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REPORT TO: Public Works Committee
MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 29, 2016
SUBJECT: Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee Representation

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The recommendation for Niagara Region to accept the proposed representative structure put forth by the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee **BE APPROVED.**
2. The nomination for the City of Hamilton to represent Niagara Region on the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee **BE APPROVED.**

KEY FACTS

- The "Source Protection Committee" regulation, O.Reg. 288/07 under the Clean Water Act, was recently amended to provide flexibility in regards to the structure of source protection committees.
- Approximately 1.4 km² of land within the jurisdiction of the Town of Grimsby lays within the Hamilton Conservation Authority watersheds and, as such, the Town of Grimsby and Niagara Region are to be represented on the local source protection committee.
- The Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee (Committee) is proposing that one representative serve the interests of the City of Hamilton, Town of Grimsby and Niagara Region.
- The Niagara Peninsula Source Protection area and related Niagara Peninsula Source Protection Committee are independent from the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Region and Committee and remain unchanged.

CONSIDERATIONS

Financial

There are no financial implications related to this report.

Corporate

There is little impact on Niagara Region staff or resources as policies contained within the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Plan do not apply to lands within Niagara Region boundaries. Staff resources will include corresponding with the City of Hamilton Representative for information or updates that affect Niagara Region. Any changes to

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the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Plan are subject to public consultation through the Environmental Registry under the Environmental Bill of Rights.

Governmental Partners

The City of Hamilton, Town of Grimsby, Niagara Region and Conservation Halton have coordinated efforts to ensure consensus prior to seeking individual Council approval.

Public and/or Service Users

There is little to no impact on the public as policies contained within the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Plan do not apply to lands within the boundaries of Niagara Region. The public is able to stay informed on status and changes to the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Plan through the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Region website <http://www.protectingwater.ca/>. Any changes to the Source Protection Plan are subject to public consultation through the Environmental Registry under the Environmental Bill of Rights.

ANALYSIS

Approximately 1.4 km² of land within the jurisdiction of the Town of Grimsby lies within the Hamilton Conservation Authority watersheds and, as such, the Town of Grimsby and Niagara Region are to be represented on the local source protection committee. There are zero (0) source protection policies that affect the above mentioned land area.

The "Source Protection Committee" regulation, O.Reg. 288/07 under the Clean Water Act has recently been amended to allow source protection authorities greater flexibility in regards to committee structure in an effort to meet local needs more effectively. The Committee is currently comprised of 15 members plus a chair with the City of Hamilton having two (2) representatives. The Committee is proposing to reduce the committee size to nine (9) members plus a chair. To simplify the committee structure, three (3) municipal groups with one representative each have been proposed:

- City of Hamilton, Town of Grimsby, Niagara Region;
- Regions of Halton and Peel, Cities of Burlington and Mississauga, and Towns of Milton, Oakville and Halton Hills; and
- County of Wellington and Township of Puslinch.

The City of Hamilton has expressed interest in representing the municipal group that impacts Niagara Region as the source protection committee member. Niagara Region staff is recommending support for the proposed municipal groupings and nomination of the City of Hamilton representative to act on Niagara Region's behalf.

Impacts to Niagara Region resulting from Committee decisions will be provided through correspondence between Niagara Region staff and the City of Hamilton Representative. Additional information can be found on the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Region

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ALTERNATIVES REVIEWED

Alternates reviewed include not consenting to the proposed recommendations. This is unfavorable as it would not permit the Committee to proceed with their desired modification.

ORIGIN OF REPORT

The contents for approval in this report have been brought forward by staff as requested by the Committee.

OTHER PERTINENT REPORTS

n/a

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APPENDICES

Appendix I Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Region Map

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