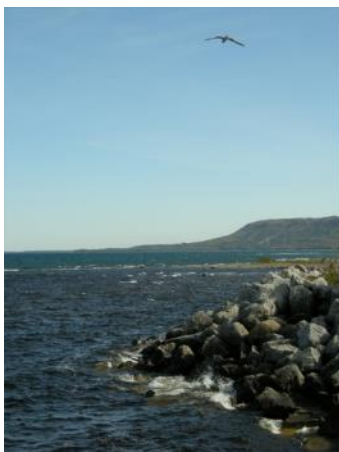


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Chapter 8

Summary of Consultation Activities for Terms of Reference, Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan



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8.1 Terms of Reference

The process undertaken to develop the Terms of Reference for the three Source Protection Areas within the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region consisted of six major steps which commenced on January 8, 2008 and were concluded on October 17, 2008 with the submission of the Proposed Terms of Reference documents and supporting documentation to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change.

The six major steps were as follows:

Step 1: Notice of Commencement

A Notice of Commencement letter was sent on January 8, 2008 to the Clerks of all the upper- and lower-tier municipalities, any part of which extends into the Source Protection Region, as well as the Chiefs of the two First Nations bands. The letter included an invitation to be a part of the Terms of Reference process.

Step 2: Development of Draft Proposed Terms of Reference

This step involved communicating with Source Protection Authorities and municipalities within the Source Protection Region and receiving from these agencies the information necessary to complete the Draft Proposed Terms of Reference. Presentations were made to municipal councils.

Draft Proposed Terms of Reference documents were prepared for each of the Source Protection Areas, while a single, common Summary Document was produced for the entire Region.

The Draft Proposed Terms of Reference documents for the three Source Protection Areas were approved by the Source Protection Committee at their May 20, 2008 meeting.

Step 3: Consultation of the Draft Proposed Terms of Reference

This step involved the publishing of the Draft Proposed Terms of Reference on the program website and making them available to the public and other groups. First Nations communities, municipalities and the Chairs of neighbouring Source Protection Committees were mailed copies of the documents. Copies were made available for public viewing at six locations across the Source Protection Region.

The commenting period for the Draft Proposed Terms of Reference commenced on May 23, 2008 and concluded on June 27, 2008, during which time all the Draft Proposed Terms of Reference documents were available to the public. A Draft Proposed Terms of Reference Notice was also published on May 23, 2008 in local newspapers.

Three public meetings were held in the Region to provide: additional access to the Draft Proposed Terms of Reference documents; an opportunity to speak with staff and Source Protection Committee members; and an occasion to submit comments. These meetings were held on June 17, 2008 at the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority offices, June 18, 2008 at the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula offices and on June 19, 2008 at the Saugeen Valley

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Conservation Authority offices. Comments on the documents were received as part of the consultation process.

Step 4: Finalization of the Proposed Terms of Reference

The Proposed Terms of Reference were prepared incorporating many of the comments received during Step 3.

The Proposed Terms of Reference documents for the three Source Protection Authorities were approved by the Source Protection Committee at their July 25, 2008 meeting.

Step 5: Consultation on the Proposed Terms of Reference

This step involved making the Proposed Terms of Reference available to the public on the program website. The Proposed Terms of Reference Notice was circulated to municipalities, First Nations communities, Source Protection Authorities and other groups, and those who made comments on the documents. The Source Protection Committee expressed concern that the 30-day commenting period for the Proposed Terms of Reference was not long enough. In order to accommodate these concerns, a preliminary release of the Proposed Terms of Reference took place on July 29, 2008. On this date, the documents were made available to the three Source Protection Authorities, the Chiefs of the First Nations bands and upper- and lower-tier municipalities within the Source Protection Region.

The Proposed Terms of Reference documents were presented to the three Source Protection Authorities. These meetings took place on July 31, 2008 at Saugeen Valley SPA, on August 11, 2008 at Northern Bruce Peninsula SPA and on August 13, 2008 at Grey Sauble SPA.

The Proposed Terms of Reference documents were officially released to the public on August 15, 2008. A Proposed Terms of Reference Notice was published on August 15, 2008 in local newspapers.

The deadline for receiving comments on the Proposed Terms of Reference was September 15, 2008. Sixteen comments were received on the Proposed Terms of Reference.

