

DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION

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GANARASKA REGION
SOURCE PROTECTION
AUTHORITY

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: November 27, 2025

TIME: Immediately Following Board of Directors Meeting

LOCATION: GRCA Administration Office

AGENDA

BOARD: Source Protection Authority

MEMBERS: Randy Barber, Bruce Buttar, Vicki Mink, Mark Lovshin, Miriam Mutton, Lance Nachoff, Tracy Richardson, Adam Pearson, Joan Stover, Willie Woo, Margaret Zwart

1. Welcome and call to order
2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest
3. Minutes of Last Meeting – **May 15, 2025 – attached**
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Delegations:
None
6. Presentations:
None
7. Business Arising from Minutes
None
8. Correspondence:
None
9. New Business:
a) Update on the Section 36 amendments – **Staff Report attached**
10. Other Business:
None
11. In Camera:
None
12. Adjournment

GANARASKA REGION SOURCE PROTECTION AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE AUTHORITY

May 15, 2025

SPA 01/25

1. Welcome and Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vicki Mink, Chair - Municipality of Port Hope
Miriam Mutton - Town of Cobourg
Tracy Richardson - City of Kawartha Lakes
Joan Stover - Township of Alnwick/Haldimand
Margaret Zwart - Municipality of Clarington
Willie Woo - Municipality of Clarington

ALSO PRESENT: Linda Laliberte, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer
Cory Harris, Watershed Services Coordinator
Ken Thajer, Planning and Regulations Coordinator
Jessica Mueller, Groundwater Specialist

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Randy Barber, Vice-Chair - Town of Cobourg
Mark Lovshin - Township of Hamilton

ALSO ABSENT: Bruce Buttar - Agricultural Representative
Adam Pearson - Municipality of Port Hope
Lance Nachoff - Township of Cavan Monaghan

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

SPA 01/25

MOVED BY: Margaret Zwart

SECONDED BY: Joan Stover

THAT the Ganaraska Region Source Protection Authority approve the minutes of the November 28, 2024 meeting.

CARRIED.

4. Adoption of the Agenda**SPA 02/25****MOVED BY:** Margaret Zwart**SECONDED BY:** Miriam Mutton

THAT the Ganaraska Region Source Protection Authority adopt the agenda as presented.
CARRIED.

5. Delegations

None.

6. Presentations:

None.

7. Business Arising from Minutes

None.

8. Correspondence:

None.

9. New Business

a) Update on the Annual Progress Report.

Jessica Mueller, Groundwater Specialist, provided a brief overview of the staff report.

Miriam Mutton questioned the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and the reporting concerns. Staff explained that there have been discussions between the Trent Conservation Coalition and MECP and it will be resolved.

SPA 03/25**MOVED BY:** Joan Stover**SECONDED BY:** Miriam Mutton

THAT the 2024 Annual Progress Report Ganaraska Source Protection Plan be received as information.

CARRIED.10. Other Business:

None

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. on a motion by Willie Woo.

CHAIR

CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER

STAFF REPORT – November 27, 2025

TO: Chair and Members of the Ganaraska Region Source Protection Authority

RE: Proposed Amendments (Section 36 updates) to the Ganaraska Source Protection Plan and Assessment Report

Section 36 of the Clean Water Act, 2006 provides a framework to ensure that Assessment Reports and Source Protection Plans remain current and effective. As scientific understanding, data availability, and policy frameworks evolve and as implementation experience highlights areas for improvement periodic updates are required to maintain strong protection of municipal drinking water sources.

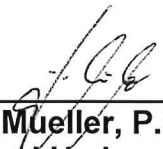
On November 23, 2023, the Ganaraska Region Source Protection Authority received formal notice of the submission of the updated Assessment Report and Source Protection Plan under Section 36. These documents were submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in early December 2023 by the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Committee.

The Ministry's review process took longer than anticipated due to initial concerns regarding proposed changes to Prescribed Instrument policies. The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks requested the removal of proposed minimum requirements for Prescribed Instrument policies during their review. These requirements were intended to strengthen implementation of the Source Protection Plan, but the Ministry expressed concern that they would place too great a burden on MECP staff. Over the past several months, a revised approach was negotiated with the Ministry that maintains the original intent of the amendments while addressing their concerns, resulting in a mutually acceptable solution for submission. The final approval is anticipated in early January 2026.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Report "Proposed Amendments (Section 36 updates) to the Ganaraska Source Protection Plan and Assessment Report" be received for information.

Prepared by:



Jessica Mueller, P.Geo., PhD
Watershed Hydrogeologist

Recommended by:



Linda J. Laliberte, CPA, CGA
CAO / Secretary-Treasurer