

**SAUGEEN, GREY SAUBLE, NORTHERN BRUCE PENINSULA  
SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

**MOTION**

**DATE:** JANUARY 28, 2011

**MOTION #:** SPC-11-134

**MOVED BY:** KEN FURLONG

**SECONDED BY:** LES NICHOLS

**WHEREAS** the nineteen Source Protection Committees across Ontario are now developing policies to deal with the twenty-one prescribed threats to drinking water as specified in the Provincial Table of Drinking Water Threats;

**AND WHEREAS** fourteen of those twenty-one threats involve activities that are carried out on farms across Ontario;

**AND WHEREAS** the Ontario Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) program is an excellent tool to evaluate these threats on Ontario farms;

**AND WHEREAS** the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) presently will not recognize EFP as a usable option because it is voluntary and confidential;

**AND WHEREAS** there will be some farm operations within designated vulnerable areas of Wellhead Protection Areas (WHPA) and Intake Protection Zones (IPZ) pursuant to the *Clean Water Act* that will be required to produce "Risk Assessment Plans";

**AND WHEREAS** the present EFP process could stay technically unchanged with the addition of a "sign-off" system that would allow those operations requiring "Risk Assessment Plans" to utilize their EFP as that "Risk Assessment Tool & Plan";

**AND WHEREAS** this would potentially greatly reduce the cost of creating the Risk Assessment Plan and utilize an existing, recognized, proven program developed specifically for agriculture;

**THEREFORE** the Source Protection Committee for Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula requests that Ontario Soil & Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) and EFP staff consult and negotiate with MOE/Source Water Protection staff to make modifications to the EFP

program to make it an acceptable "Assessment and Action Plan" for agricultural operations located in vulnerable areas within Wellhead Protection Areas and Intake Protection Zones.

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution to be forwarded to OSCIA, the Ontario Minister of Agriculture and the Ontario Minister of the Environment.

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee endorses this resolution.

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Water Protection Committee will circulate this resolution to all Source Water Protection Committees in Ontario for their support.

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