



Saugeen Valley Source Protection Authority

Thursday March 16, 2023, (following SVCA Board meeting)

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Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
3. Approval of Minutes - SPA meeting, October 20, 2022
4. Matters Arising from the Minutes
5. Reports
 - a. Program Report
6. New Business
 - a. Annual Progress Report – 2022
7. Other Business

Adjournment

Saugeen Valley Source Protection Authority Minutes

Meeting #34

Date: Thursday October 20, 2022, 11:00 a.m.
Location: Saugeen Valley Children's Safety Village
Chair: Maureen Couture
Members present: Mark Davis, Barbara Dobreen, Cheryl Grace, Tom Hutchinson, Steve McCabe, Don Murray, Mike Niesen, Diana Rae, Christine Robinson, Bill Stewart
Members absent: Paul Allen, Dan Gieruszak, Dave Myette, Sue Paterson
Others present: Carl Seider, Project Manager, Drinking Water Source Protection
Jennifer Stephens, General Manager/Secretary -Treasurer
Janice Hagan, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

1. Adoption of agenda

It was noted that the agenda contained the incorrect time and location of the meeting and required an amendment.

Motion #SVSPA-22-05

Moved by Christine Robinson

Seconded by Bill Stewart

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

Carried

2. Declaration of conflict of interest

No person declared a conflict of interest relative to any item on the agenda.

3. Adoption of minutes

Motion #SVSPA-22-06

Moved by Don Murray

Seconded by Tom Hutchinson

THAT the minutes of the March 17, 2022, Source Protection Authority meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

4. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

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6. Reports

a. Program Report

Carl Seider presented the program report to the Authority. After discussion the following motion carried:

Motion #SVSPA-22-07

Moved by Barbara Dobreen

Seconded by Bill Stewart

THAT Saugeen Valley Source Protection Authority receives this Program Report 6a for information; and further

THAT the Saugeen Valley Source Protection Authority supports further discussions with the Municipality of Brockton and the residents' groups working to protect Lake Rosalind and Marl Lake as sources of drinking water.

Carried

7. New business

a. Report 7a – Memorandum of Understanding

Carl presented the Memorandum of Understanding Report. He explained that the current agreement between Saugeen Valley Source Protection Authority, Grey Sauble Source Protection Authority and Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Authority had expired on October 3, 2022. A revised agreement has been proposed which addresses recent changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act*. After discussion, the following motion carried:

Motion #SVSPA-21-08

Moved by Tom Hutchinson

Seconded by Diana Rae

THAT the Saugeen Valley Source Protection Authority receives the updated Memorandum of Understanding and directs its Chair and General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer to endorse the Agreement with their respective signatures.

Carried

b. Report 7b – Scott Point – New Well Notice

Drinking Water Source Protection staff have been working with the Municipality of Kincardine to complete modelling data for a new well at Scott Point and have carried out the appropriate threats assessment. Staff are satisfied, based on the data collected, that the technical work has been completed. After discussion the following motion carried:

Motion #SVSPA-21-09

Moved by Steve McCabe

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Seconded by Bill Stewart

THAT the Saugeen Valley Source Protection Authority (SPA) receives Technical Work Report 7b for information; and

FURTHER directs staff to issue a Notice (pursuant to section 48(1.1)(b) of Ontario Regulation 287/07) to the Municipality of Kincardine stating that the SPA is satisfied that the technical work has been completed for the purposes of identifying amendments to the Source Protection Plan for the new Scott Point well.

Carried

8. Other business

There was no other business.

9. Confirmation of next meeting and adjournment

The next meeting is to be scheduled as required.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. on motion of Barbara Dobreen and Don Murray.

Maureen Couture
Chair

Janice Hagan
Recording Secretary

Report To: Chair and Directors, Saugeen Valley Source Protection Authority

From: Carl Seider, Project Manager, Drinking Water Source Protection

Date: March 16, 2023

Subject: Program Report

Purpose: To provide an update on the Drinking Water Source Protection Program

Source Protection Committee Chair Appointment

On February 27, 2023, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) appointed Carl Kuhnke as Chair of the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee

Carl Kuhnke lives in Walkerton with his wife Beth. He retired as CEO of the Walkerton Clean Water Centre (WCWC) in April of 2022. In his time at the WCWC, he led drinking water protection programs and its new First Nations drinking water initiative. Carl also sits on the Brockton Police Services Board and was recently elected Councillor in Brockton.

