings, attend public information sessions and participate in public consultation forums
- Review material provided in advance of a meeting when that material has been provided in a timely fashion
- Provide requested input in a timely fashion

- Demonstrate an ability to weigh different points of view
- Understand the municipal role, finance, planning issues
- Exhibit solid problem-solving, analytical, communication and organizational skills
- Ability to work with others collaboratively
- Act as liaison to bring forward common concerns from their knowledge and experience in their sector to the Committee and assist in communicating the Committee's work
- Act as a mechanism for representation of a stakeholder sector in the planning process
- Bring sectoral concerns to the Committee table and bring back information from the Committee
- Make decisions at the Committee table
- Work collaboratively on the Committee with other Drinking Water Source Protection partners such as community stakeholder groups
- Provide constructive, collaborative and science-based input on local Source Protection Planning issues
- Willingness and ability to travel around the source protection region
- Participate on province-wide committees or local working groups at the request of the Chair
- Attend training sessions including: legislative responsibilities of the Committee; procedures developed by the Province of Ontario for Drinking Water Source Protection Planning; technical training
- Respect confidential information and abide by the process in place to safeguard confidential information
- Source Protection Committees may be prescribed as institutions under Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA); Source Protection Committee members will receive training on MFIPPA in order to meet its requirements
- A Source Protection Committee member must protect the freedom of information and protect the privacy of personal information regarding the Assessment Report
- Other roles and responsibilities yet to be determined by the Source Protection Authority and the Ministry of the Environment

### **Limitations on Appointments**

The following conditions and restrictions are applied to the appointment of SPC representatives, as per O.Reg. 288/07 s. 7:

- Applicants must reside in, own or rent land in, be employed in, operate a business in, or be employed by a municipality within the Source Protection Region
- Members and employees of Conservation Authorities who are part of the Source Protection Region are not eligible for appointment to the SPC

## How to Apply

If you are interested in being considered for appointment to the Saugeen, Grey Sauble Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee, please send your Expression of Interest consisting of a resume and cover letter that summarize your interest, relevant experience and familiarity with water management issues, as well as any additional supporting information.

***Agricultural:*** The Ontario Farm Environmental Coalition (OFEC) will be working with local agricultural organizations to nominate local agricultural representatives to the Source Protection Committee. These nominations will be considered by the SPA. Those interested in submitting an Expression of Interest for becoming a representative of the agricultural sector are encouraged to submit their Expressions of Interest to OFEC through the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Ontario AgriCentre, 100 Stone Road West, Suite 206, Guelph, Ontario N1G 5L3, Attention: Martha Harris, Project Manager. Expressions of Interest for the agricultural sector received by the Source Protection Authority will, with the applicant's permission, be forwarded to the Ontario Federation of Agriculture at the address noted above.

All Expressions of Interest received will be considered.

Deadline for Applications: **Wednesday, October 3, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.**

Send Expressions of Interest or for further information:

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Note: The wording used in this notice to summarize certain portions of the Clean Water Act, 2006, and its regulations are provided for guidance. The reader is referred to the approved legislation for accuracy.

Relevant Links:

Website for local Source Protection Region

([www.waterprotection.ca](http://www.waterprotection.ca))

Clean Water Act webpage on Ontario government website

(<http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/en/water/cleanwater/index.php>)

Clean Water Act, 2006

([http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/DBLaws/Statutes/English/06c22\\_e.htm](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/DBLaws/Statutes/English/06c22_e.htm))

Ontario Regulation 284/07 (Source Protection Areas and Regions)

([http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/DBLaws/Regs/English/070284\\_e.htm](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/DBLaws/Regs/English/070284_e.htm))

Ontario Regulation 285/07 (Time Limits)

([http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/DBLaws/Regs/English/070285\\_e.htm](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/DBLaws/Regs/English/070285_e.htm))

Ontario Regulation 286/07 (Miscellaneous)

([http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/DBLaws/Regs/English/070286\\_e.htm](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/DBLaws/Regs/English/070286_e.htm))

Ontario Regulation 287/07 (Terms of Reference)

([http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/DBLaws/Regs/English/070287\\_e.htm](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/DBLaws/Regs/English/070287_e.htm))

Ontario Regulation 288/07 (Source Protection Committees)

([http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/DBLaws/Regs/English/070288\\_e.htm](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/DBLaws/Regs/English/070288_e.htm))

Ontario Regulation 231/07 (Service of Documents)

([http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/DBLaws/Regs/English/070231\\_e.htm](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/DBLaws/Regs/English/070231_e.htm))