Step 6: SPA Reviews and comments on Proposed Terms of Reference

Comments concerning the Proposed Terms of Reference were summarized. The Proposed Terms of Reference documents and comments were presented to the three Source Protection Authorities. These meetings took place on October 2, 2008 at Saugeen Valley SPA; on October 8, 2008 at Grey Sauble SPA; and on October 14, 2008 at Northern Bruce Peninsula SPA. The three Source Protection Authorities passed motions to receive the documents and forward them on to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change.

The Terms of Reference documents were approved by the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change. The notices were posted to the Environmental Registry website on August 17, 2009.

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8.2 Assessment Report

The process undertaken to develop the Assessment Reports for the three Source Protection Areas within the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region consisted of nine major steps that commenced on August 12, 2009 with the approval of the three Terms of Reference documents. These steps concluded on June 29, 2011 with the submission of the Proposed Assessment Report Updated June 15, 2011, Amended June 15, 2011 documents and supporting documentation to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change.

The nine major steps were as follows:

Step 1: Development of Draft Proposed Assessment Report

The development of the Draft Proposed Assessment Report was conducted by the Source Protection Committee between the months of September 2009 and April 2010. This step involved communicating with the Source Protection Authorities and municipalities within the Source Protection Region, and receiving information necessary to complete the Draft Proposed Assessment Report from these agencies. Presentations were made to municipal councils.

Draft Proposed Assessment Reports were prepared. These included three detailed Draft Proposed Assessment Reports developed from the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change template, one for each of the Source Protection Areas, and one Summary Document for the entire Region.

The Draft Proposed Assessment Report documents for the three Source Protection Authorities were approved by the Source Protection Committee at its April 30, 2010 meeting.

Step 2: Consultation on the Draft Proposed Assessment Report

This step involved the publishing of the Draft Proposed Assessment Reports on the program website and making these available to the public, First Nations communities and other groups. This step also included receiving comments on the documents. The commenting period for the Draft Proposed Assessment Report commenced on May 6, 2010 and concluded on June 10, 2010, during which time all the Draft Proposed Assessment Report documents were available to the public. On May 6, 2010 the Draft Proposed Assessment Report notice was published in local newspapers.

Public consultation meetings were held in 2010:
May 19 Grey Sauble Conservation Authority office
May 26 Beaver Valley Community Centre
May 27 Walkerton Agricultural Society Building #2
May 28 Holstein Community Centre
May 29 Amabel-Sauble School
May 31 Mount Forest Fire Department Community Hall
June 2 Davidson Centre in Kincardine
June 3 Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula office

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Eight public meetings were held in the Region to provide additional access to the Draft Proposed Assessment Report documents and to provide the public with an opportunity to speak with staff and Source Protection Committee members, as well as to submit comments.

The Draft Proposed Assessment Report documents were also forwarded to upper- and lower-tier municipalities and First Nations communities within the Source Protection Region. They were also sent to the Chairs of the three Source Protection Committees for the Source Protection Regions bordering the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region.

Step 3: Finalization of the Proposed Assessment Report

The Proposed Assessment Report was prepared incorporating many of the comments received during Step 2. The Proposed Assessment Report documents for the three Source Protection Authorities were approved by the Source Protection Committee at their June 25, 2010 meeting.

Step 4: Consultation on the Proposed Assessment Report

This step involved publishing the Proposed Assessment Report on the program website and making it available to the public, municipalities, First Nations communities, Source Protection Authorities, and other groups and receiving comments on the documents. On July 8, 2010 the Proposed Assessment Report documents were made available to the three Source Protection Authorities, the Chiefs of the two First Nations communities, and upper- and lower-tier municipalities within the Source Protection Region. They were also forwarded to the Chairs of the three Source Protection Committees for the Source Protection Regions bordering the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region. A Proposed Assessment Report notice was published on July 8, 2010 in local newspapers.

A Proposed Assessment Report notice and information concerning significant drinking water threats was sent to landowners of properties with significant drinking water threats, which totalled approximately 3,400 packages.

The Proposed Assessment Report documents were presented to the three Source Protection Authorities. These meetings took place on July 12, 2010 for the Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Authority, on July 22, 2010 for the Saugeen Valley Source Protection Authority and on July 28, 2010 for the Grey Sauble Source Protection Authority.

The deadline for receiving comments on the Proposed Assessment Report was August 9, 2010. One set of comments was received on the Proposed Assessment Report.

Step 5: Source Protection Authority Reviews and Comments on the Proposed Assessment Report

The Proposed Assessment Report documents and comments were presented to the three Source Protection Authorities. These meetings took place on September 8, 2010 for the Grey Sauble Source Protection Authority, on September 13, 2010 for the Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Authority, and on September 15, 2010 for the Saugeen Valley Source Protection Authority. The three Source Protection Authorities passed motions to receive the documents and forward them on to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change.

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Step 6: Draft Updated Assessment Report Preparation

The development of the Draft Updated Assessment Report documents was conducted by the Source Protection Committee between the months of September 2010 and April 2011. This step involved communicating with, and receiving information from the Source Protection Authorities and municipalities within the Source Protection Region as necessary to complete the Draft Updated Assessment Report.

Three separate Draft Updated Assessment Report documents were prepared. These included three detailed Draft Updated Assessment Report documents developed from the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change template, one for each of the Source Protection Areas. Comments received from the Director of the Source Protection Branch dated April 5, 2011 and the supplementary documentation listing of minor amendments as supplied by the Liaison Officer dated April 1, 2011 were considered and included where possible in preparation of the Draft Updated Assessment Report.

The Draft Updated Assessment Report documents for the three Source Protection Authorities were approved by the Source Protection Committee at its April 29, 2011 meeting

Step 7: Consultation on the Draft Updated Assessment Report

This step involved the publishing of the Draft Updated Assessment Reports on the program website and making them available to the public, municipalities, First Nations communities, and other groups and receiving comments on the documents. The commenting period for the Draft Updated Assessment Report commenced on May 5, 2011 and concluded on June 6, 2011, during which time all the Draft Updated Assessment Report documents were available to the public. On May 5, 2011, the Source Protection Committee published and made available to the public the Draft Updated Assessment Report. A Draft Updated Assessment Report notice was also published on May 5, 2011 in local newspapers.

The Draft Updated Assessment Report documents were forwarded to upper- and lower-tier municipalities and First Nations communities within the Source Protection Region. They were also sent to the Chairs of the three Source Protection Authorities for this Source Protection Region and the three Source Protection Regions bordering the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region.

The Draft Updated Assessment Report notice and information concerning significant drinking water threats was sent to landowners at properties with new significant drinking water threats. Approximately 1,090 packages were sent to landowners. An extension for submitting comments was given to property owners in the Walkerton Wellhead Protection Area and Walkerton Issue Contributing Area due to a mailing delay.

For the Draft Updated Assessment Report, two comments were received from municipalities and fifteen comments were received from the public.

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Step 8: Proposed Assessment Report Updated June 15, 2011, Amended June 15, 2011 Finalization

Additional changes were made to the documents addressing the remaining MOECC comments made earlier with respect to suggested amendments.

The Proposed Assessment Report Updated June 15, 2011, Amended June 15, 2011 documents for the three Source Protection Areas were approved by the Source Protection Committee at their June 15, 2011 meeting.

Step 9: Source Protection Authority Review and Comment on the Proposed Assessment Report Updated June 15, 2011, Amended June 15, 2011

The Proposed Assessment Report Updated June 15, 2011, Amended June 15, 2011 documents were forwarded to the three Source Protection Authorities on June 17, 2011 for review and commenting.

The documents and comments received from the consultation process were presented to the three Source Protection Authorities. These meetings took place on June 27, 2011 for the Northern Bruce Peninsula SPA, on June 28, 2011 for the Saugeen Valley SPA via a telephone poll and on June 29, 2011 for the Grey Sauble SPA during a teleconference. The three Source Protection Authorities passed motions to receive the documents and forward them on to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change.

The Assessment Report documents were approved by the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change on September 23, 2011 (Northern Bruce Peninsula SPA), November 28, 2011 (Saugeen Valley SPA) and November 30, 2011 (Grey Sauble SPA). Notices were posted to the Environmental Registry website on January 24, 2012.

8.3 Revised Assessment Report

Step 1: Development of the Revised Assessment Report

The development of the Revised Assessment Report documents was conducted by the Source Protection Committee between July 2012 and June 2015.

