

**DRINKING WATER  
SOURCE PROTECTION**  
ACT FOR CLEAN WATER

Ausable Bayfield  
Maitland Valley  
Source Protection  
Region

March 15, 2017

Township of North Huron  
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**Atten.: Ms. Sharon Chambers**

Dear Ms. Chambers:

**Re: Municipal Representative to the Source Protection Committee  
Central Municipal Grouping**

Source Protection Committees were established under the Province of Ontario's *Clean Water Act, 2006* to create and carry out a plan to protect municipal sources of drinking water. The local Source Protection Committee (SPC) for the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Region is currently comprised of fifteen members, five of whom are municipal representatives.

Each municipal representative represents a group of municipalities. The Township of North Huron is within the central grouping which is represented by Mr. David Blaney, who is a Councillor from Huron East. The other two municipalities within the central grouping are Huron East and Morris Turnberry.

Mr. Blaney was recently appointed to the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority's Board of Directors. Under current rules, a Board member of the Conservation Authority may not also sit on the SPC – unless an exemption from the Minister of Environment and Climate Change is received.

I am contacting you as the Ausable Bayfield Source Protection Authority (SPA) would like to seek a Minister's exemption to retain Mr. Blaney on the SPC until at least late 2018 when the next round of SPC retirements takes place. The Ausable Bayfield SPA is seeking this exemption as membership on the SPC is currently in transition due to:

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- an existing member being appointed as Chair
- the unfortunate death of one member
- the possible retirement of another member
- the replacement of a number of SPC members in late 2015

The SPC has previously expressed concern over member turnover and the resultant loss of experience and expertise.

As the creation and approval of the local Source Protection Plans has now taken place, it is anticipated that there will be 2 to 3 SPC meetings per year. Committee duties may include:

- Reviewing changes that need to be included in the next update of the Assessment Report
- Review reports and assess policy effectiveness
- Responding to requests by the MOECC
- Correspondence

To apply for an exemption from the Minister the Ausable Bayfield SPA requires letter of support from the affected municipalities.

We are contacting each of the municipalities in the central grouping seeking a resolution supporting the request for an exemption from the Minister. This exemption would permit Mr. Blaney to remain on the SPC until at least late 2018 when the next round of SPC retirements take place.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely;



Geoffrey Cade  
Program Supervisor

c.c. Mr. Brad Knight, Municipality of Huron East  
Ms. Nancy Michie, Municipality of Morris Turnberry  
Mr. Phil Beard, MVCA