



Staff Report

Report Title: Drinking Water Source Protection Nomination Update

Prepared By: Jennifer White, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk

Department: Legislative Services

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Attachments: None.

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole receive for information Report No. CLK-2023-11-67, prepared by Jennifer White, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk.

Background:

On October 2, 2023 Committee of the Whole received Report [CLK-2023-10-59](#) with respect to the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region Committee Appointment. Staff have been advised that a provision in the *Clean Water Act* prohibits the appointment of a member or employee of a conservation authority within the Committee's jurisdiction.

As the suggested appointee, Councillor Allison is the Council representative on the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Board, they are not eligible for appointment to the Source Protection Committee.

Discussion:

The Township of Huron-Kinloss is a member of the Municipal Grouping 2 for the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region. This grouping includes Huron-Kinloss, Saugeen Shores, Kincardine, South Bruce, Morris-Turnberry and Howick. One representative is appointed in accordance with Ontario Regulation 288/07 s.3.

Council at the meeting on October 2, 2023 directed Staff to include Councillor Allison as a nominee for this appointment. Although Councillor Allison's nomination was supported by the other municipalities in Municipal Grouping 2, Staff later

became aware of ineligibility due to participation on the Conservation Authority Board.

Councillor Allision has indicated a desire to remain on the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Board and withdrawn his nomination for the Source Water Protection Committee.

The member municipalities have been notified that because of this ineligibility there is currently no nominee for the position. It is expected that other municipalities in the group will now put forward a candidate for nomination, although no Council has yet done so, at the time of this report.

Municipalities in Grouping 2 have been requested to jointly submit one list of names to the Source Protection Authority. The list may consist of one or more names, from which the local Source Protection Management Committee will choose one name and recommend that this person be appointed to the Source Protection Committee.

Council is not required to submit a nominee. If there are multiple candidates suggested by the member municipalities, the list will be brought to the attention of Council.

Financial Impacts:

None noted.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are an environmentally conscious community that are good stewards of our natural environment: By protecting our natural assets; By using our resources wisely; By being aware and taking responsibility.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Jennifer White, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk

Report Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer