

**TO: Chair and Members of the Source Protection Committee
Meeting #3/24, May 30, 2024**

**FROM: Behnam Doulatyari, Senior Manager, Watershed Plans and
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RE: CTC Program Update

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION

THAT the CTC Source Protection Committee receive the staff report CTC Program Update for information.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report includes updates on: proposed changes to the *Planning Act* and Provincial Policy Statement; provincial private water sample testing; upcoming Program Manager’s meeting; Transfer Payment Agreements; CTC Implementation Working Group; and upcoming Committee meeting schedule.

Provincial updates

Proposed *Planning Act* changes

Proposed legislative, regulatory, and policy changes were posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on April 10, 2024. These changes are part of Bill 185, the proposed *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024*. Amongst the related Environmental Registry of Ontario postings are the following:

- “Proposed Regulatory Changes under the *Planning Act* Relating to the *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024* (Bill 185): Removing Barriers for Additional Residential Units” ([ERO# 019-8366](#));
- “Proposed *Planning Act*, *City of Toronto Act, 2006*, and *Municipal Act, 2001* Changes (Schedules 4, 9, and 12 of Bill 185 - the proposed Bill 185, *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024*)” ([ERO# 019-8369](#)); and the,
- “Proposed Changes to Regulations under the *Planning Act* and *Development Charges Act, 1997* Relating to the Bill 185, *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024* (Bill 185): Newspaper Notice Requirements and Consequential Housekeeping Changes” ([ERO# 019-8370](#))

These postings were available for public comment until May 10, 2024. Conservation Ontario’s submission comments are included as correspondence in Agenda Item 9.6.

Proposed Provincial Policy Statements changes

Also on April 10, 2024, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing posted a proposed Provincial Planning Statement on the Environmental Registry of Ontario. This proposal builds on consultations conducted in 2023 ([ERO# 019-6813](#)). New and updated policies are proposed to support increased intensification, scoping protections for employment areas, and promoting a range and mix of housing options. The recent posting ([ERO# 019-8462](#)) was available for public comment until May 12, 2024. Conservation Ontario's submission comments are included as correspondence in Agenda Item 9.7.

Private Water Sampling

At Meeting #2/24, a letter to the Ministers of Health (MOH) and Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) from the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee about potential discontinuance of private drinking water testing was included as correspondence. The CTC SPC requested that a letter of support be submitted from the CTC. Further correspondence on this matter has been included as agenda items 9.3, 9.4, and 9.5.

On April 22, 2024 Health Minister Sylvia Jones stated during Queen's Park question period that the Province would continue to provide free testing for private drinking water wells. To date there has been not been a similar commitment to not reduce the number of provincial health labs that test drinking water samples. With the Committee's support, staff will send an updated supporting letter to the Ministers of Health and Environment, Conservation and Parks and municipalities across CTC Source Protection Region.

Upcoming Program Manager's meeting

Program Managers from Source Protection Regions across Ontario will be meeting on June 3 and 4, 2024 with MECP Conservation and Source Protection Branch staff. Agenda items will include Transfer Payment Agreements, stewardship, updating Source Protection Plan policies with revised Technical Rules, sewage/stormwater permissions, and technical work and amendment guidance.

Transfer Payment Agreement updates

Transfer Payment Agreements are signed agreements between the MECP and lead Source Protection Authorities that provide funding to support Source Protection Authorities in fulfilling their responsibilities under the *Clean Water Act, 2006*, including updating of assessment reports and source protection plans as needed.

Following completion of a required audit of program expenses, staff submitted for the 2022-24 Transfer Payment Agreement final report to the province in early May 2024. CTC staff will be hosting a site visit with MECP staff in June 2024 as part of an information sharing session to review accomplishments, challenges, and lessons learned over the past 2 years.

In response to MECP request, a revision to the initial January 2024 application for a 2024-2027 Transfer Payment Agreement was submitted to the MECP on March 22, 2024. Staff are currently awaiting further information from the Ministry on next steps in finalizing an agreement.

Implementation Working Group updates

A workshop for municipal planners was held on March 28, 2024, led by CTC planning staff, who provided an overview of source water protection. Presentations were also delivered by Durham

Region, City of Toronto, Peel Region, and York Region staff, before concluding with a Q&A session. A follow-up survey indicated interest in further sessions to support implementation. The next session being considered will cover Environmental Compliance Approvals for Consolidated Linear Infrastructure (CLI-ECA).

The CTC Implementation Working Group (IWG) met virtually on May 8, 2024. Discussion included municipal CLI-ECA, the upcoming MECP site visit to Credit Valley Conservation, Section 36 amendment timelines, addressing excess soil in Well-head Protection Areas (see Agenda Item 8.1c), transport pathway policies, and annual reporting policy implementation follow-ups. The next IWG meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2024.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

In accordance with SPC direction provided at meeting #3/22, upcoming SPC meetings are generally scheduled as “hybrid” meetings, hosted at the Credit Valley Conservation head office. An additional meeting is proposed on June 27th as a virtual only meeting as a substitute for the cancelled April 2024 SPC meeting.

Upcoming meeting dates and locations:

- June 27, 2024 1-4 p.m. (virtual only – TEAMS)
- October 23, 2024 1-4 p.m. (hybrid: @ CVC head office & TEAMS)
- December 5, 2024 1-4 p.m. (hybrid: @ CVC head office & TEAMS)

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