



County Council

Meeting Date: May 11, 2021
Submitted by: Durk Vanderwerff, Director of Planning
SUBJECT: THAMES SYDENHAM SOURCE WATER PROTECTION
COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

BACKGROUND:

The Clean Water Act provides for communities to protect drinking water supplies by developing watershed-based source protection plans and establishing committees to guide and monitor the source protection plans. The Thames-Sydenham and Region Source Protection Region covers a significant portion of the County.

The Clean Water Act and the associated Regulations require that 1/3 of the membership of the Thames-Sydenham and Region Source Protection Committee be comprised of municipal representatives. The Regulation allows for the grouping of municipalities to appoint one representative and the County of Middlesex, and the City of London have been grouped together.

This report recommends that Mr. Jarrod Craven, Director of Public Works for the Municipality of Thames Centre, be appointed to the Thames-Sydenham and Region Source Protection Committee on behalf of the County of Middlesex and the City of London.

ANALYSIS:

In the past, Middlesex relied on the City of London representative, whom had considerable technical expertise in this area, to represent both municipalities. The City of London decommissioned all of its municipal drinking water wells and therefore indicated that it would rely on Middlesex County to represent the joint interests of the two jurisdictions by appointing a member to the Thames-Sydenham and Region Source Protection Committee.

Although the County is responsible for appointing someone to sit on the Thames-Sydenham and Region Source Protection Committee, municipal drinking water systems are a local municipal responsibility. Further, only Thames Centre and Middlesex Centre operate municipal drinking water systems that rely on wells (that are not part of the Regional Water Supply System) within the Thames-Sydenham and Region Source Protection Region. As such, it is appropriate that a representative from Thames Centre or Middlesex Centre be appointed.

Previously, Mr. Carlos Reyes, Director Environmental Services for the Municipality of Thames Centre, was appointed by County Council to be the representative. Mr. Reyes has since left the employment of Thames Centre. The CAOs of Thames Centre and Middlesex Centre have agreed that Mr. Jarrod Craven, Director of Public Works for the Municipality of Thames Centre would be an appropriate staff person to take on this role for the 4-year term.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications for the County of Middlesex.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC FOCUS:

This report aligns with the following Strategic Focus, Goals, or Objectives:

| Strategic Focus | Goals | Objectives |
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| Promoting Service Excellence | Innovate and transform municipal service delivery | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collaborate with strategic partners to leverage available resources and opportunities |

RECOMMENDATION:

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