



Staff Report

Report Title: Maitland Valley Source Protection Plan update pre-consultation

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

Department: Legislative Services

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Attachments: Notice of Pre-consultation, Letter requesting endorsement of changes

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receive for information Report CLK-2024-01-4, as prepared by Jennifer White, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk;

AND FURTHER THAT a resolution of support for the proposed changes be placed on the Council agenda for consideration as a matters arising.

Background:

The Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley (ABMV) Source Protection Region is seeking to make amendments to Source Protection Plans which include new and revised wellhead protection areas (WHPA) for the Century Heights and Lucknow Drinking Water Systems.

The *Clean Water Act, 2006* addresses the process to make amendments and includes under section 34(3) the requirement of a municipal council resolution endorsing the proposed updates to the Source Protection Plan from affected municipalities prior to public consultation.

Discussion:

There are no proposed policy changes to the Source Protection Plan. The proposed updates include new technical work and revised vulnerable area maps, where the current Source Protection Plan policies would then apply.

The Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Region has provided a summary of the proposed updates which include:

- 1) Revision to the Century Heights Wellhead Protection Area (WHPA) to include new municipal well#3 in the community of Saltford, Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh.
- 2) Revision to the Lucknow Wellhead Protection Area (WHPA) to reflect increased Permit to Take Water for the Lucknow drinking water system in the Township of Huron-Kinloss.
- 3) Revisions to chapter 4 of the Maitland Valley Assessment Report to reflect the changes to the Century Heights and Lucknow drinking water systems, including updated risk assessment.
- 4) Updated mapping for managed lands, livestock density and impervious surfaces as a result of the changes to the Century Heights and Lucknow WHPAs.

The attached letter includes maps of the proposed new well head protection areas, and the current approved WHPA for comparison.

Process

According to the requirements of the *Clean Water Act, 2006* a municipal endorsement for changes must first be provided prior to public consultation. Affected implementing bodies include the Townships of Huron-Kinloss and Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, the Counties of Bruce and Huron and the province of Ontario. This pre-consultation is followed by a 35-day public consultation period, once each implementing body endorses the changes. Following the close of the public consultation period, the amendment is submitted to the province for their approval.

Staff are recommending that a motion to endorse the proposed changes be added to the Council meeting agenda as a matters arising.

Financial Impacts:

There are no financial impacts to the Township currently known.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are an environmentally conscious community that are good stewards of our natural environment.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Jennifer White, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk

Report Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer