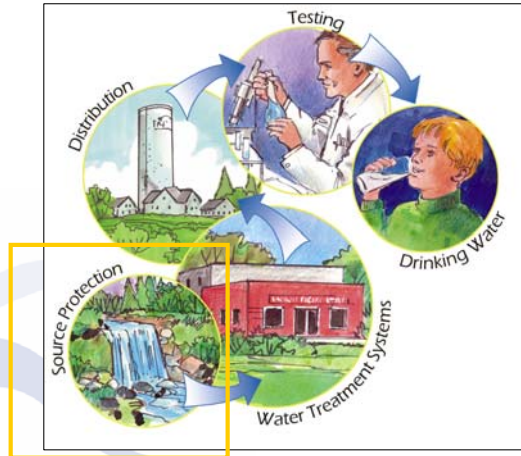


**Source Water Protection
&
The CTC**

October 21, 2008



Clean Water Act, 2006



- The *Clean Water Act, 2006* requires local communities to look at the existing and potential threats to their municipal drinking water and set out and implement the actions necessary to reduce or eliminate significant threats
- Empowers communities to take action to prevent threats from becoming significant
- Requires public participation on every local source protection plan. This means everyone in the community gets a chance to contribute to the planning process
- Requires that all plans and actions are based on sound science

Background

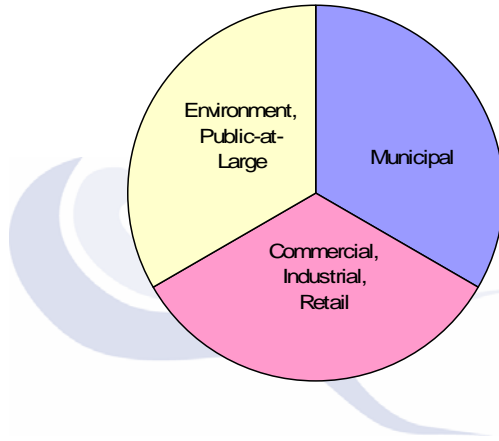
Legislation - Clean Water Act and Regulations

Clean Water Act (Clean Water Act, 2006, S.O. 2006, c. 22)

ONLY MUNICIPAL DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS

Regulation	Topic
O. Reg. 231/07	Service of Documents
O. Reg. 284/07	Source Protection Areas and Regions
O. Reg. 285/07	Time Limits
O. Reg. 296/07	Miscellaneous
O. Reg. 287/07	Terms of Reference
O. Reg. 288/07	Source Protection Committees

CTC Source Protection Committee Composition



- Locally driven process with knowledgeable cross-section of stakeholders
- 21 members plus chair

Key Deliverables

SPC responsible for three key (3) deliverables:	CTC
Terms of Reference	October 20, 2008
Assessment Report	February, 2010*
Source Protection Plan	August 20, 2012
* estimated	

Public Comment



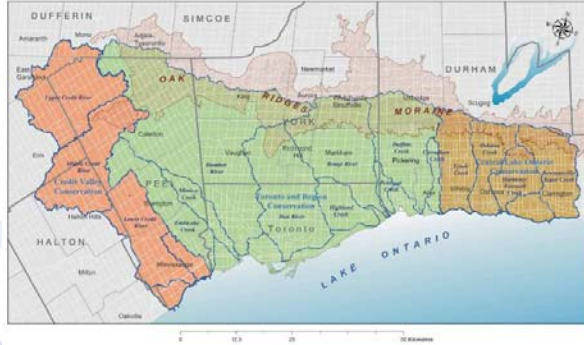
CTC SPC encourages individuals, community groups, municipalities and local organizations to provide feedback on key deliverables

- *Draft Proposed* Terms of Reference were available for public comment from July 18, 2008 to September 21, 2008
- SPC considered all comments received and revised the Terms of Reference before submitting to the Source Protection Authority on October 20, 2008
- The CTC Source Protection Authorities are accepting comments on the *Proposed* Terms of Reference before submitting to the MOE on December 20, 2008

CTC Public Consultations

Seven public meetings:

- Mississauga
- Georgetown
- Town of Mono
- Whitchurch-Stouffville
- Toronto
- Caledon
- Whitby



•As part of our ongoing commitment to public consultation our *Draft Proposed* Terms of Reference were posted online and made available at municipal offices and our seven public meetings.

