



June 6th, 2012

The Honourable James J. Bradley
 Minister of the Environment
 77 Wellesley Street West
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Dear Sir:

RE: SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

At a meeting held on June 4, 2012, the Council of the Town of Minto approved the following Resolution # 140-12:

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario initiated the Source Water Protection Program in 2007 with a view to developing policies to protect sources of drinking water and since then economic and regulatory conditions have changed considerably;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have implemented extensive changes to water treatment processes from top to bottom through the Drinking Water Quality Management System to ensure a consistent and safe water supply for all users;

AND WHEREAS in the course of four years detailed technical assessments have been completed for 40 Source Protection Areas governed by 19 Committees with local representation and that public information and outreach has been considerable yet public understanding of the impact of the regulatory approach is minimal;

AND WHEREAS Source Protection Plans have been prepared in draft form and provided for agency review often with a confusing array of policies, options and references to existing legislation in some cases where processes and approvals are already in place, and that approach will lead to less than effective implementation and duplication;

AND WHEREAS in some cases small rural municipalities may have more than one Source Protection Plan to implement which adds to the complexity of implementation and most smaller municipalities do not currently have resources or expertise on staff to effectively review the policies or to act as

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Risk Management Officials, and the cost of such will be added to the cost of water users;

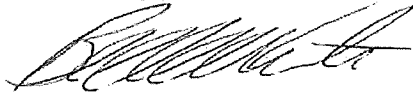
NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Town of Minto respectfully requests the Minister of Environment consider the following actions:

1. Receive the Source Protection Plans from the 40 Source Protection Areas and forward them to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for inclusion in the Five Year Review of the Provincial Policy Statement.
2. Once the updated Provincial Policy is approved, require all municipalities' to amend official plan and zoning by-laws within three years so as to be consistent with Provincial Policy and to protect the most vulnerable areas identified in the applicable Source Water Protection Plan from future land uses that pose a threat to the drinking water.
3. Require municipalities to develop by 2015 educational materials based on templates to be supplied by the Province for landowners, farmers, businesses, developers and others to consider when using lands within vulnerable areas identified in the Source Protection Plan.
4. That the Province works with municipalities over the next three years to develop a cost effective strategy to implement streamlined risk management plans to protect vulnerable areas around municipal water systems keeping in mind resources and expertise available and the anticipated cost to water users and further;

THAT the resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Environment, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Randy Pettapiece and municipalities across Ontario.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,



Bill White
CAO/Clerk

BW/am

- cc The Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing
Randy Pettapiece, M.P.P., Perth Wellington
Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Drinking Water
Source Protection
Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Drinking Water Source Protection
All Municipalities across the Province of Ontario
Mayor and Council of the Town of Minto