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Source Protection Committee Members Named

Fifteen individuals have been appointed to the Drinking Water Source Protection Committee (SPC) for the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region.

“I am pleased to announce the selection of Committee members,” stated Doug Freiburger, Chair of the Saugeen Valley Source Protection Authority, the lead local agency in source protection. “The appointment of SPC members marks another milestone in local source protection efforts.”

The SPC will oversee the planning process to establish programs and policies to protect municipal drinking water sources in this region, as called for under the Clean Water Act, 2006, and its regulations. Development of the Source Protection Plan may take up to five years. Over the next several months, however, members will form the rules of procedure, code of conduct and conflict of interest policies for the SPC. As well, the SPC will be working on the Terms of Reference that will outline which drinking water systems will be studied and a workplan for the preparation of the assessment report and source protection plan.

“I am really looking forward to working with all the committee members,” stated Michael Traynor, Chair of the Source Protection Committee. “The input of the Committee, and that of the public, will be very important.”

Five municipal representatives were appointed by the Saugeen Valley Source Protection Authority from nominations submitted by municipalities. The twenty-one municipalities in the Source Protection Region were assigned into five groupings with each grouping allotted one representative. The municipalities in the groupings were invited to submit their list of nominees and a selection was made from the list.

The selection of the five sectoral and five other interest members was made from applications submitted by individuals. The positions were widely advertised in the region for a two month period. The strong interest shown in the SPC positions and the wealth of qualifications amongst the applicants reflects well on the awareness of water issues in the region.

A list of the appointments is shown in the table below. More information on the source protection program and the Source Protection Committee is available on the local Drinking Water Source Protection website: waterprotection.ca.2

Members of the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee

Chair	Mike Traynor	(appointed Aug. 2007 by Minister of the Environment)
Municipal (5)	Brad McRoberts	Group 1 – Northern Bruce Peninsula, South Bruce Peninsula, Georgian Bluffs
	Mitch Twolan	Group 2 – Saugeen Shores, Kincardine, Huron-Kinloss
	Les Nichols	Group 3 – Arran-Elderslie, Brockton, South Bruce, Howick, Morris- Turnberry
	Howard Greig	Group 4 – Chatsworth, West Grey, Hanover, Southgate, Wellington North, Minto
	Bill Twaddle	Group 5 – Owen Sound, Meaford, The Blue Mountains, Grey Highlands
Agricultural (3)	Dr. David Biesenthal	Farmer – Brockton
	Robert Emerson	Farmer – Huron-Kinloss
	Brent Lanktree	Farmer – The Blue Mountains
Industrial (1)	Sandy Gott	Water bottling company – Grey Highlands
Commercial (1)	Mark Kraemer	Business owner – Saugeen Shores
Other Interests (5)	Dale Thompson	Environment (Northern Bruce Peninsula resident)
	Les MacKinnon	Environment (Grey Highlands resident)
	Lou D’Alessandro	Health (Owen Sound resident)
	Bruce Davidson	Public (Brockton resident)
	Carolyn Day	Public (Saugeen Shores resident)