



November 23, 2017

Township of North Huron  
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**Atten. Mr. Dwayne Evans, C.A.O.**

Dear Mr. Evans;

**Re: Amendments to Source Protection Plans**

This letter is to advise you that the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley (ABMV) Source Protection Region is undertaking amendments to the Source Protection Plans to include new and revised wellhead protection areas (WHPA). Also, changes are proposed to the Restricted Land Use policy (P.12.1) and Risk Management Plan timeline policy (P.12.2). Other than policies P.12.1 and P.12.2, there are no proposed policy changes to the approved Source Protection Plans. Details of these amendments are below.

Under section 34(3) of the Clean Water Act, 2006, a municipal council resolution endorsing the proposed amendments to the Source Protection Plans is required from affected municipalities prior to public consultation.

A public consultation period will commence once municipal endorsement is received. It is anticipated that public consultation will begin in December 2017, and last for a period of 40 days. The proposed amendments will be posted on our webpage, including amended maps for the affected areas. Property owners that may be impacted by the amendments will be sent an information package along with the notice of consultation. In addition, a public meeting will be held in January 2018.

Following the public consultation period the ABMV Source Protection Region will submit the amended Source Protection Plan, and any changes resulting from the consultation period, to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC).

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**Summary of Proposed Amendments to the Source Protection Plans (SPP):**

1. Revision to the Blyth Wellhead Protection Area to include new well #5 in the Municipality of North Huron.
2. Addition of the Varna municipal drinking water system. This former community well system was assumed by the Municipality of Bluewater in 2017.
3. Adjustment of the Molesworth Wellhead Protection Area as a result of a replacement well that was drilled next to the existing well building.
4. Adjustment of the Benmiller Wellhead Protection Area as a result of a replacement well near the existing well building.
5. Revision of the Dungannon Wellhead Protection Area to reflect recent removal of well # 1, which was decommissioned in 2017 due to elevated arsenic levels.
6. Addition of the Ripley municipal drinking water system, in the Township of Huron-Kinloss. Ripley is located in the Saugeen SPA, outside the ABMV Source Protection Region. However, as a result of recent changes to the drinking water system and subsequent re-delineation of the wellhead protection area (WHPA), the Ripley WHPA now extends into the Maitland Valley SPA. As such, the system must be included in the Maitland Valley SPP.
7. Revision of Policy P.12.1-Restricted Land Use: This policy would be revised to allow Risk Management Officials to provide written direction to municipal staff about the types of applications that could be excluded from CWA, Part IV Section 59 screening, allowing more flexibility in the type of applications that require review by Risk Management Officials.

Current Section 59 Policy:

**Policy P.12.1 – Section 59 Restricted Land Use Policy**

*In accordance with Section 59(1) of the Clean Water Act, all land uses set out within the official plans or zoning by-laws for the municipalities where this Source Protection Plan is in effect, are designated as restricted land uses in all areas where designated threats are or would be significant. In effect, a person shall not construct or change the use of a building in any location, or make an application under the Planning Act or Condominium Act where Section 57 (Prohibition) or Section 58 (Risk Management Plan) applies unless the risk management official issues a notice under s. 59 to the person.*

Proposed addition to above policy:

*Despite the above policy, a Risk Management Official may issue written direction specifying the circumstances under which a planning authority or building official may be permitted to make the determination that a site specific land use is not designated for the purposes of Section 59. Where such direction has been issued, a*

*site-specific land use that is the subject of an application for approval under the Planning Act or for a permit under the Building Code Act is not designated for the purposes of Section 59, provided that the planning authority or building official, as the case may be, is satisfied that:*

- The application complies with the circumstances specified in the written direction from the Risk Management Official; and*
- The applicant has demonstrated that a significant drinking water threat activity designated for the purposes of Section 57 or 58 will not be engaged in, or will not be affected by the application.*

8. Revision of Policy P.12.2 – Effective Date for Section 58 Risk Management Plan Policies: This policy would be revised to extend the timeline for risk management plan completion from **three years to five years**. This extension is proposed in order to permit all municipally appointed Risk Management Officials to work cooperatively with affected landowners in preparing Risk Management Plans geared to protecting sources of municipal drinking water. In addition, the five-year timeline is consistent with neighbouring regions and will allow landowners additional time to comply with the policies.

Current policy text with proposed revision in red:

***Policy P.12.2 – Effective Date for Section 58 Risk Management Plan Policies***

*For the purpose of section 58(3) of the Clean Water Act, 2006, the date the policies regarding regulated activities comes into full force and effect is ~~three~~ **five** years from the date the Source Protection Plan comes into full force and effect.*

In addition to these proposed amendments, other minor grammatical and wording changes (as defined under Section 51 of the Clean Water Act, 2006) will be completed.

