



South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region

Severn Sound Source Protection Authority (SPA)
April 18, 2019 meeting

STAFF REPORT

No: 03-19-SS SPA
Date: April 18, 2019
To: Chair and Members of the SS SPA Board of Directors
From: Bill Thompson, Project Manager, South Georgian Bay – Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region

SUBJECT: Source Protection Region Update

RECOMMENDATION:

RESOLVED THAT: Staff Report No. 03-19-SS SPA regarding an update from the South Georgian Bay – Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region be received for information

Purpose of Staff Report

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Source Protection Program, and role of staff and Board.

Background

Under the *Clean Water Act*, the SSEA is one of the Source Protection Authorities within the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region (SGBLS SPR) and works with partner SPAs and the Source Protection Committee to maintain an up-to-date Source Protection Plan, to track progress in its implementation, and to report to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks on an annual basis.

Analysis:

The South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Plan came into force in 2015, and is currently being implemented by municipal and provincial staff. There are three main roles for the SSEA Source Protection Authority Board under the *Act*:

1. Reviewing annual reports on implementation progress before they are submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks. Risk Management

Officials, municipal staff, and provincial staff are required to report on implementation progress to the SPA by Feb 1 of each year. Those reports are summarized across the Source Protection Region, and presented to the Source Protection Committee to seek their opinion on the state of progress in the preceding year. Those reports and the SPC opinion is due to the Director of the Source Protection Programs Branch on May 1 of each year

2. Recruiting members to sit on the Source Protection Committee. The Source Protection Committee plays a critical role in sourcewater protection, in ensuring that policies in source protection plans are both reasonable and effective, and in ensuring that the plan is implemented as intended. Committee members are appointed by Source Protection Authority Boards, and their terms are defined under the Act. Several members of the South Georgian Bay – Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee will have their terms end in 2019, and will either need to be re-appointed or replaced. SSEA is responsible for appointing two municipal representatives from your watershed, and in participating on a selection committee to recruit other members, as necessary.

3. Amend the Source Protection Plan, as required. A new Regulation under the *Safe Drinking Water Act* came into force in July 2018, which requires amendments to the Source Protection Plan before any new (or expanded) municipal drinking water systems can provide water to users. Any amendments to address systems in the Severn Sound watershed are to be approved by the Board, prior to submission to the Ministry

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