



South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region

**Severn Sound Source Protection Authority (SSSPA)
Regular Meeting
April 25th, 2024**

STAFF REPORT

No: 03-24-SSSPA
Date: April 25th, 2024
To: Chair and Members of the SSSPA Board of Directors
From: Melissa Carruthers, Manager Source Water Protection, RMO/RMI
SUBJECT: **Appointment of Severn Sound Municipal Representative to the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee**

APPLICABLE STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Goal 1: Sound Science

- Continue to offer exceptional services as the Source Protection Authority for Severn Sound
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RECOMMENDATION:

RESOLVED THAT: the presentation and Staff Report No. 03-24-SSSPA presented by Melissa Carruthers, Manager Source Water Protection, RMO/RMI regarding the Source Protection Committee be received for information and;

FURTHER THAT: the appointment of Michelle Jakobi to the South Georgian Bay – Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee be approved.

Purpose of Staff Report:

The purpose of this Staff Report No. 03-24-SSSPA is to seek the Source Protection Authority’s approval of appointments of one member to the South Georgian Bay - Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee.

Background:

The Clean Water Act directs all Source Protection Regions to establish a Source Protection Committee, the members of which shall be responsible for developing and monitoring the implementation of a Source Protection Plan. In the case of the South

Georgian Bay – Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region, the committee has been defined as being composed of a Chair, plus 22 members. Furthermore, members are to include one First Nations representative, and seven representatives from the municipal, economic/industrial sectors, and public at large. In the case of Source Protection Regions, the Lakes Simcoe/Couchiching Black River Source Protection Authority (SPA) as the lead SPA is responsible for appointing members to the Source Protection Committee, as well as filling vacancies which may arise.

Currently, there is one vacancy on the South Georgian Bay – Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee for municipal representation from the Severn Sound watershed.

Nominations for municipal representatives on the Source Protection Committee are to be made by municipalities within the Source Protection Area, with municipalities voting if there are more nominations than vacancies. In February 2024, Julie Cayley, SSEA Executive Director, sent a letter to all Severn Sound Source Protection Area municipal CAOs seeking nominations, a process that resulted in the following two nominations:

Brad Sokach – Director of Operations, Township of Georgian Bay

Michelle Jakobi – Director, Environmental Services, Township of Oro-Medonte

An electronic vote was required as the number of nominations exceeded the number of vacancies. The process for voting included circulating the list of nominees to each voting member selected by each municipality, asking each voting member to rank the two nominees in order of most to least preferred, with the top candidate (Michelle Jakobi) being selected as the members to fill the vacancy.

Summary and Recommendation:

Nominations for one municipal sector representative has been received, circulated and voted on with the result being Michelle Jakobi to represent the Severn Sound watershed at the Source Protection Committee.

Severn Sound Source Protection Authority staff recommend approving this appointment.

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Julie Cayley, Executive Director

Source Protection Committee Municipal Replacement

Melissa Carruthers,
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Who is the Source Protection Committee

South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee

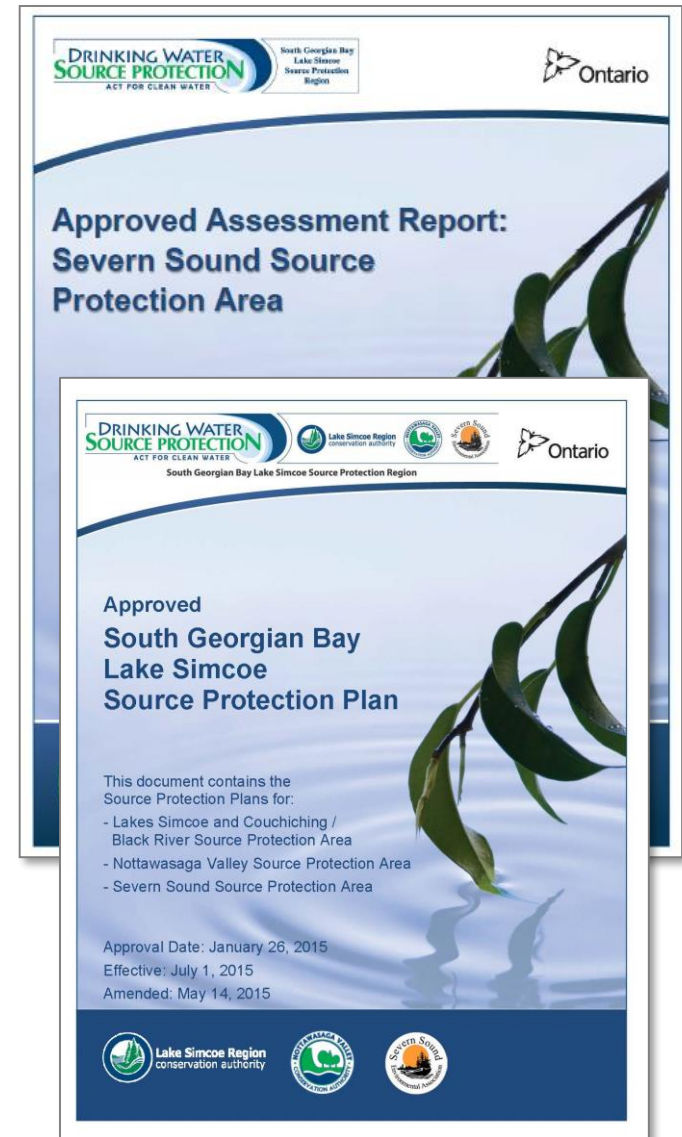
- Multi stakeholder group
- 22 Members plus a chair
 - Chair – Lynn Dollin
 - 1 first nation representative
 - 7 economic representatives
 - 7 public representatives
 - 7 municipal representatives (2 SSEA, 2 NVCA, 3 LSRCA)



