

MISSISSIPPI-RIDEAU SOURCE PROTECTION REGION
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Meeting Held Electronically due to COVID-19 Restrictions

FINAL MINUTES

Mississippi-Rideau
Source Protection Committee **2/24** **April 4, 2024**

Present:	Scott Bryce	Alex Clark
	Scott Ferguson	Drew Lampman
	Claude Lloyd	Michel Kearney
	Randy Malcom	Peter McLaren
	Bev Millar	Eleanor Renaud
	Diane Smithson	Wilf Stefan

Staff: Marika Livingston
Brian Stratton
Ryan Hiemstra

Regrets:

Guests: Nigel Holgate (MECP)
Emily Morrison (City of Ottawa Public Health)
Moazzam Imran (City of Ottawa public Health)
Paul Kehoe (SPA Liaison)
Tessa Di Iorio (City of Ottawa)

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

Marika Livingston called the elections to order at 1:03 p.m. and reviewed the procedures for naming a Chair pro-tempore.

Ms. Livingston called for nominations for Chair pro-tempore from Members.

Peter McLaren nominated Diane Smithson.

Ms. Livingston called for nominations for one more time.

Ms. Livingston called for nominations a second time. No other nominations were presented.

Diane Smithson was acclaimed Chair pro-tempore.

Motion to close Elections.

Moved by: Eleanor Renaud
Seconded by: Scott Bryce

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

Chair pro-tempore Diane Smithson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

a) Agenda Review

Chair pro-tempore Diane Smithson reviewed the Agenda.

b) Notice of Proxies

There were no notices of proxies.

c) Adoption of Agenda

Motion SPC1-240404

**Moved by: Claude Lloyd
Seconded by: Scott Ferguson**

THAT the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee adopts the Agenda as circulated.

Motion Carried.

d) Declaration of Interest/Notice of Proxies

There were no declarations of interest.

e) Approval of Minutes of February 8, 2024

Motion SPC2-240404

**Moved by: Eleanor Renaud
Seconded by: Michel Kearney**

That the minutes of the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee meeting of February 8, 2024 be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

f) Correspondence

Ms. Livingston notified members of a letter sent from Matt Pearson, Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee Chair requesting that the province not proceed with the recommended phase out of free private well testing in Ontario.

The Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee directed staff to send a similar letter.

Motion SPC3-240404

**Moved by: Eleanor Renaud
Seconded by: Scott Ferguson**

THAT the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee direct staff to write a letter to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Minister of Health, to the Premier and to Rural Ontario Municipal Association requesting that the Province does not proceed with the recommended phase of out of free private well water testing in Ontario.

Motion Carried

2.0 Source Protection Staff Update

Ms. Livingston and Mr. Brian Stratton presented a staff update. Mr. Stratton shared with the Committee the news of Randy Malcolm retiring from our Source Protection Committee. Brian recounted Randy's long-standing commitment and dedication to our Committee and thanked him for his years of service.

Tessa Di Iorio from the City of Ottawa was invited to speak and give an update to Committee members. Tessa summarized progress in 2023 and where they plan to focus their attention in 2024. Tessa also updated the Committee on the proposed shift in approach for the Lemieux Island Intake Improvement project due to difficulties getting approval from the Quebec Ministry. She shared that the search for an alternative location is underway.

Committee Member Bev Millar asked Tessa if the City could confirm the appropriate studies are done to ensure that the new location doesn't pull contaminants from downstream the intake due to wind. Tessa replied that she will inquire if this is being considered.

Marika Livingston shared with Committee that early engagement for the Section 36 update has commenced and she anticipates comments back from the Ministry in a few months.

Marika also shared that there is an upcoming Drinking Water Wise webinar on April 18, 2024 where they are joined by expert Dr Anna Majury, who will share how water quality can influence human health.

Ryan Hiemstra, Risk Management Inspector for the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Region shared that they completed follow-up site visits for any businesses who handle and store DNAPLs and gave an update.

Nigel Holgate, Program Analyst for the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks introduced himself for the first time to the Committee. He is

assigned to the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Region to provide support, similar to the former Liaison role. He provided a verbal update.

Motion SPC4-240404

**Moved by: Claude Lloyd
Seconded by: Eleanor Renaud**

THAT the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee accept the staff update for information.

Motion Carried

3.0 2023 Annual Progress Report to MECP

Ms. Livingston presented the 2023 Annual Progress Report and responded to questions from members.

The SPC decided that for 2023 the overall grading to be included in our Public Facing Annual Progress Report is Progressing Well/On Target.

Motion SPC5-240404

**Moved by: Randy Malcolm
Seconded by: Bev Millar**

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee receive for review the draft Annual Progress Report for 2023;

And further, that the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee assess and grade the progress achieved so far, providing a grade achieved through discussion at the meeting of April 4, 2024 to be recorded in the meeting minutes;

And further that the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee direct staff to summarize the comments, notes, grading and discussion and provide the Annual Progress Report to the Source Protection Authority for their approval.

Motion Carried

4.0 Other Business

No other business was raised.

5.0 Member Inquiries

No member inquiries were made.

6.0 Next Meeting - TBD

Ms. Livingston discussed an upcoming meeting in June-July to discuss anticipated Early Engagement comments from the Ministry. When comments are received, a meeting date will be selected.

7.0 Adjournment

Chair Smithson adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m. on a motion by Drew Lampman which was seconded by Claude Lloyd.

Motion Carried

Diane Smithson
Chair Pro-Tempore

Marissa Grondin
Recording Secretary