



**Approved Minutes of the meeting of the  
Quinte Source Protection Committee**

**Date:** February 23, 2023 at 6:30 pm  
**Location:** Hybrid Meeting

**Members Present:**

- Curtis Maracle** (Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte)
- Garnet Thompson** (City of Belleville)
- Gillian Ward** (General Public)
- Heather Lang** (Agriculture)
- Joanne Albert** (Tweed, Centre Hastings and Marmora and Lake)
- Josh Powles** (General – Education)
- Mary Wooding** (MECP Liaison)
- Max Christie** (Chair)
- Mel Plewes** (General – Public urban)
- Phil Norton** (General - Public Rural Non-Farm)
- Sandy Latchford** (Economic – Business)
- Terry Kennedy** (General – Environmental)

**Members Absent:**

- Andrew Landy** (Health Unit Liaison)
- Mike Kirby** (Source Protection Authority Liaison)
- Bryon Keene** (Economic – Business)
- Jack Alexander** (Economic- Small Business)
- Roger Cole** (Town of Deseronto and Greater Napanee)
- Ron Hamilton** (Group 5)
- VACANT** (Agriculture)
- VACANT** (Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte)
- VACANT** (Prince Edward County)

**Also Present:**

- Amy Dickens** (Project Coordinator)
- Natasha Mathieu** (Outreach Lead)
- Meghan Murphy** (Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte)
- Deborah Balika** (Conservation Ontario)

1. **Call to Order**

The Chair, Max Christie, called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

**By consensus, the Quinte Source Protection Committee approved the agenda for the Quinte Source Protection Committee meeting on February 23, 2023.**

3. **Chairs Statement to Guests - Collection of Personal Information for Board Minutes**

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4. **Disclosures of Pecuniary Interests**

No disclosure of pecuniary interests were made.

5. **Approval of the minutes of the Source Protection Committee of January 5, 2023**

The Chair asked for any concerns with the minutes. Staff acknowledged that the January 5, 2023 minutes did not include the Chair's message about the passing of Gary Fox. Staff has amended the meeting minutes to include the message.

With the above changes being made, the item was closed.

**By consensus, the Quinte Source Protection Committee approved the minutes of the January 5, 2023 meeting.**

6. **Matters Arising from Minutes**

There was no discussion.

7. **Action Items of Previous Meeting**

Action Item#1: SPA staff to contact OFA regarding vacant agricultural seat – ongoing

Committee member mentioned contacting the local federation of agriculture groups including Hastings, Prince Edward County, and Lenox and Addington before reaching out to the Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

Action Item#2: SPA staff to fix Well Wise link – complete

Action Item#3: SPA staff to confirm names of Committee, Reports, etc. – complete

Staff confirmed it is the Quinte Source Protection Area, the Quinte Source Protection Authority, and the Quinte Region Source Protection Plan.

8. **Section 36 Policy Presentation**

Staff gave a presentation on section 36 policy changes.

Committee member mentioned that the ministry may review and submit comments to the Committee within a few months.

**By consensus, the Quinte Source Protection Committee approved all amendments to policies in the Quinte Region Source Protection Plan.**

9. **2022 Annual Progress Report**

Staff gave a presentation on annual progress reports for all municipalities within the source protection plan and suggested an overall rating of progressing well.

Septic:

A Committee member asked when the second round of inspections will be completed. Staff explained that different municipalities will complete the second cycle of inspections depending on when the first round was completed and when the resources are available to do the second round.

Committee members asked how the septic systems that required maintenance are being tracked. Staff explained that the systems that required maintenance submitted files stating the maintenance has been completed.

The Chair requested that the Ministry clarify if the 4% of septic systems is annual, or cumulative.

The committee agreed that the septic category be marked as satisfactory.

Change in Behaviour:

A committee member asked how education and outreach, and the number of road sign implementation is measured. Staff clarified that the annual reporting format dictates the percentage of education and outreach programs implemented by municipalities. Staff clarified that the road sign implementation is measured by installing road signs in areas that municipalities and the Ministry of Transportation have agreed upon.

A committee member suggested using qualitative statements instead of numeric metrics for education and outreach, and road sign implementation.

Committee members supported the staff's response on road sign implementation by mentioning there are specific criteria for where road signs can be installed.

A committee member highlighted typographic errors in dates within the document/slideshow for staff to amend.

**By consensus, the Quinte Region Source Protection Committee decided on the progress scores and approved the Annual Progress Report.**

## 10. Best Practices Guidance Report

Staff presented materials developed to promote the Best Practices Guidance within various stakeholder groups.

The Chair shared there are a number of liabilities in water treatment plants concerning the number of unsupervised children, dangers of chemicals, etc.

A Committee member asked if there was a teaching package for the contest and what is the message for teachers. Staff explained a full package was created with messaging, activities, and the contest rules. The overall message was that everyone is responsible for protecting sources of drinking water and there are a number of straightforward activities people can do to ensure clean sources of drinking water for all.

A Committee member asked if it is possible to do a virtual tour. Staff shared yes; that a virtual link exists on the City of Belleville's website. Staff to share the link to the virtual tour with Committee members.

A Committee member suggested the Best Practices Packages be available in municipal buildings where private well owners can pick up water bottles for water testing. Staff agreed and committed to working with municipal partners to achieve this.

A guest from Conservation Ontario applauded the work done for the Best Practices Guidance in the Quinte Region. This work will help staff across the province.

A Committee member supported and applauded the technical work and staff who support and carry out the work, of source water protection in the Quinte Source Protection Area. This Committee member A member expressed concerns that Best Practices work by Quinte SPA was not being given credit when used by others. Staff indicated that the Best Practices Guidance work completed by Quinte SPA was being presented to source protection community across the province and will be shared to all by Conservation Ontario.

Staff concluded that the next steps were to discuss the guidance with local health units.

**By consensus, the Quinte Source Protection Committee received the Best Practices Guidance report.**

## 11. Other Business

Chair thanked the staff for their hard work.

The Chair explained Quinte is forging ahead with the implementation of the Best Practices Guidance, slower than had hoped but making progress. The Chair then asked for committee members to get involved with the best practices working group.

The Chair highlighted the importance of political backing for the initiative.

## 12. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The date and the time of the next meeting will be at the call of the Chair.

13. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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Max Christie, Chair