



Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Region

The *Clean Water Act, 2006* ensures that communities are able to protect their sources of drinking water through locally developed, collaborative source protection plans that apply in areas and regions across Ontario. The Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Region, established under this legislation, is comprised of the areas of Halton Region and Hamilton Region Conservation Authorities. A map of the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Region is available at: <http://www.protectingwater.ca/docandmaps.cfm>

The role of the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee is to guide the review and updating of the source protection plan using a science-based approach and ensure that relevant information is considered. The Source Protection Committee is comprised of nine members and a Chair. Administrative, technical and other support is provided by the Source Protection Authorities.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible 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.



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