Step 2: Consultation on the Revised Assessment Report

Five public meetings were held in the Region to provide additional access to the Revised Assessment Report documents, to provide the public with an opportunity to speak with staff and Source Protection Committee members, and to solicit comments. These meetings were held as follows: February 18, 2015 at the Durham Old Town Hall; February 19 at the Chesley Community Centre; February 24, 2015 at the Owen Sound Bayshore Community Centre; February 25, 2015 at the Walkerton Community Centre Auditorium Hall; and February 26, 2015 at the Southampton Town Hall. Two sessions were held for municipal officials and staff: February 19 at the Chesley Community Centre; and February 24, 2015 at the Owen Sound Bayshore Community Centre.

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The Revised Assessment Report documents were forwarded to upper- and lower-tier municipalities and First Nations communities within the Source Protection Region. They were also sent to the Chairs of the three Source Protection Committees for the Source Protection Regions bordering the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region.

Step 3: Finalization of the Revised Assessment Report

The Revised Assessment Report was prepared, incorporating many of the comments received during Step 2. The Revised Assessment Report documents for the three Source Protection Areas were approved by the Source Protection Committee at their May 8, 2015 meeting.

Step 4: Source Protection Authority Review and Comment on the Revised Assessment Report

The Revised Assessment Report documents were forwarded to the three Source Protection Authorities seven days prior to the Source Protection Authority meetings for review and commenting.

The documents and comments received from the consultation process were presented to the three Source Protection Authorities. These meetings took place on May 28, 2015 for the Saugeen Valley SPA, on June 10, 2015 for the Grey Sauble SPA and on June 22, 2015 for the Northern Bruce Peninsula SPA. The three Source Protection Authorities passed motions to receive the documents and forward them to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change.

8.4 Source Protection Plan

The process undertaken to develop the Source Protection Plan for the three Source Protection Areas within the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region consisted of eleven major steps, which commenced on September 23, 2011 with the approval of the Assessment Report document for the Northern Bruce Peninsula. Prior to these steps commencing, a notice of commencement of Source Protection Plan preparation was sent to landowners potentially affected by the policies to be developed on May 11, 2011.

The eleven major steps were as follows:

Step 1: Pre-Consultation for the Draft Proposed Source Protection Plan

This step involved the forwarding of the Preliminary Source Protection Plan policies to all potential implementing agencies. Presentations were made to municipal councils, upper- and lower-tier municipal staff as well as Conservation Authority boards and staff about their roles as potential implementing agencies.

Municipal workshops were held for planning staff from various potential implementing agencies. These meetings took place in various locations around the region to be most convenient to each municipality. These meetings took place as follows: November 29, 2011 at the Kincardine

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Municipal offices; December 1, 2011 at the Sauble Beach Community Centre; December 6, 2011 at the Neustadt Community Centre Hall; December 7, 2011 at the Flesherton Kinplex; and December 9, 2011 at the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority office.

The commenting period for the Preliminary Source Protection Plan policies commenced on October 28, 2011 and concluded on January 13, 2012, during which time all of the Draft Preliminary Source Protection Plan policies were available to the potential implementing agencies.

Step 2: Development of the Draft Proposed Source Protection Plan

The development of the Draft Proposed Source Protection Plan was conducted by the Source Protection Committee between the months of October 2011 and March 2012. One detailed Draft Proposed Source Protection Plan and one Explanatory Document were developed for the entire Source Protection Region.

The Draft Proposed Source Protection Plan for the Source Protection Region was approved by the Source Protection Committee at its March 30, 2012 meeting.

Step 3: Consultation on the Draft Proposed Source Protection Plan

This step involved the publishing of the Draft Proposed Source Protection Plan on the program website, making it available to the public, municipalities, First Nations communities, and other groups, and receiving comments on the documents. The commenting period for the Draft Proposed Source Protection Plan commenced on April 5, 2012 and concluded on May 9, 2012, during which time the Draft Proposed Source Protection Plan was available to the public, both at the Source Protection Authority offices and on the website. A Draft Proposed Source Protection Plan notice was published on April 5, 2012 in local newspapers and online.

