



REPORT TO COUNTY COUNCIL

FROM: Brian Lima, General Manager of
Engineering, Planning, & Enterprise / Deputy CAO

DATE: April 12, 2021

SUBJECT: Thames Sydenham Source Water
Protection Committee

RECOMMENDATION:

That Mr. Brent Clutterbuck, Drainage Superintendent for the Township of Southwold, be jointly reappointed to the Thames-Sydenham and Region Source Protection Committee on behalf of the County of Elgin, and subject to acceptance by the County of Essex and Municipality of Chatham-Kent.

INTRODUCTION:

The Clean Water Act provides for communities to protect drinking water supplies by developing watershed-based source protection plans and establishing committees to guide and monitor the source protection plans. The Thames-Sydenham and Region Source Protection Region covers a significant portion of the County.

The Clean Water Act and the associated Regulations require that 1/3 of the membership of the Thames-Sydenham and Region Source Protection Committee be comprised of municipal representatives. The Regulation allows for the grouping of municipalities to appoint one representative and the County of Elgin has been grouped together.

This report recommends that Mr. Brent Clutterbuck, Drainage Superintendent for the Township of Southwold, be jointly reappointed to the Thames-Sydenham and Region Source Protection Committee on behalf of the County of Elgin, County of Essex and Municipality of Chatham-Kent.



DISCUSSION:

Currently, the County municipalities of West Elgin, Dutton Dunwich and Southwold, along with the County of Essex and Municipality of Chatham-Kent jointly relies upon the technical expertise of Mr. Brent Clutterbuck, Drainage Superintendent for the Township of Southwold, to represent said municipalities on the Thames-Sydenham and Region Source Protection Committee

The Clean Water Act regulations require that the seats on the Source Protection Committee come up for re-appointment on a scheduled basis, which has been determined to be every 4 years. This appointment process requires Elgin, Essex and Chatham-Kent to nominate someone for the seat. The municipalities represented by this seat may choose to jointly nominate one name for the seat, or they may each wish to put a name forward. If more than one name is submitted the Source Protection Authorities (the Conservation Authorities by way of a Striking Committee) will interview candidates and determine which candidate will be offered a seat on the Source Protection Committee. If only one candidate is nominated by all representing municipalities then that individual will be directly appointed.

Although the County is responsible for nominating someone to sit on the Thames-Sydenham and Region Source Protection Committee, the municipal drinking water systems are a local municipal responsibility. Further, Elgin County's three-member municipalities (West Elgin, Dutton Dunwich, and Southwold) that reside within the Thames-Sydenham and Region Source Protection Region operate municipal drinking water systems that rely entirely on surface water supply sources.

The CAOs of Elgin County member municipalities have agreed that Mr. Brent Clutterbuck, Drainage Superintendent for the Township of Southwold, would is the appropriate staff person to take on this role.

Mr. Brent Clutterbuck's current term for the Joint Elgin, Essex and Chatham-Kent seat on the Thames-Sydenham & Region Source Protection Committee is set to expire on June 1, 2021. As such, his reappointment to the Committee seat, if jointly supported by Essex and Chatham-Kent, is for a new 4-year term that will begin on June 1, 2021 and expire on June 1, 2025.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None



ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Serving Elgin	Growing Elgin	Investing in Elgin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ensuring alignment of current programs and services with community need. <input type="checkbox"/> Exploring different ways of addressing community need. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engaging with our community and other stakeholders.	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning for and facilitating commercial, industrial, residential, and agricultural growth. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fostering a healthy environment. <input type="checkbox"/> Enhancing quality of place.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ensuring we have the necessary tools, resources, and infrastructure to deliver programs and services now and in the future. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delivering mandated programs and services efficiently and effectively.

LOCAL MUNICIPAL PARTNER IMPACT:

None

COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS:

This report will be circulated to all member municipal partners.

CONCLUSION:

The current term for the Joint Elgin, Essex and Chatham-Kent seat on the Thames-Sydenham & Region Source Protection Committee filled by Mr. Brent Clutterbuck, Drainage Superintendent for the Township of Southwold is set to expire on June 1, 2021.

With the support of Elgin County member municipalities CAOs, and subject to acceptance from the County of Essex and Municipality of Chatham-Kent, Mr. Brent Clutterbuck, Drainage Superintendent for the Township of Southwold, is recommended to be jointly re-appointed for the new 4-year term that will begin on June 1, 2021 and expire on June 1, 2025.



All of which is Respectfully Submitted

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Approved for Submission

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