

Media Release

New Source Protection Committee Members Appointed

July 23, 2020 – Port McNicoll - Most of us in southern Ontario take safe and plentiful drinking water for granted, but that supply is being protected through the actions of numerous legislative provisions, one of which is a local stakeholder group called the Source Protection Committee, created under the Clean Water Act of 2006.

The Source Protection Committee for this region (South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe) began meeting in 2007 and continues its important role to this day. Earlier this year, the Committee undertook a significant refresh in its membership. After a thorough search and application review, six new members have been appointed to the committee. The Committee consists of 21 members, plus the Chair, plus a First Nations representative from Rama First Nation.

These new members will join the 16 existing members to review and update the local Source Protection Plan and Assessment Reports, as well as oversee the implementation of existing plan policies.

The new members are:

- Geoff Allen, Public Representative, Clearview Township
- Andy Campbell, Municipal Representative, Town of Midland
- David Greenwood, Public Representative, Town of Newmarket
- Jeff Hamelin, Municipal Representative, Town of Penetanguishene
- Brandon Powers, Economic Representative, Town of Collingwood
- Cate Root, Public Representative, Victoria Harbour

Lynn Dollin, Mayor of Innisfil, who's chaired the Source Protection Committee since its inception in 2007, says she is "looking forward to continuing the important work of the Source Protection Committee and is confident that our region will be well served with a mix of returning members that have valuable experience and some fresh eyes to bring new perspectives and ideas to the group. It is an honour to chair such an impressive group."

Jeff Hamelin (new municipal member for the Severn Sound watershed) says "being a student of the Severn Sound Watershed and having worked in the municipal drinking water sector, I am honored to be in a position to continue advancing the safety of drinking water from a source water perspective and look forward to working with such a distinguished group of individuals"

New Source Protection Committee member for the Severn Sound watershed, Andy Campbell, looks "forward to contributing to provincial policy, advancing protection in our watershed and to lend my experience as a municipal manager who is responsible on a daily basis for the safety of our drinking water supply system in Ontario."

For the complete list of Source Protection Committee members please visit ourwatershed.ca.