Five public meetings were held so that landowners and interested members of the public could come and learn about source protection and the Source Protection Plan policies. Landowners were also given the opportunity to meet with staff to discuss the potential significant drinking water threats that had been identified on their property.

The Draft Proposed Source Protection Plan was forwarded to upper- and lower-tier municipalities and First Nations communities within the Source Protection Region. It was also sent to the Chairs of the three Source Protection Authorities for this Source Protection Region and the three Source Protection Regions bordering the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region.

Public consultation meetings were held in 2012:

April 25 Mount Forest Complex

April 26 Royal Canadian Legion in Chatsworth

May 1 Northern Bruce Peninsula Municipal office

May 2 Mildmay Carrick Recreation Complex

May 3 Royal Canadian Legion in Tara

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The Draft Proposed Source Protection Plan notice and other information was sent to landowners who have significant drinking water threats identified on their property. Approximately 3,400 packages were sent to landowners.

For the Draft Proposed Source Protection Plan, comments were received from five provincial Ministries, seven upper- and lower-tier municipalities, one other agency, and 29 comments from members of the public.

Step 4: Proposed Source Protection Plan Finalization

Changes were made to the Source Protection Plan addressing the comments received during consultation.

The Proposed Source Protection Plan for the Source Protection Region was approved by the Source Protection Committee at their May 25, 2012 meeting.

Step 5: Consultation on the Proposed Source Protection Plan

The Proposed Source Protection Plan was forwarded to the three Source Protection Authorities on June 4, 2012 for review and commenting. The commenting period concluded on July 3, 2012.

The Proposed Source Protection Plan (PSPP) and notice were posted on the program website on June 4, 2012. Hardcopies of the PSPP were placed in the three Source Protection Authority offices. Notices were also placed in fifteen area newspapers. Notices and CDs containing the Proposed Source Protection Plan were sent to upper- and lower-tier municipalities, ministries, conservation authorities, neighbouring Source Protection Committees, and First Nations communities. Notices were also sent to all those who submitted comments concerning the Draft Proposed Source Protection Plan.

A total of ten written comments were received from three provincial Ministries, four lower-tier municipalities, one other agency, a Source Protection Committee member, and members of the public.

Step 6: Source Protection Authority Review and Comment on the Proposed Source Protection Plan

The documents and comments received from the consultation process were presented to the three Source Protection Authorities. These meetings took place on July 11, 2012 for the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, on July 23, 2012 for the Northern Bruce Peninsula Municipality and on July 26, 2012 for the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority.

All three Authorities passed motions to support implementation of the Source Protection Plan provided the province provides full and continued funding for implementation. Saugeen Valley Source Protection Authority went further and stated that the Authority would not fund the implementation of the Source Protection Plan. All three Authorities also passed motions to receive the Proposed Source Protection Plan and authorized staff to submit the documents to the Ministry of the Environment of the Climate Change.

The comments regarding the Proposed Source Protection Plan documents for the Source Protection Region were discussed by the Source Protection Committee at their July 27, 2012

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meeting. Minor modifications were made to the documents addressing the comments received during consultation. These changes were clarifications only and the meaning and intent of the policies were not altered.

Step 7: Pre-Consultation on the Updated Proposed Source Protection Plan

This step involved the forwarding of the Updated Proposed Source Protection Plan Policies to all potential implementing agencies. This took place in January 2015.

Step 8: Development of the Updated Proposed Source Protection Plan

The development of the Updated Proposed Source Protection Plan was conducted by the Source Protection Committee between the months of January 2014 and January 2015. One detailed Updated Proposed Source Protection Plan and one Explanatory Document were developed for the entire Source Protection Region.

The Director of the Source Protection Programs Branch at the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change provided comments in June of 2014 regarding the Proposed Source Protection Plan. These comments helped to inform discussions by the Source Protection Committee on revisions to policies.

The Updated Proposed Source Protection Plan for the Source Protection Region was approved to proceed to consultation by the Source Protection Committee at its January 23, 2015 meeting.

Step 9: Consultation on the Updated Proposed Source Protection Plan

This step involved the publishing of the Updated Proposed Source Protection Plan on the program website, making them available to the public, municipalities, First Nations communities, and other groups, and receiving comments on the documents. The commenting period for the Updated Proposed Source Protection Plan commenced on February 3, 2015 and concluded on March 6, 2015, during which time the Updated Proposed Source Protection Plan was available to the public, both at the Source Protection Authority offices and on the website. An Updated Proposed Source Protection Plan notice was published on February 3, 2015 in local newspapers and online.

