

July 29, 2024

Town of Amherstburg

Town of Essex

Town of Kingsville

Town of LaSalle

Municipality of Leamington

Municipality of Lakeshore

Township of Pelee

Town of Tecumseh

City of Windsor

## **Attention: Municipal Council Clerks (for distribution)**

### **Re: Essex Region Source Protection Committee – Municipal Representation**

As required by the Clean Water Act, 2006, the Essex Region Source Protection Authority (ERSPA) has an established Source Protection Committee (SPC), which follows the guidance of Ontario Regulation 288/07 (O.Reg. 288/07). The SPC is composed of 15 members, including five (5) representatives from the municipal sector. The remaining two-thirds of the SPC are representatives of key industries (e.g. agriculture, greenhouse operations, and fuel suppliers) and members of the public at large.

In 2007, the ERSPA striking committee proposed the following composition of municipal representation on the SPC.

- City of Windsor – 2 members
- Union Water Supply System – 1 member
- Town of Lakeshore – 1 member
- Town of Amherstburg – 1 member

The striking committee felt that those municipalities responsible for the Water Treatment Plants that provide the largest water supplies should have the opportunity to have representation on the SPC. A letter was sent to all Clerks of Member Municipalities on July 30, 2007, to this effect, and this distribution of representation was subsequently endorsed by all municipalities in 2007 and has remained as such. At this time one municipal member has taken a new position and can no longer sit on the SPC in this role, one municipal member has retired, and one municipal member is being re-appointed to the SPC.

In the spring of 2024, the term of appointment for Mayor Dennis Rogers, representing Union Water Supply System (UWSS), came to a close when Mayor Rogers became a member of ERCA's Board of Directors and Source Protection Authority. At the July 17, 2024, UWSS Board meeting, they selected Deputy Mayor Kirk Walstedt as their nominee for representation on the SPC.

Albert Dionne, who has represented the Municipality of Lakeshore retired in 2023. Jason Barlow, Division Leader-Water Management, has been selected by the Municipality of Lakeshore as their new representative on the SPC.

Both Mayor Rogers and Mr. Dionne were valued members of the SPC and will be missed. We look forward to working with the newly selected members.

Antonietta Giofu, Director of Infrastructure Services, has served as the representative on the SPC for the Town of Amherstburg for over a decade, with her current 5-year term expiring in November 2024. Ms. Giofu is a valued and active member of the SPC and we are pleased to re-appoint her for another 5-year term as is allowed under s.9(1.1) of O.Reg 288/07.

Municipal Councils are asked to endorse all municipal candidates prior to their formal appointment by the Essex Region Source Protection Authority as a regular SPC member. In keeping with our previous practices, at this time we are asking that all member Municipalities endorse the following individuals' appointment to the Essex Region Source Protection Committee:

- **Kirk Walstedt, Union Water Supply System**, expected appointment date: October 10, 2024; term of appointment: 5 years
- **Jason Barlow, Municipality of Lakeshore**, expected appointment date: October 10, 2024; term of appointment: 5 years
- **Antonietta Giofu, Town of Amherstburg**, expected appointment date: October 10, 2024; term of appointment: 5 years

Responses in the form of Council Resolutions are kindly requested by **September 30, 2024**. The Essex Region Source Protection Authority is tentatively scheduled to address this matter at their meeting on October 10, 2024.

This letter is sent under separate cover to municipal staff who have been appointed by their municipality to assist with Source Water Protection. Please contact me if you require any further information.

Sincerely,



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