The Source Protection Authority welcomes Carl in this new role and extends our sincere thanks to Dick Hibma for his service as Interim Chair over the past six months.

Source Protection Committee Representative Appointments

A Notice was issued on December 1, 2022, for the replacement of the Municipal Group 4 Representative on the Source Protection Committee (SPC) previously held by Jim Uram.

Drinking Water Source Protection (DWSP) Staff completed the recruitment process for Municipal Sector Representative for Group 4 municipalities (Blue Mountains, Meaford, Chatsworth, Grey Highlands, and West Grey). DWSP Staff sought the input from the affected municipalities, along with the Source Protection Management Committee and was pleased to receive support in principle for the appointment of Harley Greenfield. Mr. Greenfield was then appointed to the Source Protection Committee (SPC) by the Grey Sauble Source Protection Authority on February 22, 2023.

Harley was elected in 1998 as a Councillor to the municipality of Meaford and previously served the last term as Councillor of the former St. Vincent Township. Since amalgamation, he has served three and a half terms as a Councillor for Meaford, currently in his eighth term as a

Meaford Council member. He has also served on the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) Board for three different terms and was voted Vice-Chair under former GSCA Chair Dick Hibma, serving on the GSCA Source Protection Management Committee during that time.

Staff also issued a Notice on January 30, 2023, for the replacement of representatives for the Agricultural/Commercial Sector and Public/Environmental Sector on the local Source Protection Committee. This Notice was issued to Grey/Bruce County Federations of Agriculture, Grey Agricultural Services, Ontario Farmer as well as a number of individuals recommended by SPC members.

A Management Committee meeting will be held in April 2023 to review the applications received prior to appointment of members by the lead Source Protection Authority.

New Well Updates

Scott's Point - As part of the planned Section 34 amendments to the Source Protection Plan, Staff continue to work with the Municipality of Kincardine and consultants to complete updated modelling work for the proposed new well location at Scott's Point.

A Notice was issued by Saugeen Valley Source Protection Authority (SVSPA), which included work to assess the vulnerability of the new drinking water system as well as the proposed wellhead delineation completed and accepted by SVSPA. This Notice is needed before the owner can apply for a drinking water works permit/license from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Early engagement with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks staff began in January 2023 to review a preliminary report on the Wellhead Protection Area (WHPA) delineation and vulnerability scoring for the new well. Staff also confirmed that since the new WHPA delineation falls completely within the old delineation area and there were no new threats affecting property owners, source protection plan amendments can be completed as part of the other planned Section 34 amendments. The municipality is planning to bring the new well online in the summer/fall of 2023.

Chesley - Staff received an update from the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie regarding the Environmental Assessment process for a new Well #4 in the community. Current plans are to drill a new test well in the spring of 2023 in hopes of finding a suitable location for the production well.

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Carl Seider

Project Manager

Drinking Water Source Protection

Approved By:

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Jennifer Stephens

General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

Report To: Chair and Directors, Saugeen Valley Source Protection Authority

From: Carl Seider, Project Manager, Drinking Water Source Protection

Date: March 16, 2023

Subject: 2022 Annual Progress Report

Purpose: To provide an update on the implementation progress of the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Plan

Recommendation

That the Saugeen Valley Source Protection Authority directs Staff to provide the Source Protection Annual Progress Report - 2022, along with any comments to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks by May 1, 2023.

The Annual Progress Report for the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region covers the period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 and must be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) by May 1, 2023.

This Report highlights the progress of Source Protection Plan implementation, results of municipal monitoring programs, risk management activities, Ministry reporting of prescribed instruments, and reporting requirements for Conservation Authorities under the local Source Protection Plan. This information is acquired from implementing bodies required to submit summary reports to the Saugeen Valley Source Protection Authority by February 1st annually.

The Source Protection Committee (SPC) is required to conduct a formal review of the annual progress report and provide written comments regarding the extent to which the objectives set out in the Source Protection Plan are being achieved.

The following is a summary of the information included in the draft Annual Progress Report:

- On November 7, 2022, the region received Minister's Approval on the section 36 Source Protection Plan amendments made in accordance with the section 36 Order issued when the initial plan was approved. These amendments mark another significant milestone in the source protection plan's implementation and ultimate goal to ensure that activities cease to be, or never become, significant threats to municipal sources of drinking water.

- To-date, 160 out of an estimated 164 Risk Management Plans have been completed across the Region, with the remaining 4 plans in the process of being completed (pending final sign-off). In 2022, DWSP Staff also began 5-year renewals of existing risk management plans, with a total of 38 plans renewed or transferred to new owners/tenants.
- There have been 246 inspections carried out by Risk Management Inspectors for prohibited or regulated activities, with a 100% compliance rate (43 completed in 2022).
- All 21 upper/lower-tier municipalities across the Region have completed or are in the process of completing Official Plan/Zoning By-law updates. Nineteen have fully completed Official Plan updates. Given recent impacts affecting consultation processes due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a few municipalities have extended their Official Plan/Zoning by-law amendments into 2023.
- 99% of septic system inspections have been completed as required under the *Clean Water Act, 2006* and *Building Code Act* within vulnerable areas, with an additional 84 septic systems inspected in 2022 as part of the second round of inspections. An increased number of inspections are scheduled for 2023 as part of the second round of inspections.
- In 2022, detailed reviews were completed by Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks staff for one wastewater/sewage works, and one fuel storage at a drinking water treatment plant with Significant Drinking Water Threats (SDWT) to be managed through an existing Prescribed Instrument. Furthermore, four hauled sewage permits were reviewed but determined to not be Significant Drinking Water Threats (SDWT).
- 100% of the significant drinking water threat policies have been implemented. Of these, 97% have been fully implemented and 3% require no further action.

Attached is a draft copy of the Source Protection Annual Progress Report for review.

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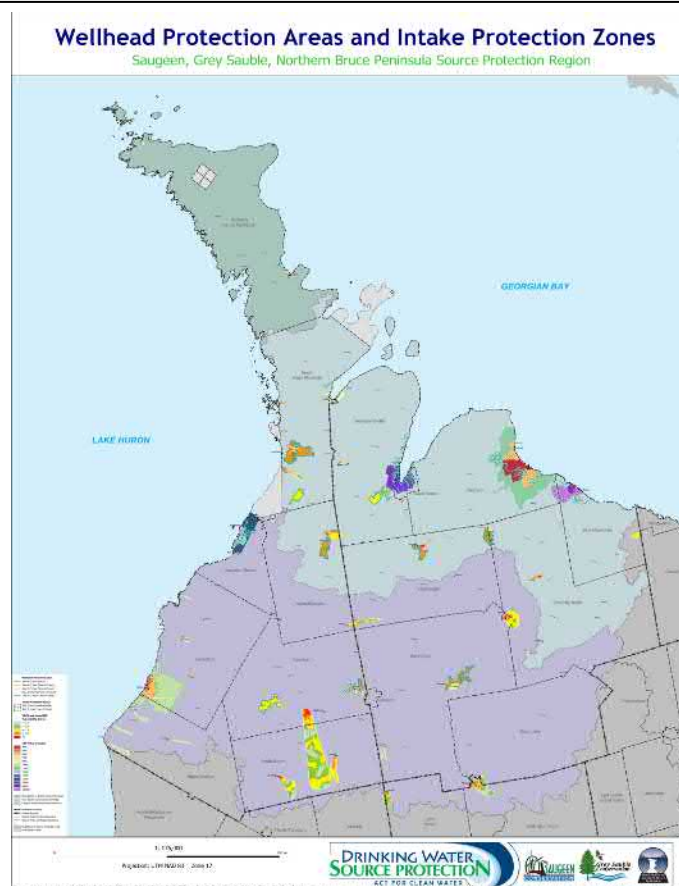
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 General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

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Source Protection Annual Progress Report

I. Introduction

This annual progress report outlines the progress made in implementing our source protection plan for the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region, as required by the Clean Water Act, 2006 and associated regulations. With our Region's Source Protection Plan coming into effect in July of 2016, we have now completed the established 5-year timeline for implementation of our significant drinking water threat policies. Plans are currently underway for the renewal and replacement of Source Protection Committee members over the next couple years as required under the Clean Water Act, 2006. On November 7, 2022, we received Minister's Approval on the Section 36 Source Protection Plan amendments in accordance with the Section 36 Order issued when the initial plan was approved. These Plan amendments addressed recently updated 2021 Technical Rule changes and were in line with previous consultations with municipalities, RMOs and other key stakeholder groups.



II. A message from your local Source Protection Committee

Our progress score on achieving source protection plan objectives this reporting period:

- ☒ **P: Progressing Well/On Target** – The majority of the source protection plan policies have been implemented and/or are progressing.
- ☐ **S: Satisfactory** – Some of the source protection plan policies have been implemented and/or are progressing.
- ☐ **L: Limited progress** – A few of source protection plan policies have been implemented and/or are progressing.

The great progress to date on source protection plan implementation was made possible with the strong support and direct involvement of municipalities, agricultural and industry sectors, as well as other environmental and health related stakeholder groups. While the program has reached a major milestone whereby 100% of significant threat policies have been implemented, there is still a need to ensure that any outstanding municipal plan/by-law amendments or renewal of risk management plans are fully implemented as required under the plan. The recent Minister's Approval on the Section 36 Source Protection Plan amendments marks another significant milestone in the evolution of the source protection plan and ultimate goal to ensure that activities cease to be, or never become significant threats to municipal sources of drinking water. The Minister's letter mentions that future amendments to the plan can be made through locally initiated amendments under Section 34 to address new or expanding drinking water systems, new scientific or technical information, revisions to address implementation challenges, and any other updates deemed necessary to protect the source of drinking water. The Committee strongly advocates for continued provincial funding to protect current and future generations. Without the ongoing provision of financial resources maintained at current levels, the significant progress achieved in the development and implementation of the source protection plan would be greatly diminished.

III. Our Watershed

To learn more, please read our assessment report(s) and source protection plan(s).

The Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region is comprised of three Source Protection Areas. These areas are the Saugeen Valley Source Protection Area, the Grey Sauble Source Protection Area and the Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Area. The Region represents approximately 8400 km² and has approximately 160,000 residents. Our Source Protection Region also includes the Chippewas of Saugeen, who have reserve land outside of Southampton, the Chippewas of Nawash, who have the Neyaashiinigmiing reserve in the Cape Croker area and the Métis Nation of Ontario.

The Saugeen Source Protection Area (Saugeen SPA) is comprised of the watershed that represents the jurisdiction of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority. The Municipality of West Grey is the most populated municipality in this SPA. With the exception of Hanover, each municipality is comprised of settlement areas surrounded by extensive rural areas. The vast majority of the Saugeen SPA averages less than 20 people per km². The lowest population densities occur in the farmlands away from Lake Huron and in the eastern portions of the SPA. Between the 15 municipalities located in this SPA, there are a total of 21 municipal drinking water systems. These systems include the Arran-Elderslie Drinking Water System (DWS), Walkerton DWS, Chepstow DWS, Lake Rosalind DWS, Markdale Well Supply, Hanover Water Treatment Plant, Lakeshore DWS, Village of Ripley Well Supply, Scott Point DWS, Underwood DWS, Tiverton DWS, Armow DWS, Kincardine DWS, Minto Pines Subdivision DWS, Clifford Well Supply, Southampton Water Treatment Plant, Mildmay Well Supply, Teeswater Well Supply, Mount Forest DWS, Durham Well Supply and the Neustadt Well Supply.

The Grey Sauble Source Protection Area (Grey Sauble SPA) is comprised of the watershed that represents the jurisdiction of the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority. The City of Owen Sound is the most populated municipality in the Grey Sauble SPA, where there are more than 880 people per km². Similar concentrations can be found in the larger urban centres such as Markdale, Meaford and Thornbury. That being said, the vast majority of the Grey Sauble SPA averages less than 20 people per km². Between the 8 municipalities located in this SPA, there are a total of 15 municipal drinking water systems. These systems include the Tara Drinking Water System (DWS), Thornbury DWS, Chatsworth DWS, Walters Falls DWS, Pottawatomi Village Water Treatment Plant, Shallow Lake Water Treatment Plant, East Linton Water Treatment Plant, Kimberly-Amik-Talisman Well Supply, Meaford PUC Water Treatment Plant, R.H. Neath Water Treatment Plant, Amabel-Sauble DWS, Foreman Water Works, Huron Woods Water Supply Works, Oliphant Water System and the Wiarton Water Treatment Plant.

The Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Area (NBP SPA) is comprised of the area that falls under the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula, with the exception of some small areas along the bottom portion of the municipality that are covered under the Grey Sauble SPA. Lion's Head and Tobermory are the largest settlement areas in the NBP SPA. There are extensive rural areas and cottage developments on the Lake Huron and Georgian Bay shorelines and some inland lakes, with an average of five people per km². Within this SPA, there are two drinking water systems, these are the Tobermory Community Centre/ Fire Hall/ Municipal Concession Stand, and the Lion's Head Water Treatment Plant.

IV. At a Glance: Progress on Source Protection Plan Implementation

1. Source Protection Plan Policies and Addressing Significant Risks

P: Progressing Well/On Target

The Source Protection Plan is comprised of 62 policies that address significant drinking water threats directly, and 57 policies that address other areas such as the general, transport pathways and monitoring policies. 100% of the policies that address significant drinking water threats are implemented, or have been evaluated and determined that no further action is required. Of these, 97% of the policies have been fully implemented, and 3% require no further action, which includes Policy 02-06 Building Code Changes Related to On-site Sewage Systems (addressed through existing Building Code requirements) and Policy 06-02 NASM Plan Approvals (was directed at OMAFRA instead of MECP environmental compliance approvals).

Of the policies not specifically associated with significant drinking water risks, only one policy has not been fully implemented - G-04 Amend Official Plan and Zoning By-Law, as there remains a couple municipalities that have yet to complete their amendments. These amendments are underway, but were delayed due to pandemic restrictions which affected public consultations efforts.

2. Municipal Progress: Addressing Risks on the Ground

The Region contains almost the full extents of Grey County and Bruce County, as well as small portions of the Counties of Wellington and Huron. There are 25 municipalities (including upper-, lower, and single-tier), within our source protection region, 21 of which have vulnerable areas where significant drinking water threat policies apply.

P: Progressing Well/ On Target

100% of the municipalities in our source protection region have processes in place to ensure that their day-to-day planning decisions conform with our source protection plans.

Municipalities in our source protection region are also required to take the next step to review and update their Official Plans and Zoning By-Laws, where applicable, to ensure that they conform with the local source protection plans. This is to be done the next time they undertake an Official Plan review under the Planning Act. Of the 21 municipalities required to complete the Official Plan conformity exercise, 100% have amended or are in the process of amending their Official Plans (19 fully implemented and 2 in-progress). Of the 17 municipalities required to complete the Zoning by-law conformity exercise, 100% have amended or are in the process of amending their Zoning by-laws. Staff have been working with municipalities to ensure that all required Official Plan and Zoning by-law amendments are completed in a timely manner. Due to recent impacts affecting consultation processes due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a few municipalities have extended their Official Plan/ Zoning by-law amendments into 2023.

3. Septic Inspections

P: Progressing Well/On Target

99% of on-site sewage systems have been inspected in accordance with the Ontario Building Code. Inspection results have found that the majority (98%) are functioning as designed or carrying out required pump-outs. 2% of the systems required major maintenance, which have been addressed. These included replacement of tank covers and tank replacements.

All municipalities within our source protection region are aware of the requirements to implement a mandatory on-site sewage maintenance inspection program within vulnerable source protection areas as specified under the Building Code (Ontario Regulation 332/12 under the Building Code Act). Septics are required to be inspected once every 5 years within vulnerable source protection areas.

An additional 84 septic systems were inspected in 2022 as part of the 2nd round of septic inspections. An increasing number of inspections are scheduled for 2023 as part of the 2nd round.

4. Risk Management Plans

P: Progressing Well/On Target

As of December 31, 2022, 160 risk management plans were established in our source protection region. An estimated total of 164 risk management plans are required across the Region, with the remaining 4 plans in the process of being completed (pending final sign-off). In 2022, staff also began 5-year renewals of existing risk management plans, with a total of 38 plans renewed or transferred to new owners/tenants. In 2023, it is anticipated that there will be an increase in the total number of RMPs required to address amendments for salt storage and handling threats.

There have been 246 inspections carried out by a Risk Management Inspectors for prohibited or regulated activities. There is a 100% compliance rate with the risk management plans established in our source protection region.

5. Provincial Progress: Addressing Risks on the Ground

P: Progressing Well/ On Target

Ontario ministries are reviewing previously issued provincial approvals (i.e., prescribed instruments, such as environmental compliance approvals under the Environmental Protection Act) where they have been identified as a tool in our plan to address existing activities that pose a significant risk to sources of drinking water. The provincial approvals are being amended or revoked where necessary to conform with plan policies. Our policies set out a timeline of 3 years to complete the review and make any necessary changes.