The public meetings for the Updated Proposed Source Protection Plan were held as follows: February 18, 2015 at the Durham Old Town Hall; February 19 at the Chesley Community Centre; February 24, 2015 at the Owen Sound Bayshore Community Centre; February 25, 2015 at the Walkerton Community Centre Auditorium Hall; and February 26, 2015 at the Southampton Town Hall. Two sessions were held for municipal officials and staff: February 19 at the Chesley Community Centre; and February 24, 2015 at the Owen Sound Bayshore Community Centre.

Five public meetings were held so that landowners and interested members of the public could come and learn about source protection and the Source Protection Plan. Landowners were also given the opportunity to meet with staff to discuss the potential significant drinking water threats that had been identified on their property.

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The Updated Proposed Source Protection Plan was forwarded to upper- and lower-tier municipalities and First Nations communities within the Source Protection Region. It was also sent to the Chairs of the three Source Protection Authorities for this Source Protection Region and the three Source Protection Regions bordering the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region.

The Updated Proposed Source Protection Plan notice and other information was sent also to landowners where mapping in the Revised Assessment Report had changed compared to the Approved Assessment Report from 2011 and where significant drinking water threats are identified on their property. Approximately 1216 packages were sent to landowners.

For the Updated Proposed Source Protection Plan, 17 sets comments were received from provincial Ministries, upper- and lower-tier municipalities, and the public.

Step 10: Finalization of the Updated Proposed Source Protection Plan

The Updated Proposed Source Protection Plan was prepared, incorporating many of the comments received during Step 9. The Updated Proposed Source Protection was approved by the Source Protection Committee at their May 8, 2015 meeting.

Step 11: Source Protection Authority Review and Comment on the Updated Proposed Source Protection Plan

The Updated Proposed Source Protection Plan documents were forwarded to the three Source Protection Authorities seven days prior to the Source Protection Authority meetings for review and commenting.

The documents and comments received from the consultation process were presented to the three Source Protection Authorities. These meetings took place on May 28, 2015 for the Saugeen Valley SPA, on June 10, 2015 for the Grey Sauble SPA and on June 22, 2015 for the Northern Bruce Peninsula SPA. The three Source Protection Authorities passed motions to receive the documents and forward them to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change.

Step 12: Source Protection Plan Approval

The Updated Proposed Source Protection Plan was approved by the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change on October 16, 2015.

Step 13: Pre-Consultation on the Amended Source Protection Plan

This step involved creating a Technical Advisory Working Group for consultation with municipalities on updating water quality work and including municipal staff on the peer review committee for the water quantity work. A second round of Source Protection Plan amendments took place between April 1, 2016 and May 1, 2017 to address two new wells in the town of Ripley and a new well in the community of Point Clark.

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Step 14: Development of the Amended Source Protection Plan

The development of the Amended Source Protection Plan was conducted by the Source Protection Committee between the months of January 2015 and January 2016 for Events-based Area delineations and water quantity threat updates. A second set of amendments were completed in May 2017 for new drinking water wells in Ripley and Point Clark. One detailed Amended Source Protection Plan and one Explanatory Document were developed for the entire Source Protection Region.

In consultation with the Source Protection Committee, the Source Protection Authorities and the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change, new water quality and water quantity work was added to both the Source Protection Plan and the associated Assessment Reports, as well as the additional groundwater technical study related to the new Ripley wells and changes to the Point Clark WHPA.

Under section 48 of the O. Reg. 287/07 of the *Clean Water Act*, the affected municipalities must pass resolutions to have the new technical work added to the Source Protection Plan. This process occurred during the period January 18, 2016 and March 7, 2016. A resolution from the municipality of Huron-Kinloss was issued on February 6th, 2017 for the new and revised wellhead protection delineations for Ripley and Point Clark.

The Amended Source Protection Plan for the Source Protection Region was approved to proceed to consultation by the Source Protection Committee at its January 29, 2016 meeting. The second Source Protection Plan amendment was approved by the Source Protection Committee on February 3, 2017.

