



DWSP Newsletter

Bill Twaddle new Chair of Source Protection Committee

The Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region is pleased to announce that William (Bill) Twaddle will serve as Chair of the Drinking Water Source Protection Committee for the local source protection planning region, effective March 22, 2017.

Appointed by the Hon. Glen R. Murray, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, Mr. Twaddle's appointment is a benchmark event for the on-going process of Source Protection Plan implementation for the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee (SPC). The SPC oversees the planning process to establish programs and policies to protect municipal drinking water sources in this region, as called for under the Clean Water Act, 2006, and its regulations. The local Source Protection Plan was approved and became effective in July of 2016.

"I am very much looking forward to my new role as Chair of the Source Protection Committee and working with the Committee members, with whom I have built strong working relationships," Mr. Twaddle said. "Our committee has shown a strong desire to protect our water supply and I look forward to working with all of our members to continue this commitment," said Twaddle.

Bill was the chair of the then Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound Board of Health in 2000, during the Walkerton Water crisis. He was a councillor for the City of Owen Sound when he was first appointed to the Source Protection Committee as a Municipal Sector representative in October, 2007. Since joining the Committee he has been representing a group of municipalities that includes the City of Owen Sound, Municipality of Meaford, Town of the Blue Mountains and Municipality of Grey Highlands. In addition to his Municipal sector role on the Source Protection Committee, Mr. Twaddle also served as Co-chair of a Technical Advisory Working Group. Mr. Twaddle worked as a newspaper journalist for about 30 years and has spent the past 15 years as Community Development Coordinator with the Alzheimer's Society of Grey Bruce. "When I moved to Owen Sound in 1967, I did so because it is a place where I could raise my family in a safe, healthy environment and I want to do everything I can to make sure that other families have the same opportunity," said Mr. Twaddle.

Agriculture and Source Protection Plan Policies Workshop

On Tuesday, November 8, 2016, a workshop was held at the Tara Legion. This workshop was attended by: Regional agri-business staff, agronomy consultants, certified crop advisors, nutrient management consultants, conservation authority and Ministry staff.

Topics of presentations and discussion included:

- * Source Protection Planning Process, zones and maps
- * Risk Management Plan templates
- * Risk Management Measures and Best Management Practices
- * Resources available to producers and consultants

There was great discussion as to how the source protection program may impact landowners, the steps required to conform to source protection plan policies and where to find information to support this process.

RAGBOS Tradeshow/AGM

The REALTORS® Association of Grey Bruce Owen Sound had their Tradeshow and Annual General Meeting in Owen Sound on Wednesday, October 26th, 2016. Carl Seider, Emily Vandermeulen and Karen Gillan took shifts at this event with a display and information packages for the participating realtors. Staff worked closely with Grey Sauble Conservation Authority in planning for this event and the displays were placed together. There were a lot of good questions about the program, potential implications of policies on buyers and sellers, well and septic questions and areas where policies apply. This was the second opportunity to speak with some of these realtors as a short presentation was made to members in August.

Realtors Open House

On February 15, 2017 area realtors got to learn about Land Use Planning at an Open House at the Grey Sauble Conservation office. Presentations were made by Drinking Water Source Protection and Planning/Regulatory Staff. It was well attended.

Ripley Well Technical Work

The results of this technical study have been received, a delineation for the Wellhead Protection Area for this well is now available. Pre-consultation on this amendment to the Source Protection Plan has taken place. Landowners who have property in this area were contacted to inform them of the zones. A community Open House was held on March 9th, 2017 from 4-7pm to allow the public to provide comments and was well attended. Public Consultation period ended on April 7, 2017 and any comments received by this date will be considered prior to submission of the amendments to Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change.

Resources from the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC)

<http://www.ontario.ca/page/source-protection>

The Minister's Annual Report on Drinking Water 2016 has been tabled. The key matters discussed in the Report include:

- Climate Change
- First Nations
- The Great Lakes
- The *Water Opportunities Act*
- Source Protection
- Ontario's Drinking Water; and
- Emerging Issues

Below, are the links to Report in both English and French:

- <https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-environment-and-climate-change-ministers-annual-report-drinking-water-2016>
- <https://www.ontario.ca/fr/page/ministere-de-lenvironnement-et-de-laction-en-matiere-de-changement-climatique-rapport-annuel-du-1>

A new and improved Source Water Protection Information Atlas/Mapping Tool was also launched on April 3, 2017:

<https://www.gisapplication.lrc.gov.on.ca/SourceWaterProtection/Index.html?site=SourceWaterProtection&viewer=SWPViewer&locale=en-US>

Two new pages on water conservation and the drinking water protection zone signs were posted on Conservation Ontario's website in 2016.

