

## **NOTICE of Call for Applications for an Agricultural Representative Member on the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee**

The Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Region invites eligible candidates to fill one vacancy on the multi-stakeholder Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee, to represent the agricultural sector. If you are collaborative, solutions oriented, and have an interest in local watersheds and drinking water matters, please apply by **May 31, 2021** as described below.

A Source Protection Committee was established in accordance with the *Clean Water Act, 2006* and with support from the Halton Region and Hamilton Region Source Protection Authorities has developed a locally driven, science-based source protection plan to reduce the risk of contamination and overuse of the sources of our drinking water. Read more at [www.protectingwater.ca](http://www.protectingwater.ca)

The role of the Source Protection Committee is to guide the review and update of the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Plan using a science-based approach and consider relevant information. The Source Protection Committee is comprised of nine members and the Chair. The members act as liaisons for their sectors, and regularly attend committee and public meetings. The member composition is as follows:

- 3 members representing municipalities
- 2 members representing the agricultural sector
- 1 member representing industrial/commercial sector
- 3 members representing the public interest at large.

An application form including committee member eligibility requirements and obligations are attached (see next pages). Apply by **May 31, 2021** by email to: [sourceprotection@hrca.on.ca](mailto:sourceprotection@hrca.on.ca)

Our water resources are vital to all aspects of our lives, including our health. It is important that we ensure there is a clean and abundant source of drinking water. Join the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee to help protect our precious drinking water sources for present and future generations!

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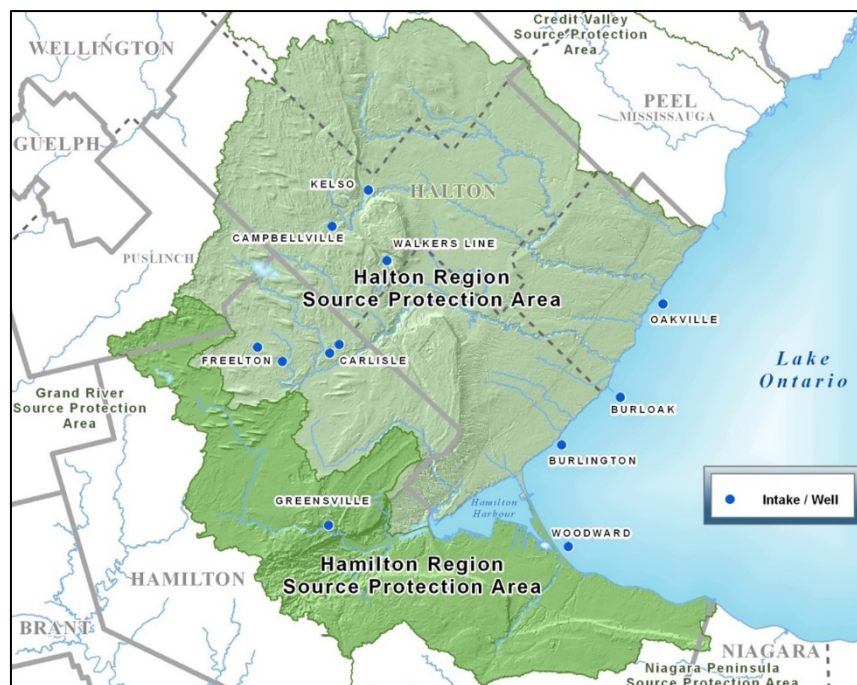
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## Background

Ontario's *Clean Water Act, 2006* provides for a community initiative where municipalities, residents, business owners, provincial agencies, conservation authorities and others work together to protect existing and future drinking water sources.

The Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Region is formed under the *Clean Water Act* and is comprised of the areas of Halton Region and Hamilton Region Conservation Authorities. These conservation authorities function as Source Protection Authorities under the *Clean Water Act*. They support the work of the Source Protection Committee. Non-municipal members of the Source Protection Committee are appointed by the Source Protection Authorities.

A map of the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Region is provided below.



