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October 22, 2015

The Honourable Bob Chiarelli
Minister of Energy
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Dear Minister Chiarelli,

Township Council at its meeting held on October 21, 2015 approved the following resolution:

“That Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim support the efforts of Township dairy producer Peter Stern and that of Chatham-Kent-Essex MPP Rick Nicholls to bring forth the issue of stray electrical current and its negative effects on human health, animal health as well as the economy; and,

That Council requests that action be taken to curtail the presence of stray electrical current throughout the Province of Ontario; and,

That this resolution be circulated to the Ontario Minister of Energy, Oxford MPP Ernie Hardeman and to Ontario municipalities through the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.”

Thank you for considering Council's request.

Sincerely,

Marion Wearn
Mayor

CC: Ernie Hardeman, MPP Oxford
Rick Nicholls, MPP Chatham-Kent-Essex
Peter Stern
Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

October 21, 2015

For Immediate Release

The Source Protection Plan is approved

Owen Sound - After eight years of hard work and public consultation, the Source Protection Committee is pleased to announce the Source Protection Plan for the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region has been approved by the Hon. Glen Murray, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change. The Plan policies will become effective July 1, 2016. The Assessment Reports for the three Source Protection Areas - Saugeen Valley, Grey Sauble and Northern Bruce Peninsula were approved by the Director on October 15, 2015.

“The Committee is confident that the policies written will protect local sources of drinking water now and in the future. We are so proud to have received approval of our Plan so we can move forward with the implementation phase of our water protection journey,” stated Source Protection Committee Chair Mike Traynor.

The 15-member Source Protection Committee was formed in 2007 and has celebrated many accomplishments over the last eight years. The Committee’s mission statement from the start has been: “Providing leadership to engage the entire community in developing comprehensive, responsible solutions to protect our water resources.” The Source Protection Plan was written using science-based technical work, engaging relevant sectors in the Region and employing a consensus-based approach. The mission statement and these guiding principles have kept the Committee focused on its goal to protect drinking water sources.

This Plan, effective July 1, 2016, sets out policies that use a variety of approaches including education and outreach, the development of risk management plans, prohibition, land use planning, and monitoring. These policies will help to keep contaminants out of our aquifers, rivers and lakes that are sources of municipal drinking water.

In this Region, stewardship has been an important component in the process, with over one million dollars in Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program grants provided to eligible landowners. Landowners have shown a clear interest in protecting water sources through their stewardship actions.

The source protection planning process is directed and funded by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change in conjunction with municipalities. A local Drinking Water Source Protection office has provided additional technical, communications and administrative support for the source protection planning process. For more information please visit our website: www.waterprotection.ca.

Quick Facts:

This Region is home to more than 160,000 people and covers approximately 8400 square kilometres.

The Source Protection Region contains 38 municipal residential drinking water systems including 29 groundwater sources (aquifers), 8 surface water sources, and 1 combined system.

Technical work and policies related to events-based areas at Great Lakes intakes and water quantity threats will be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change at a later date.

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October 1, 2015

Mr. Kevin Eccles
Warden
Office of the Warden
Grey County
595 – 9th Avenue East
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Dear Warden Eccles,

Thank you for your correspondence expressing support for the Colleges Ontario proposal to allow Ontario's colleges of applied arts and technology to offer stand-alone nursing degrees.

I appreciated reading the points that you raised in favour of the Colleges Ontario proposal. We continue to explore options on how best to provide locally trained nurses, and ensure a sustainable supply of nursing graduates for communities across Ontario.

My ministry wants Ontario to have the best-educated and best-trained health professionals possible to meet the needs of employers and ensure the well-being of students and patients. The comments of major stakeholders on this issue, including municipalities such as Grey County, are always taken into consideration during our ongoing work with colleges and universities.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Reza Moridi".

Reza Moridi
Minister



From: [Vokes, Sharon](#)
To: [Warder, Tara](#)
Cc: [Scherzer, Randy](#)
Subject: FW: Great Lakes Protection Act
Date: October-21-15 2:48:21 PM

Thank you to everyone whose contributions have helped make progress on Great Lakes protection and restoration over the last few years. We have heard from many of you about the vital importance of the Great Lakes and about how proposed Great Lakes legislation can best make a difference.

It is my great pleasure to let you know that the Ontario Legislature has taken action to keep the Great Lakes drinkable, fishable and swimmable by passing a strengthened Great Lakes Protection Act.

This new legislation will:

- Help fight climate change, reduce harmful algal blooms, protect wetlands and watersheds, and reduce harmful pollutants.
- Establish a Great Lakes Guardians' Council to provide a forum for discussion and collaboration on Great Lakes issues and priorities.
- Enshrine Ontario's Great Lakes Strategy, the Province's action plan on the Great Lakes, as a living document to be reviewed every six years.
- Help ensure monitoring programs and reporting processes are in place to improve understanding and management of the ecological health of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Basin.
- Support setting targets and create new tools to take action with local partners in priority areas on pressing issues.
- Require consideration of Traditional Ecological Knowledge if offered by First Nations or Métis communities.

A copy of the Great Lakes Protection Act may be found [here](#). Additional information on the Act can be found [here](#).

This latest action – combined with our ongoing investments in Great Lakes protection – will help ensure that future generations can continue to enjoy the benefits of a healthy Great Lakes system.

We look forward to continuing to work with communities across Ontario on our shared interest in Great Lakes protection and restoration.

Sincerely,

Glen Murray
Minister