**Suggested Resolution:**

Again, the Clean Water Act requires that the Source Protection Region receive municipal endorsement of the proposed changes before it can initiate public consultation. For the municipality's convenience the following resolution is suggested

*The Council of The Corporation of the Township of North Huron, at the regular meeting held [insert date] considered correspondence regarding Notice of Pre-Consultation – Proposed Amendments to the Ausable Bayfield and Maitland Valley Source Protection Plans and the following resolution was passed:*

*THAT pursuant to Section 34(3) of the Clean Water Act, 2006, the Council of the Township of North Huron endorses the proposed amendments to the Ausable Bayfield and Maitland Valley Source Protection Plans.*

*Provision of this resolution meets requirements of Section 34(3) of the Clean Water Act, 2006 prior to formal public consultation.*

If you have any questions about the proposed amendments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely;



Geoffrey Cade

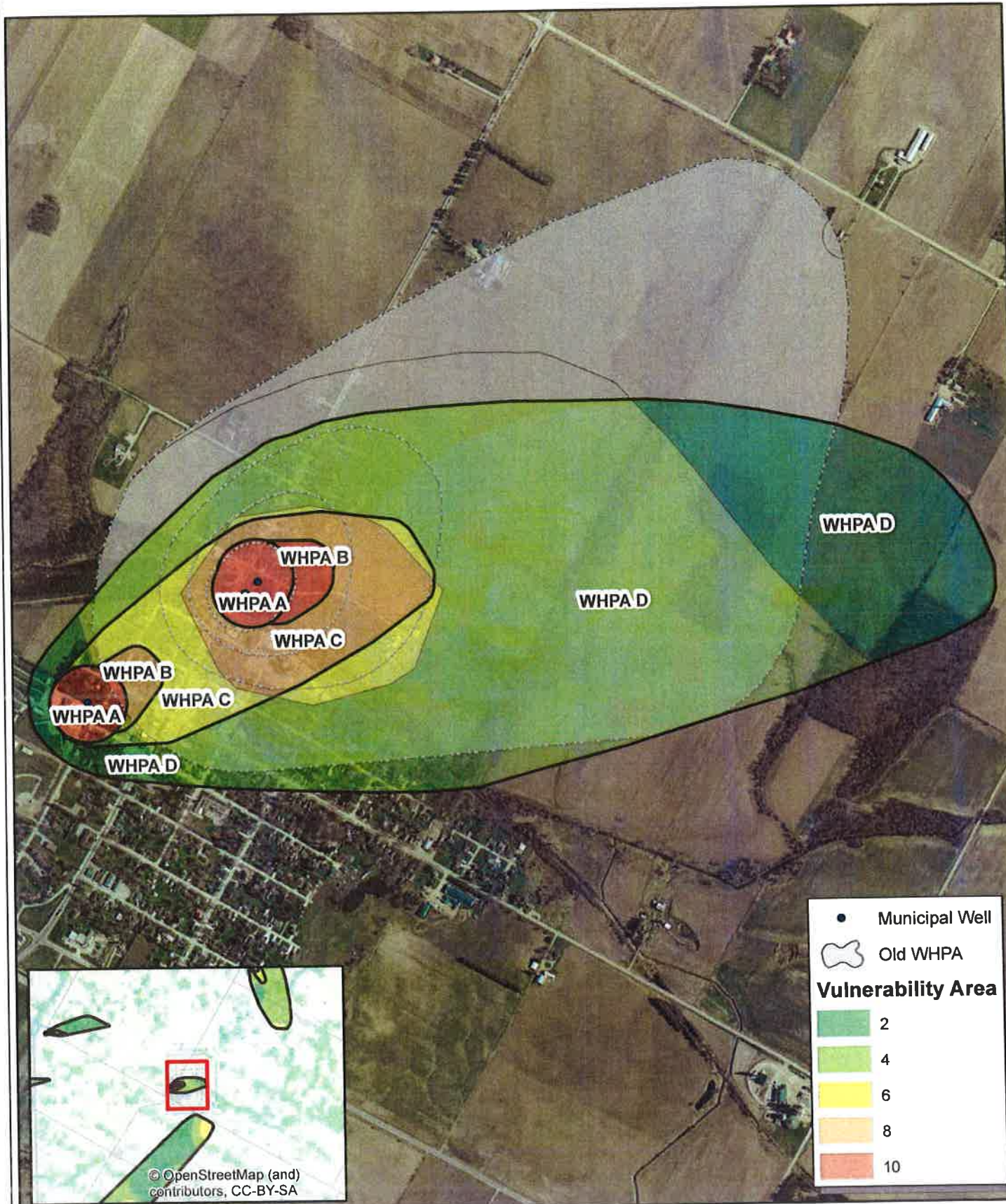
Source Protection Program Supervisor

Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Authority

Enclosure (Maps)



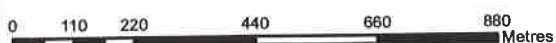
# Blyth Well Amendment Wellhead Protection Area (WHPA)



- Municipal Well
- ⬭ Old WHPA

**Vulnerability Area**

Dark Green	2
Light Green	4
Yellow	6
Orange	8
Red	10



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Ausable Bayfield & Maitland Valley DWSP assessment report approved by the Minister of the Environment on Jan 9, 2012  
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