**Figure 1: The Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Region**

Science-based assessment reports and a source protection plan containing policies to protect municipal sources of drinking water are developed. Read more at [www.protectingwater.ca](http://www.protectingwater.ca)

### **Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee Mission Statement**

To collaboratively develop and maintain a local watershed-based plan for the sustainable protection of municipal drinking water sources in the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Region that is science-based and prevents, reduces or eliminates risks to Lake Ontario and groundwater sources of municipal drinking water.

## **Application for Agricultural Representative Member on the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee**

Please read and complete all areas of this application form for your application for a position on the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee, as a representative of the agricultural sector. Your resume must also be attached to the application form.

**The deadline to apply is May 31, 2021.**

### **Eligibility Requirements**

To be eligible to apply for membership on the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee, you must:

- reside in, own or rent property within the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Region; or
- be employed or operate a business within the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Region; or
- be employed by a municipality that is in the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Region, and
- not be a member or employee of a conservation authority partially or wholly within the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Region

### **And**

- be able and willing to travel around the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Region to attend meetings, public information sessions and forums (mileage for use of your personal vehicle will be reimbursed at the rate set by the Province of Ontario)
- be able and willing to attend daytime meetings of the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee and occasional evening and weekend public information sessions and forums (members will receive a per diem to attend meetings).

### **Skills and Qualifications**

- Proven ability to act as liaison to the sector being represented
- Able to understand the science, technical reports and policies to protect drinking water sources
- Solid problem-solving, analytical, communication and organizational skills
- Knowledge of local watersheds, communities and issues
- Demonstrated ability to work with group dynamics and team environments
- Willingness and ability to travel around the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Region
- Has, or is capable of having direct contact with residents and landowner.

### **Obligations**

Every appointment made to the Source Protection Committee is subject to the following:

- Member will regularly attend meetings of the Source Protection Committee.
- Member must comply with the Source Protection Committee's Rules of Procedure, and Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policy which are available at this website: <http://www.protectingwater.ca/governance.cfm?smocid=1395>
- Member will act as liaison of their sector, bringing forward representative issues from the sector to the Source Protection Committee and assist in communicating the Source Protection Committee work back to the sector.
- Member must have knowledge of sector interests and issues and be able to communicate these at the Source Protection Committee table.
- Member is expected to participate in working groups and forums and be available to participate in their sector stakeholder groups as required.
- Member is expected to make decisions at the Source Protection Committee table.
- Member must work collaboratively with partners including but not limited to municipalities, health units, stakeholders from agricultural, industry, community groups, conservation authorities, Source Protection Authority.

### **Term and Time Commitment**

- This on-going program requires sustained long-term interest.
- The term of appointment of a non-municipal member of the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee is five (5) years.
- Time commitment varies and members should prepare to commit to approximately one day per quarter year period.

### **Compensation**

Committee members receive a per diem for each sanctioned meeting attended. In addition, mileage for travel is paid at a rate set by the Province of Ontario.

**(see next pages)**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

**Full Name:**

**Address:**

**Telephone:**

**E-mail:**

If a non-resident but otherwise eligible for membership, please list the name and address of the eligible business/municipality within the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Region:

**Company Name:**

**Company Address:**

**APPLICANT INTEREST**

1. Please describe why you are interested in joining the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee as the agricultural sector representative.

2. Please describe what knowledge you have about the source protection program, the local communities, the drinking water sources in the source protection region, and potential drinking water issues.

3. Please describe what experience you have working effectively on multi-sector teams or in groups responsible for making decisions.

By signing and dating this application, you are agreeing to the following if appointed to undertake the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee:

- Regularly attending meetings of the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee.
- Abiding by the Rules of Procedure, and the Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest policies of the Source Protection Committee  
(<http://protectingwater.ca/governance.cfm?smocid=1395>)
- Maintaining confidentiality of confidential and personal information brought before the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee.
- Remaining a member of the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee until your term expires.
- Attending, as required, public information sessions and public consultation forums on Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee matters.

**SIGNATURE:**

**DATE:**

If you have questions about this application form, the program or committee please contact the Senior Manager, Watershed Planning and Source Protection using the information below.

Please send this application **with your resume by e-mail by May 31, 2021** to:

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