



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Planning Committee
From: Kyle Davis, Risk Management Official
Date: Thursday, November 18, 2021
Subject: **Lake Erie Source Protection Committee - Nomination of Municipal Representative**

Background:

The County of Wellington is part of five Source Protection Regions, including the Grand River Source Protection Committee. The Grand River Source Protection Plan came into effect on July 1, 2016 and is overseen by the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee.

On November 8, 2021, correspondence was received from the Lake Erie Source Protection Region requesting a joint nomination and re-appointment of Councillor John Sepulis (Township of Puslinch) to the Lake Erie Source Protection Committee. This correspondence is provided as Attachment 1 and was sent to the Clerks of the municipalities within this municipal grouping including the County of Wellington and all of its member municipalities within the Grand River watershed (Township of Centre Wellington, Town of Erin, Guelph/Eramosa Township, Township of Mapleton, Township of Puslinch and Township of Wellington North). This municipal grouping also includes municipalities within Dufferin and Grey Counties and Halton Region.

The Lake Erie Source Protection Committee guided the development of the Grand River Source Protection Plan. The Plan sets out the policies for reducing, eliminating or preventing significant threats to municipal drinking water supplies and establishes who has responsibility for taking action, sets timelines and determines how progress will be measured. The Lake Erie Source Protection Committee consists of 24 people from three sectors (7 each): municipal, public and business and three Indigenous representatives. The term of a member is for four years.

Councillor Sepulis has served as the Wellington, Halton, Dufferin and Grey Municipal Representative on the Lake Erie Source Protection Committee since 2017. His current term ends in November 2021. The Lake Erie Source Protection Region is proposing a re-appointment of Councillor Sepulis for a one and half year term until spring 2023. Councillor Sepulis has expressed an interest in continuing in the role of Municipal Representative.

The reason for a one and half year reappointment at this time is due the number of municipalities this position represents and the upcoming municipal election. The Lake Erie Source Protection Region would like to align the four year term with the municipal election cycle as the newly elected Councils could then consider the appointment or re-appointment of this position in conjunction with Council decisions on representatives to other committees or Boards. Following the Fall 2022 municipal election, Lake Erie staff would contact all the municipal clerks in this municipal grouping to initiate a joint nomination process for the Spring 2022 to Spring 2026, a four year term.

Comments:

It is recommended that County Council support the nomination of Councillor Sepulis as the Wellington, Halton, Dufferin and Grey Municipal Representative on the Lake Erie Source Protection Committee. Mr. Sepulis has served all of our local municipalities and the County of Wellington ably in his 4 years on the Committee and he would continue to apply his experience and knowledge of source protection if confirmed as a member for the next one and half years. Mr. Sepulis works well with local municipal and County staff and has articulately expressed our positions and concerns at the Committee.

Recommendation:

That Wellington County Council support the nomination of Mr. John Sepulis as the Municipal Representative for Wellington County, Halton Region, Dufferin County and Grey County on the Lake Erie Source Protection Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kyle Davis', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Kyle Davis
Risk Management Official

Attachment

1. November 8, 2021 – Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee Municipal Member Nomination