

## **Thames-Sydenham & Region DWSP Committee Policy Approaches Session**

**Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m., Ridgetown College**

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Thank you for accepting the invitation to participate in a session to develop approaches to policy development for the Thames-Sydenham & Region Drinking Water Source Protection Area.

I have attached some pre-session exercises as thought starters. To jump start your thinking about the session, please complete the pre-session exercises and bring your answers along to the session.

See you on August 17th at Ridgetown College.

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### **Project Purpose**

- To share approaches and policies possibilities for protecting Drinking Water Sources in the Thames-Sydenham & Region.

### **Project Objectives**

The objectives of this session:

- Provide a forum for information sharing
- Explore different approaches and policies for SWP
- Develop suggestions for MOE regarding potential approaches and policies for SWP

### **Questions to think about:**

- What are the best approaches for protecting drinking water sources?
- Will the prescribed provincial policy instruments be effective?
- What suggestions can we give to MOE to help develop the best policy approaches for reducing risks posed by drinking water threats?

### **Criteria for Success:**

(Things to think about when prioritizing ideas)

- Practical to implement and administer
- In-line with the Clean Water Act roles and responsibilities
- Considers effectiveness of existing policies and programs in addressing SWP objectives

### **Output**

- A list of suggestions for MOE regarding potential approaches and policies for SWP

## **Agenda Outline**

Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 9:30 PM – 3:15 PM

### *Morning Session*

9:30 AM

- Introductions
- Background - objectives, specific outcomes, criteria for success
- Approaches to Policy Implementation
- Case Study 1

12 Noon

- Lunch

### *Afternoon Session*

12:40 PM

- Insights and suggestions for MOE based upon the case study
- Case Study 2
- Suggested Next Steps

## **Pre-session Exercise**

These exercises are designed to spark new ideas and help you prepare for the session. Please complete all of the exercises. Please bring your answers along to the session.

### **1. Suggested Threats**

Please think about potential land uses that will cause threats to drinking water sources in the Thames Sydenham Drinking Water Source Protection Area. What suggested land uses do you have for the case studies that we can explore for potential policies and policy approaches?

### **2. Website Search**

Select 3 or 4 organizations that are involved in environmental protection. Visit their websites, review their approaches to polices and think about what directions they are moving. What insights can you take from analyzing their sites to help the DWSP Committee develop approaches for protection policies?

Explore the 3 or 4 websites and write down 2-3 ideas that may help your DWSP Committee in the future.

### **3. Ideas for SWP Implementation**

- Based upon your experiences what approaches to SWP policy implementation do you suggest? In what ways are they effective and practical?

Please jot down a few answers and bring them to the session.