

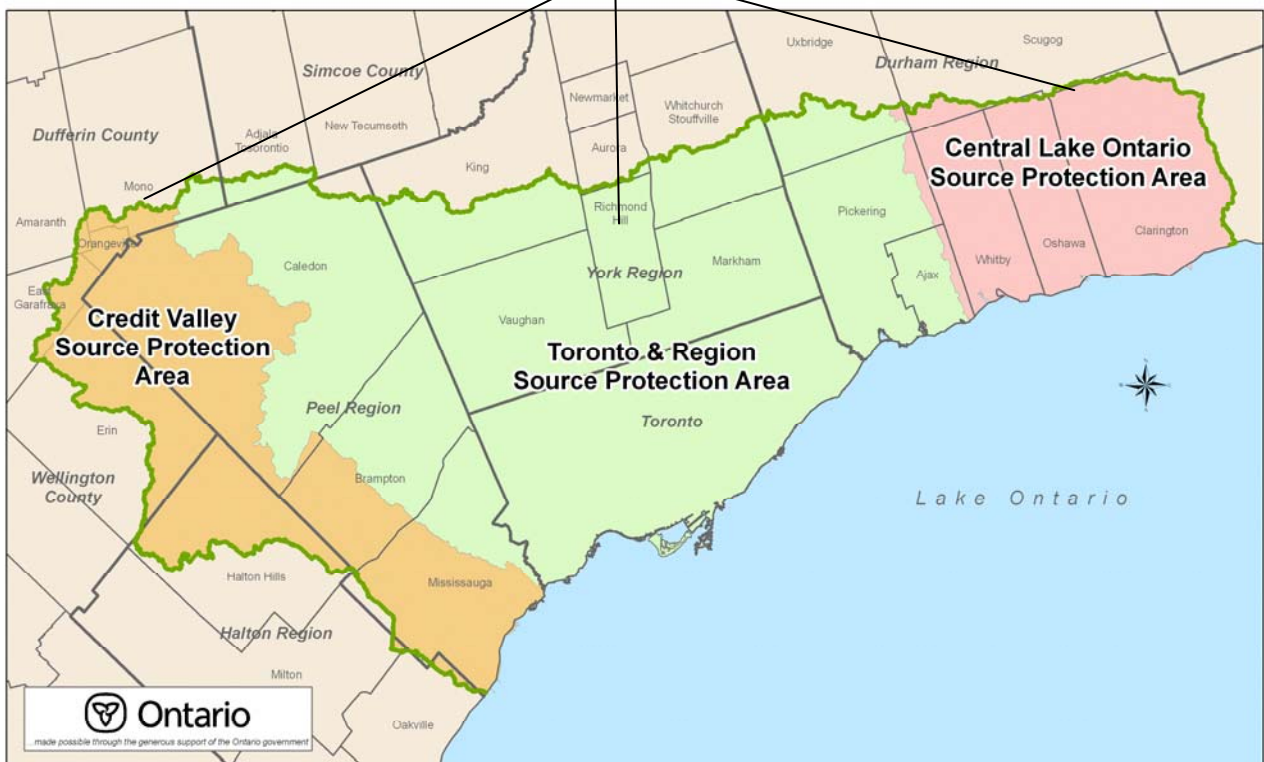


## CTC Source Protection Committee

### ► Functions of the Committee ◀

There will be one source protection committee for the CTC Source Protection Region made up of 21 members and a chair. The CTC Source Protection Committee (SPC) will control the planning process within the three source protection areas in the CTC – Credit Valley, Central Lake Ontario and Toronto and Region.

### CTC Source Protection Committee



The SPC brings together the key stakeholders in each watershed. There will be strong municipal representation on the committee which will also include representatives from agriculture, industry and a range of other stakeholders within the source protection areas. (See “CTC Source Protection Committee, Composition” for more information.)

For each source protection area within the CTC Source Protection Region, the source protection committee will develop three pieces of documentation that will complete the source protection planning process: (1) a terms of reference, (2) an assessment report, and (3) a source protection plan. They are also responsible for ensuring that stakeholders and the public in the watershed(s) are consulted.

Source protection plans will be locally developed and delivered using a science-based approach to protecting municipal drinking water supplies. Through the source protection committee, municipalities will work to identify, assess and address risks to drinking water within their municipal wellhead and intake protection areas. Stakeholders such as local property owners can also participate through working groups, supporting and consulting on the work of the source protection committee.

As the source protection committee develops the source protection plan, it will consult very broadly across each watershed at three key stages — during the preparation of the terms of reference, the assessment report and the source protection plan.

### Terms of Reference

The source protection committee will prepare terms of reference outlining all the steps to be taken to develop and implement a plan to protect drinking water sources. The terms of reference will set out who is responsible for carrying out different activities and will include strategies to consult with potentially affected property owners, to involve the public and to resolve disputes. It will be approved by the Minister of the Environment.

Terms of reference for preparation of the initial source protection plan must be submitted to the Minister of the Environment for approval no later than 14 months after the appointment of the SPC chair.

### Assessment Report

Source protection committees are responsible for overseeing preparation of the assessment report to identify and assess threats (i.e. level of risk) to the quality and quantity of drinking water sources in consultation with all municipalities in the source protection area. This report will provide the scientific and technical foundation to the entire source protection process. The results of the assessment report will serve as the rationale for policies to be established in the source protection plan.

The Ministry of the Environment is providing technical guidance on the work required to complete the assessment report as well as directing what subject areas must be assessed.

The assessment report for each source protection area must be submitted to the Director at the Ministry of the Environment for approval within one year of the approval date for the terms of reference.

## Source Protection Plan

The SPC determines the actions required to address threats to municipal drinking water sources. This process will include broad consultation with municipalities, conservation authorities, property owners, farmers, industry, businesses, community groups, public health officials, and the public to come up with workable, effective solutions.

Significant risks to municipal water supply wells or intakes will require action. Each source protection plan will set out policies on how significant drinking water threats will be reduced or eliminated, who is responsible for taking action, timelines and how progress will be measured.

In the CTC, there are municipal water supplies from both groundwater and surface water sources. All of the surface water supplies are currently based on taking water from Lake Ontario. It is anticipated that the Ministry of the Environment will designate Great Lakes policies which will be included in the source protection plans for each source protection area within the CTC.

Generally, source protection plans will be implemented through existing regulatory requirements or approvals, zoning by-laws, official plan amendments, education or voluntary initiatives. Plans will include monitoring and reporting to measure the effectiveness of the actions taken to protect drinking water sources and ensure they are protected in the future.

The source protection plan for each source protection area is due for submission no later than five years after the date the SPC chair was appointed or five years after the date set according to section 36(1) of the *Clean Water Act*. Implementation is expected to take several years after that. The source protection plan will be subject to review and amendment at a date set by the Minister when approving the plan.

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