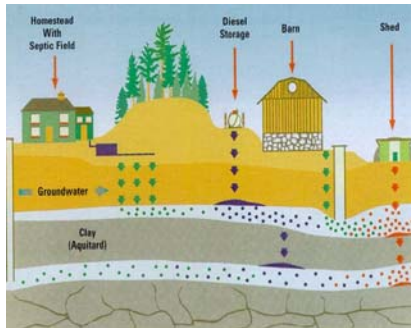
•The CTC region was required to hold 3 meetings, but our Source Protection Committee made the commitment to hold 7 meetings to offer a greater opportunity for public to attend.

•We will continue to hold consultations as we continue with the Source Protection Planning

Early Issues being addressed by the CTC

- During the public comment period the CTC received 137 comments on a range of issues which are beyond the scope of the Source Protection Committee. Recognizing the importance of these issues the CTC considered these comments in revising the Terms of Reference
- Issues include:
 - Compensation
 - Pace
 - Private well supplies

Compensation



- Compensation is a major concern for a number of commenters
- Comments involving compensation include:
 - "...a number of Source Protection Committees have included compensation and I'd like to know what your committee is doing about this?"
 - "... you can understand our fears. And compensation, compensation is just not in the mix at all and that's a scary thought to a farmer, who is right beside the wells and could lose his whole livelihood."

•This image illustrates some of the above ground activities that may require remediation to protect municipal water sources. Currently there is provincial funding for these activities under the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program.

•Providing compensation to those affected by Source Protection Planning is a matter that lies outside of the scope of the Source Protection Committee. However, this issue has been raised a number of times and the CTC SPC feels it is valuable to continue noting the importance of this issue as we move forward

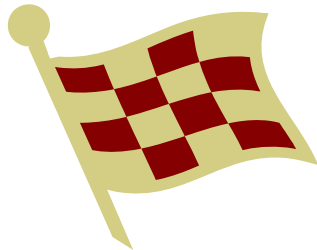
•The actions of the CTC SPC are outlined in Section 1.3 of the *Proposed Terms of Reference*:

- Encouragement to the province to extend the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program beyond 2011

- “Our Committee will raise these issues at the provincial level on behalf of our local stakeholders as we become knowledgeable about the nature of the specific costs and the impacted parties through developing the Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan” - *Excerpt from Section 1.3*

•*Proposed Terms of Reference* include a listing of the public comments to properly reflect the significance of this matter to the Ministry of the Environment

Pace



- The speed (or lack of speed) of Source Protection Planning has been expressed
- Comments regarding the pace of Source Protection Planning included:
 - *"The climate may be changing even faster than we may anticipate. My concern is that the climate may possibly change faster than we can anticipate...How is climate change being factored into the TOR?"*
 - *"...by 2010 we have to meet the new code of practice for animal care. To meet that we need to make a large capital expenditure, before 2010. This is for animal welfare. What do I do, because we are beside a well we don't know if we're going to be able to use that land."*

•While the SPC appreciates this concern we note that the pace of the Source Protection Planning process is controlled by the regulations and timelines provided by the Ministry of the Environment.

•While the Source Protection Committee appreciates this concern, we note that our work is constrained by these regulatory time lines, a number of regulations and guidelines still pending at the provincial level and the length of time required to produce and consider large numbers of technical information with due diligence".

•Noting the importance of ongoing business needs properties within the WHPAs and IPZs will be contacted at the earliest opportunity to discuss potential outcomes of the Source Protection Plan

•Property owners within 100 metres of municipal WHPAs were delivered a notice inviting them to the SPC public meetings to discuss the Draft Terms of Reference and their individual concerns

Private Well Supplies

- *The Clean Water Act, 2006* deals exclusively with municipal residential water supplies
- Public Comments were received which expressed a desire to include private well supplies to these systems



- Municipalities and the Ministry of the Environment are responsible for adding non-municipal water systems
- The CTC have been active in speaking with municipalities to ensure that non-municipal water systems are included within the Terms of Reference as appropriate
- Resolutions have been passed by several CTC municipalities to include non-municipal water system

Terms of Reference – What's Next?

- TOR sent to the respective Source Protection Authority Oct. 20, 2008
- Another 30 day public comment opportunity
- SPA sends to Minister of the Environment for approval by Dec. 22, 2008
- Minister approves – Assessment Reports due 1 year later to MOE Director for approval
- Source Protection Plans due by Aug 2012 for Minister approval

Thank You!



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