Step 15: Consultation on the Amended Source Protection Plan

This step involved the publishing of the Amended Source Protection Plan on the program website, making them available to the public, municipalities, First Nations communities, and other groups, and receiving comments on the documents. The commenting period for the Amended Source Protection Plan commenced on January 12, 2016 and concluded on March 7, 2016, during which time the Amended Source Protection Plan was available to the public, both at the Source Protection Authority offices and on the website. The public consultation period was extended to March 7, 2016 to allow for a full 30-day consultation on all proposed Source Protection Plan (SPP) amendments, including water quantity threat policies for Brockton. An Amended Source Protection Plan notice was published on January 13, 2016 in local newspapers: Kincardine News, Owen Sound Sun Times, Shoreline Beacon, Warton Echo, Grey Bruce This Week, Meaford Independent and online.

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The public meetings for the Amended Source Protection Plan were held as follows: February 3, 2016 at the Grey Sauble Conservation Administration Office and February 9, 2016 at the Plex in Port Elgin. Source Protection staff met directly with the Municipality of Brockton regarding the water quantity work.

On January 13, 2016 as part of the consultation of proposed events-based area (EBA) policies, water quantity policies and other minor amendments to the approved Source Protection Plan, an Official Notice of Public Consultation Letter with Media Release and Consultation Notice attachments was emailed and mailed to 21 lower-tier municipalities and 4 counties in the Source Protection Region, the Chiefs of the two First Nations, and the Chairs of the three neighbouring Source Protection Regions to the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region. Ontario provincial ministry stakeholders and/or implementing bodies for the Source Protection Plan policies were also each sent this information by email.

Two public meetings were held so that landowners and interested members of the public could come and learn about source protection and the Source Protection Plan. Landowners were also given the opportunity to meet with staff to discuss the potential significant drinking water threats that had been identified on their property.

The Amended Source Protection Plan notice and other information was sent also to landowners where significant drinking water threats were identified on their property. Approximately 50 packages were sent to landowners.

The second set of amendments were posted for Public Consultation commencing March 1, 2017 until April 7, 2017 for the new and revised Ripley and Point Clark WHPA. Property owners that were potentially impacted by this amendment were sent an information package including maps of the updated WHPA delineations (over 270 letters sent to landowners). It is important to note that there were no policy changes to the approved Source Protection Plan, however the existing Source Protection Plan policies would now apply to these new vulnerable areas. Information posted on www.waterprotection.ca website included description of amendments, maps and directions for landowners on how to comment.

A public meeting was held on March 9, 2017 in the Social Room at the Ripley Community Centre from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 pm.

In addition the Source Protection Committee also proposed other minor grammatical and wording changes (as defined under Section 51 of the *Clean Water Act, 2006*) for clarifying the intent of the Source Protection Plan. Additional minor amendments were completed based on 12 consultation meetings with affected municipalities conducted between May 2 to May 30, 2016. Written comments from the Risk Management Official for Wellington County municipalities were also received on February 29, 2016. These comments were directed at the need for minor wording changes for better clarity and flexibility in the implementation of certain Risk Management Plan policies. The Appendix of the Explanatory Document provides more details on these minor wording changes.

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Comments on the second amendment were received from Wellington County on April 7, 2017, they are in the Appendix of the Explanatory Document for consideration. These comments supported the need to make minor amendments to Policy 02-05, 04-04, 12-01, 16-01 and 16-02. A new comment was also added for the need to apply consistency in the renewal of Risk Management Plans every 5 years or at the discretion of the Risk Management Official.

Step 16: Finalization of the Amended Source Protection Plan

The Amended Source Protection Plan was prepared, incorporating many of the comments received during Step 14. Comments were received from the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change and the County of Wellington. The Amended Source Protection Plan was approved by the Source Protection Committee at their March 18, 2016 meeting and February 3, 2017 for the subsequent amendments.

Step 17: Source Protection Authority Review and Comment on the Amended Source Protection Plan

The Amended Source Protection Plan documents were forwarded to the three Source Protection Authorities prior to the Source Protection Authority meetings for review and commenting. For the second amendment the Source Protection Plan documents were submitted to the Saugeen Source Protection Authority on May 16th 2017, as the noted amendments were within their Authority area.

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