The ministry continued to work with its partners to raise awareness of source protection through social media by using the hashtag, #SourceWaterON. The hashtag helps the ministry reach new social media audiences with an interest in protecting water sources and connects online conversations about source protection. The hashtag achieved an exciting milestone in 2016 — it was displayed more than one million times on social media.

Implementing plans and other actions to support source protection will help Ontario adapt to and mitigate the impacts that climate change may have on drinking water sources.

Annual Progress Reporting Q&A from MOECC

Question: Will Source Protection Authorities need to complete an Annual Progress Report for each source protection area or one per source protection region?

Answer: Under section 46 of the Clean Water Act and section 52 of Ontario Regulation 287/07, Annual Progress Reports are required to be completed for each Source Protection Plan (SPP). Whenever a source protection committee applied the same set of SPP policies across multiple source protection areas within their region, a single Annual Progress Report is appropriate, with the Report indicating the specific source protection areas it represents. In cases where unique SPPs were developed for different source protection areas within any given region, then multiple Annual Progress Reports would be required. As SPPs get amended over time for updated technical work, there may exist situations where one SPP originally representing multiple source protection areas within a region is updated and divided into two or more unique source protection plans, which would then necessitate the need for multiple Annual Progress Reports. Therefore, since multiple scenarios exist, if a source protection authority has any questions related to their specific scenario, it is recommended they consult with their Liaison Officer to determine the number of Annual Progress Reports that are required to be submitted.

Recent Meeting

- Municipal Risk Management Implementation Planning Meeting - audience CAOs, Clerks, Planners, CBO.
Topics to include: how to fund Part IV Responsibilities, Official Plan Updates and Septic Inspections
Meeting time: 9:00am – 1:00pm
 - Wednesday, April 5 /17 Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Boardroom

Infographics

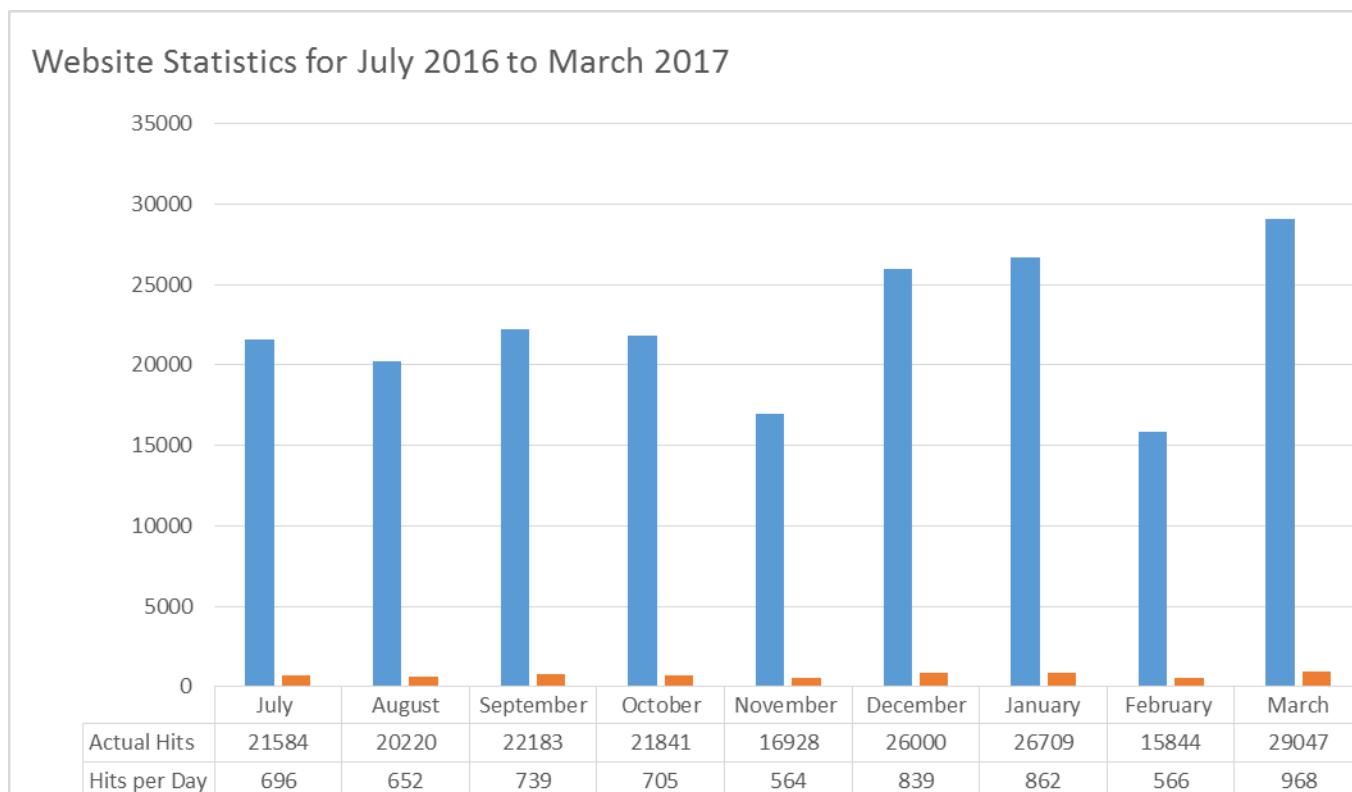
Infographics similar to the following one can be used in tax statements, mailings and on municipal social media and websites. Contact Karen Gillan if you would like this graphic. Others will be featured in future newsletters and on the Drinking Water Source Protection website, Facebook and Twitter feeds.



