



# TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

# REPORT

Item No.

**REPORT TO:** Reeve Vincent and Members of Council  
**PREPARED BY:** Laura Young, Planner  
**DATE:** 04/12/2017  
**SUBJECT:** Proposed Amendments to Source Protection Plans  
**ATTACHMENTS:** Pre-consultation Letter and Blyth WHPA Map

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receive the December 4, 2017 report regarding Proposed Amendments to Source Protection Plans for information purposes; AND FURTHER, that Council endorses the proposed changes as summarized in the letter dated November 23, 2017 received from the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Program Supervisor.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Authorities are proposing amendments to the existing Source Protection Plans for the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Regions under Section 34 of the *Clean Water Act (2006)*.

## **DISCUSSION**

There are two policy amendments being proposed: a revision to the Restricted Land Use policy P.12.1 and a revision to the Risk Management Plan policy P.12.2.

The revision to the Restricted Land Use policy P.12.1 would allow Risk Management Officials to provide written direction to municipal staff about the types of applications that would be excluded from requiring a Restricted Land Use Permit to be issued under Section 59 of the *Clean Water Act*. This would allow for more flexibility in the types of applications required to be reviewed and screened. Currently, any Planning application or any type of Building Permit application for a property located within WHPAs A to C would require a Restricted Land Use Permit to be issued prior to the application proceeding or the Building Permit being issued.

The proposed amendment to the Risk Management Plan policy P.12.2 would revise the timeline for risk management plans to be completed from three years to five years. This amendment would allow the Risk Management Officials more time to work with landowners in the Wellhead Protection Areas who require the completion of a Risk Management Plan and is compatible with neighbouring regions for their Risk Management Plan requirements.

There is an amendment proposed to the Wellhead Protection Area (WHPA) mapping for North Huron to update the WHPA map for Blyth to include the new municipal well #5. This mapping change alters the existing WHPA for Blyth and the location of WHPAs A-C- the WHPAs that require a Restricted Land Use Permit if there is an application for a Building Permit or an application made under the Planning Act.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

None at this time.

**FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS**

This mapping change includes some different properties now being included in the WHPAs and does not apply to some properties previously included in the WHPAs. Properties that are more likely to be proposing an activity that may be a threat to source water are commercial or industrial use properties. They are more likely to have activities involving the use of dense non-aqueous liquids (DNAPLs) or other introductions of chemicals or pathogens that could contaminate the source water supply. Blyth is a Settlement Area with full municipal services, so the source water threat of septic installation adjacent to WHPAs is not applicable.

**RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal #3 Our Community is Health and Safe

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