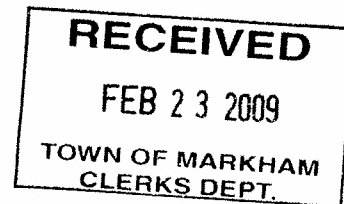


February 19, 2009

Ms. Kimberley Kitteringham
Town Clerk
Town of Markham
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham, Ontario
L3R 9W3



Dear Ms. Kitteringham:

**Re: Replacement of Municipal Representative for the Credit Valley
Toronto Region and Central Lake Ontario Region
Source Protection Committee as Required by the Clean Water Act**

Regional Council, at its meeting held on Thursday, February 19, 2009, adopted the following recommendations of the Transportation and Works Committee regarding the report entitled "Replacement of Municipal Representative for the Credit Valley, Toronto Region and Central Lake Ontario Region Source Protection Committee as Required by the Clean Water Act":

1. Regional Council appoint Laura McDowell as the municipal representative for York Region and its constituent local municipalities within the source protection area on the Credit Valley, Toronto Region and Central Lake Ontario Region Source Protection Committee.
2. The Regional Clerk forward a copy of this report to the Clerks of the local municipalities of King Township, Town of Markham, Town of Richmond Hill, City of Vaughan, Town of Aurora and Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, and the Credit Valley, Toronto Region and Central Lake Ontario Region Source Protection Authorities.
3. Regional Council request that the local municipalities of King Township, Town of Markham, Town of Richmond Hill, City of Vaughan, Town of Aurora and Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, endorse the appointment of Laura McDowell as the applicable municipal representative on the Credit Valley, Toronto Region and Central Lake Ontario Region Source Protection Committee.

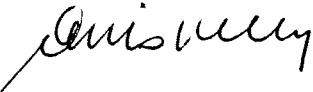
Please forward your endorsement of the appointment of Laura McDowell as the Municipal representative for York Region and its constituent local municipalities on the Credit Valley, Toronto Region and Central Lake Ontario Region Source Protection Committee (CTC SPC) to Brian Denney, Chief Administrative Officer, Toronto and Region Source Protection Authority, 5 Shoreham Drive, Downsview, ON M3N 1S4. Nominations can also be faxed to (416) 661-6898 or emailed to sourcewater@trca.on.ca.

Please ensure a copy of your endorsement for each committee is also forwarded to Barbara Bridle, Committee Coordinator, Regional Clerk's Office, The Regional Municipality of York, 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1 or by fax to (905) 895-3031.

A copy of Clause No. 2, Report No. 2 of the Transportation and Works Committee, is enclosed for your information.

Please contact Laura McDowell, Director of Environmental Promotion and Protection, 905-830-4444, ext. 5077, if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denis Kelly", written over a horizontal line.

Denis Kelly
Regional Clerk

B. Bridle
Attachment

Copy to: Commissioner of Environmental Services

Clause No. 2 in Report No. 2 of the Transportation and Works Committee was adopted, without amendment, by the Council of The Regional Municipality of York at its meeting on February 19, 2009.

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REPLACEMENT OF MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE CREDIT VALLEY, TORONTO REGION AND CENTRAL LAKE ONTARIO REGION SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE AS REQUIRED BY THE CLEAN WATER ACT

The Transportation and Works Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report dated January 21, 2009, from the Commissioner of Environmental Services.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. Regional Council appoint Laura McDowell as the municipal representative for York Region and its constituent local municipalities within the source protection area on the Credit Valley, Toronto Region and Central Lake Ontario Region Source Protection Committee.
2. The Regional Clerk forward a copy of this report to the Clerks of the local municipalities of King Township, Town of Markham, Town of Richmond Hill, City of Vaughan, Town of Aurora and Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, and the Credit Valley, Toronto Region and Central Lake Ontario Region Source Protection Authorities.
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2. PURPOSE

This report requests Regional Council's endorsement for replacement of the municipal representative for York Region and its constituent local municipalities within the source protection area on the Credit Valley, Toronto Region and Central Lake Ontario Region Source Protection Committee, as requested by the Source Protection Authority, in order to comply with the *Clean Water Act*.