The ministries have completed this for 100% of previously issued provincial approvals in our source protection region. This detailed review included 37 of drinking water licenses and drinking water works permits, 11 Nutrient Management Strategies and Non-Agricultural Source Material Plans, 1 waste disposal site, 42 hauled sewage permits, and 10 sewage works/wastewater.

Since 2016, a detailed review of 3 waste disposal sites was completed, 12 hauled sewage permits and 1 Water Taking Permit, which were all determined not to be a significant drinking water threat (SDWT). Also, 18 wastewater/sewage works were reviewed with 10 identified as not a SDWT and 8 as a SDWT, where no additional conditions were needed. Also, 13 Nutrients Management Strategies (NMS) and Non-Agricultural Source Material (NASM) Plans were identified for review, 8 were determined not to be SDWT, with 4 NMS and 1 NASM Plan identified as a SDWT.

In 2022 detailed reviews were completed for 1 wastewater/sewage works, and 1 fuel storage at a drinking water plant with SDWT to be managed through an existing Prescribed Instrument. Furthermore, 4 hauled sewage permits were reviewed but determined to not be a SDWT.

6. Source Protection Awareness and Change in Behaviour

There are a total of 152 Drinking Water Protection Zone signs that have been installed in our source protection region. 138 signs were installed by Municipalities and Counties, as well as 14 by the Ministry of Transportation on provincial highways.

The installation of these road signs have greatly increased public awareness of source protection zones across the region and have resulted in increased communications from the public regarding clarification on source protections areas and related source protection policies. They have also increased notifications of potential activities that could affect vulnerable source water protection areas.

Additionally, the risk management process has greatly increased awareness across the region. Through direct interactions with affected landowners, understanding of the program is growing along with an understanding of the need to protect drinking water sources.

7. Source Protection Plan Policies: Summary of Delays

Not applicable to our source protection region/area.

8. Source Water Quality: Monitoring and Actions

In our source protection region/area, no issues have been identified in our local science-based assessment reports regarding the quality of the sources of municipal drinking water.

Under monitoring policy M-29 the municipality of Brockton continues to monitor nitrate levels for wells 7 and 9. Results of this monitoring have shown that nitrate levels have decreased and continue to decrease below the Maximum Allowable Concentration of 10 mg/L as per O. Reg. 169/03: Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards (ODWQS).

As part of the proposed Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) Phase 2 Technical Rules review of salt application threat circumstances, staff conducted a preliminary review of an additional 12 drinking water systems where salt application threats could apply (in addition to the Durham and Mount Forest Wells). Of these, 8 systems measured sodium levels above the aesthetic standard for sodium (greater than 20 mg/L). As part of the approved Sec.36 Source Protection Plan amendments in 2022, salt application/storage threat policies would now apply to additional areas.

9. Science-based Assessment Reports: Work Plans

In 2022 staff participated in meetings with the municipality of Brockton and the Lake Rosalind/Marl Lake Cottagers Association to discuss local studies showing high E.coli and Total Coliform results for raw water samples in the lakes and nearby streams. As part of proposed Sec.34 Source Protection Plan review and 2021 Technical Rule changes, staff reviewed WHPA-E delineation and vulnerability scores associated with unique soil and drainage conditions around these lakes. The Lake Rosalind WHPA-E zone surrounds the lakes which would enable an amendment to septic policies to apply to Moderate/Low risk threats in these areas.

With respect to Technical Rule 30.1, a Tier 3 Water Budget was completed for the Lake Rosalind and Ruhl Lake systems in the municipality of Brockton. There was sufficient information available to complete the Tier 3 Water Budget and resulting WHPA-Q protection zone for the Lake Rosalind drinking water system.

10. More from the Watershed

To learn more about our source protection region/area, visit our website at:

Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula

In 2022 staff engaged with municipal staff, councils and landowners across the Region. Through council meetings, site visits, risk management related activities and public events, there were many opportunities to assess source protection plan implementation successes and challenges including policy effectiveness. This public engagement was key to completion of the proposed Sec.36 amendments to the local Source Protection Plan.

Support materials supplied by Conservation Ontario have resulted in increased engagement on social media platforms. Visit the link below to learn more:

<https://conservationontario.ca/conservation-authorities/source-water-protection/>