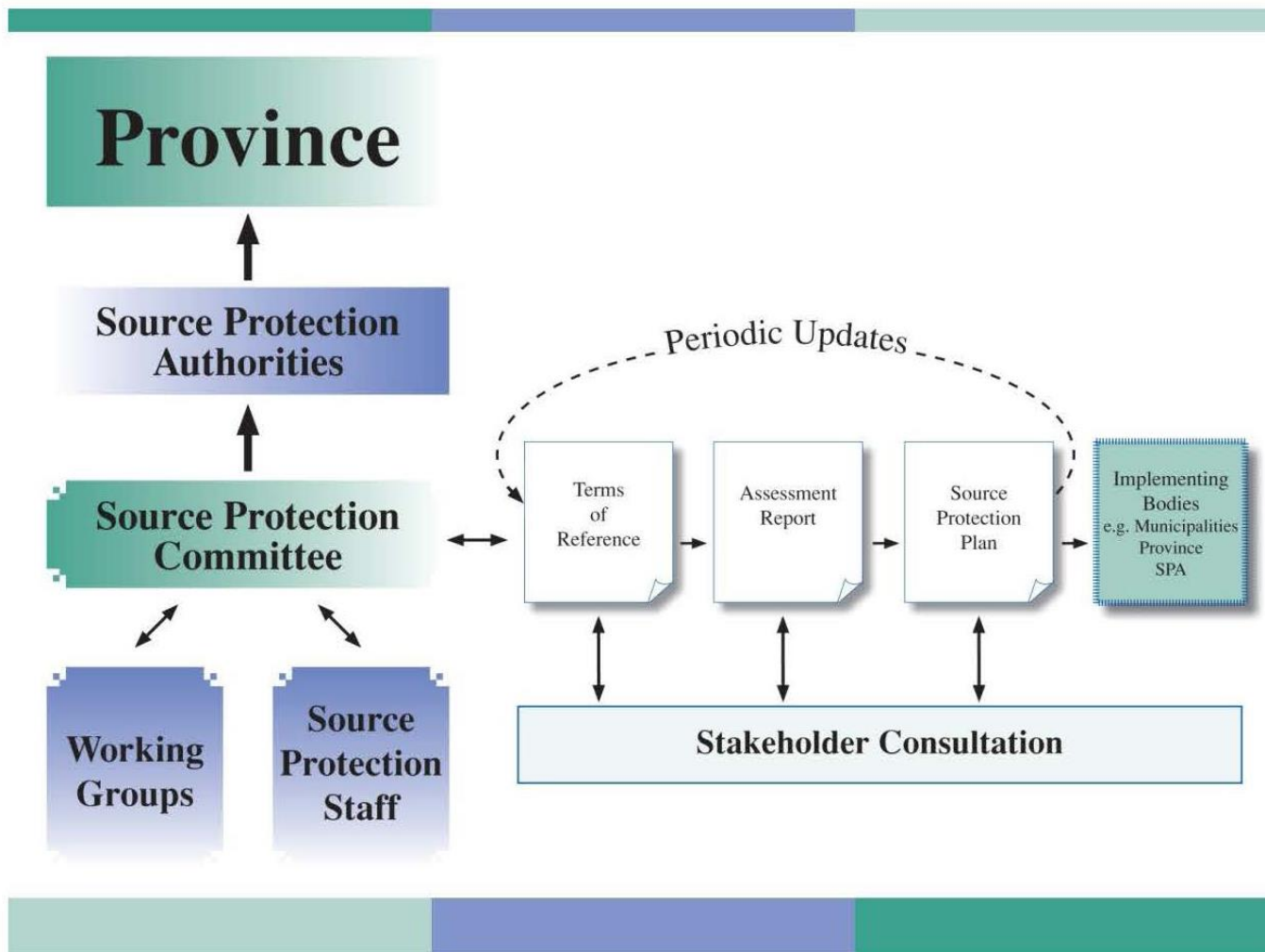
Source Protection Committee (SPC) Role

The SPCs current and past roles include

1. Developing the Terms of Reference
2. Developing/guiding the Technical Assessment Reports
3. Creating the local Source Protection Plan and policies
4. Evaluating the implementation of the Source Protection Plan policies
5. Conducting periodic updates to the Source Protection Plan and Assessment Reports



Key Players



Source Protection Committee Selection Process

- 1 Severn Sound municipal rep has retired
- Letter sent to all SSEA member municipality CAOs – February 2024
- CAOs were asked for nominees
- 2 nominees were put forward
- Electronic vote took place
- Instructions on how to vote and bios of nominees was circulated to municipal selected voting members
- Voting member from each municipality ranked nominees from most preferred to least



Source Protection Committee Selection Results

Nominee's were:

1. Brad Sokach – Director of Operations, Township of Georgian Bay, and
2. Michelle Jakobi – Director, Environmental Services, Township of Oro-Medonte



Commitment

- Represent the Severn Sound watershed from a municipal perspective
- 5 year commitment
- Anticipated meeting approximately 3 times per year in the Barrie area



**A clean glass of water starts
long before you turn on the tap**

Thank you!

Questions?

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