3. BACKGROUND

On July 3, 2007, the *Clean Water Act* came into force along with five regulations. The purpose of the Act is to provide a framework to protect water at its source, as a first step in ensuring a safe drinking water supplies across the Province. Entities responsible for creation of these plans are Source Protection Authorities, which are conglomerates of existing Conservation Authorities around the Province. Under the Act, the various source protection authorities are required to establish Source Protection Committees (O. Reg. 288/07) for the purpose of preparing the terms of reference, assessment reports, and the source protection plans for each source protection area.

There are two Source Protection Committees in York Region because the Region straddles two source protection areas, the Credit Valley, Toronto and Region, and Central Lake Ontario Source Protection Area, and the South Georgian Bay-Lake Simcoe Source Protection Area.

Membership for the Credit Valley, Toronto Region and Central Lake Ontario Region Source Protection Committee is limited to 22 members with one-third representation by the municipal sector (seven seats). In consultation with municipalities, the lead Source Protection Authorities appointed the seats to those municipalities responsible under section 11 of the *Ontario Municipal Act 2001* for water protection, treatment and storage. York Region has this legislated responsibility and it was suitable to the local municipalities that a Regional representative be appointed to reflect our local and Regional needs.

Nominations for York Region staff to represent the municipal sector for the two Source Protection Committees were first adopted by Regional Council on September 27, 2007 as noted in Clause 6 of Report No 7 of the Transportation and Works Committee. The appointment of replacements for the original representatives for York Region and its local municipalities were adopted on March 27, 2008 as noted in Clause 4 of Report No 3 of the Transportation and Works Committee. Members are expected to attend meetings of the committee, act as liaison by bringing forward concerns in their sector, assist in communicating the committee's work, attend public consultation and make decisions at the committee table.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

Representative on the Credit Valley, Toronto Region and Central Lake Ontario Region Source Protection Committee needs to be replaced

Neil Garbe, Executive Director, Strategic Initiatives and Administration of the Chief Administrator Office, was the previously endorsed member. Since his nomination, he is no longer employed by the Region and has decided to resign from this Committee.

To continue to meet our legislative obligations under the *Clean Water Act*, this vacancy must be filled quickly as the Source Protection Committee has stringent deadlines and is moving ahead with their responsibilities. Through Regional Council endorsement, the newly appointed York Region member can vote on Committee resolutions, thereby continuing to voice and represent the Region and local municipality's interests.

Laura McDowell is recommended as the York Region and local municipalities representative for the Credit Valley Toronto Region Central Lake Ontario Source Protection Committee

It is proposed that Laura McDowell, Director, Environmental Promotion and Protection, Environmental Services, represent the interests of York Region and its constituent local municipalities within the source protection area on the Credit Valley Toronto Region Central Lake Ontario Source Protection Committee.

This candidate meets the qualifications prescribed by the regulations and recommendations by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment. She is also well positioned to keep the local municipalities informed as the work of the Source Protection Committee progresses.

Relationship to Vision 2026

Participation in source protection committees, and development of source protection plans, furthers the Region's desire to enhance sustainable development principles in Vision 2026 and the Regional Official Plan.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Completion of the source protection plans is a legislative requirement and will potentially have financial impacts on the Region and the local municipalities. Through active and thorough involvement and representation, the Region, in cooperation with local staff participation, can ensure that any financial implications are warranted and to the benefit of our communities, the environment and regional sustainability.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

Regional staff continue to maintain contact and communications with our local municipalities to support the exchange of dialogue regarding the progress of the Source Protection Committees. This regular communication will assist the Source Protection member in addressing any local concerns and comments from all interested parties.

7. CONCLUSION

The *Clean Water Act* and associated Regulations came into force on July 3, 2007. There are two Source Protection Committees in York Region, and the Region has one representative seat on each Committee. The Province has established aggressive timelines for deliverables from Source Protection Committees. The ability to have continuous representation on the Source Protection Committees will ensure the Region and local municipal interests are considered throughout the Source Protection process.

For more information on this report, please contact Laura McDowell, Director Environmental Promotion and Protection, at Extension 5077.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.