



SAUGEEN, GREY SAUBLE, NORTHERN BRUCE PENINSULA SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MOTION

DATE: JANUARY 28, 2011

MOTION #: SPC-11-133

MOVED BY: MITCH TWOLAN

SECONDED BY: KEN FURLONG

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 six of those twenty-one threats deal with the application, storage or management of Agricultural Source Material (ASM) or Non-Agricultural Source Material (NASM) and/or the use of land as livestock grazing or pasture land;

AND WHEREAS the *Nutrient Management Act* (NMA) with its requirements for Nutrient Management Strategies/Plans was created following the Walkerton Water Crisis specifically to deal with minimizing the risk of agricultural contaminants impacting on source water;

AND WHEREAS it is an objective of the Source Protection policy development process to utilize existing legislation whenever possible to minimize threats to drinking water in vulnerable areas;

AND WHEREAS the present NMA under Reg. 267/03 Part IV limits requirements for approved Nutrient Management Strategies/Plans to operations requiring building permits for livestock facilities or/and operations over 300 nutrient units (NU) therefore minimizing the ability to deal with these agricultural threats in vulnerable areas;

THEREFORE the Source Protection Committee for Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula requests that the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) amend the *Nutrient Management Act* to allow for the requirement of an approved Nutrient Management Strategy/Plan for livestock operations with over five NUs in vulnerable areas within Wellhead Protection Areas and Intake Protection Zones;