Website statistics for July 2016 to March 2017

The top visited pages and downloaded items for the www.waterprotection.ca website were:

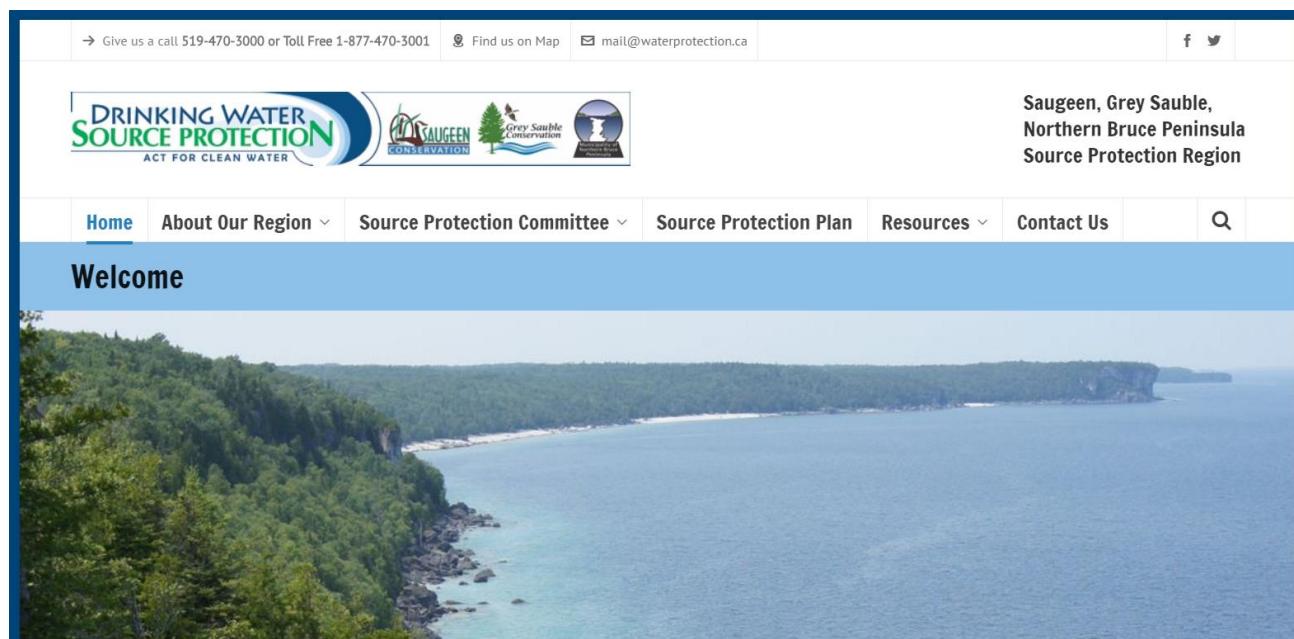
- Source Protection Plan maps for: Southampton, Markdale, Wiarton, Chepstow, and Point Clark
- Source Protection Plan documents



The two charts represent the website hits or visits for each of the last two months. The chart displays the total actual hits for the month in blue and the average hits or visits per day in orange. To optimize accuracy, the hits/visits to the www.waterprotection.ca website have been corrected to remove any search engine/robot type software not associated with an actual person visiting the site.

Updated Website

As of April 11th, the www.waterprotection.ca website will be updated with a fresh look and some new content. We look forward to the change and hope you will like it to. Please update your Bookmarks/Favourites for specific content.



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