

Members Present:	Robert Andrews Michèle Giddings Peter Huck Derrick Kamanga John Rudnickas Robert Walton	Mary Jane Conboy Rod Holme Alex Hukowich Jim Merritt Lesbia Smith
Ministry Liaison Staff Present:	Pat Lachmaniuk, MOE	Tony Amalfa, MOHLTC
Council Staff Present:	Scott Barrett	
Regrets:	Ron Brecher Ken Roberts	Robert Lannigan

1. Call to Order:

The Chair opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Adoption of February 15, 2008 Agenda:

February 15, 2008 agenda was adopted by consensus.

Adoption of January 18, 2008 Meeting Minutes:

January 18, 2008 meeting minutes were adopted by consensus and will be posted to the public area of the Council's website at www.odwac.gov.on.ca.

The Chair noted a few items of interest to the Council:

- **New Policy Advisor** in the Minister's Office: Brenda Lucas
- Minister's approval to publicly release Council's **2006-2007 Annual Report**
- Minister's acknowledgement of Council's advice on **Chlorite / Chlorate Standards**

2. MOE Update:

The Council discussed the Ministry of the Environment's "**Guide for Applying for Approvals Related to Municipal Drinking Water Systems**".

Action(s):

- *Council Members to send comments, to the Executive Assistant, on the Drinking Water Design Guidelines and the Guide for Applying for Approvals Related to Municipal Drinking Water Systems, prior the March 14, 2008 Meeting*

- *Council to discuss next steps relating to the Drinking Water Design Guidelines and the Guide for Applying for Approvals Related to Municipal Drinking Water Systems, at the March 14, 2008 Meeting*

Next, Ministry of the Environment staff from the Source Protection Programs and Standards Development Branches briefed the Council on the proposed **Chemical Risk Assessment process**, as part of the Clean Water Act's Drinking Water Source Protection initiatives.

Action(s):

- *Council to have a follow-up discussion on the Clean Water Act's Risk Assessment process, at a future Meeting*

3. MOHLTC Update:

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Liaison Staff Member presented to the Council on the progress of the **Small Drinking Water Systems Program (SDWSP)**.

Action(s):

- *Council to remain engaged in the Small Drinking Water Systems Program, Legislative and Regulatory changes, and Policy developments, in order to provide on-going advice to the MOE and the MOHLTC*

4. Standards Review:

Tritium:

The Chair briefed the Council on the progress of the **Tritium** Working Group and the upcoming public consultation meeting:

- Public Consultation confirmed for March 26 and 27, 2008, Sutton Place Hotel, Toronto
- ODWAC's website live for registration on February 7, 2008
- Notice published in the Toronto Star on February 9, 2008
- EBR Information Notice to be posted as soon as approved
- Working Group is set to meet with Lura on February 25, 2008 to develop agenda and assess potential presenters
- The Working Group has also arranged to meet with Mark Goldberg (Chair of the former Advisory Committee on Environmental Standards) on February 25, 2008

Action(s):

- *Tritium Working Group to continue to work with Lura Consulting to plan and execute the Council's public consultation on Tritium for March 26 and 27, 2008*

- *Tritium Working Group to meet with Chair of the former Advisory Committee on Environmental Standards*

Radiological Characteristics:

The Council was updated on the progress of the **Radiological Characteristics of Drinking Water Document** (*Council Standards Review Stage 5*), and also received a presentation on the Ministry of the Environment's Alpha / Beta proposed Screening Protocol.

Action(s):

- *Ministry of the Environment Liaison Staff Member to arrange for a presentation on the Radiological Characteristics of Drinking Water Document for deliberation at a future Council Meeting in 2008*

Benzene:

The Council was updated on the progress of the **Benzene in Drinking Water Document** (*Council Standards Review Stage 5*).

Action(s):

- *Ministry of the Environment Liaison Staff Member to arrange for a presentation on Benzene in Drinking Water Document for deliberation at a future Council Meeting in 2008*

Chloral Hydrate, Potassium:

The Council was updated on the status of the **Chloral Hydrate in Drinking Water and Guidance on Potassium from Water Softeners Documents** (*Both Council Standards Review Stage 5*).

Action(s):

- *Ministry of the Environment Liaison Staff Member to arrange for presentations on Chloral Hydrate and Potassium Documents for Council deliberation at future Meetings in 2008*

HAAs:

The Council received a presentation on the **cost impacts of implementing an ODWQS for HAAs**, based on data reported from the MOE's Drinking Water Surveillance Program for systems with HAA levels greater than 60 ug/L and 80 ug/L.

It was also noted that the MOE has contracted the development of a **guidance document for the reduction of THMs and HAAS** for use by Ontario's water treatment plants.

Action(s):

- *Executive Assistant and Chair to develop a draft Minister's advice letter on HAAs for discussion at the March 14, 2008 Council Meeting*

Chlorine:

The Council was updated on the **Chlorine in Drinking Water Document** (*Council Standards Review Stage 3*).

Action(s):

- *Ministry of the Environment Liaison Staff Member to arrange for a presentation on the Chlorine in Drinking Water Document for deliberation at a future Meeting in 2008*

5. Other Drinking Water Issues:

Well Sampling Survey Results from other Jurisdictions:

Council Member Mary Jane Conboy presented the results of a **multi-jurisdictional survey on mandatory vs. non-mandatory well sampling**, involving 10 provinces and 52 states.

Action(s):

- *Council to discuss potential recommendations that could be made to the Minister of the Environment on mandatory vs. non-mandatory well sampling at April 18, 2008 Meeting*

Other Working Group Updates:

The Chair updated the Council on the progress of several other Council Working Groups:

- Alternative Approaches to Disinfection Working Group:
 - Symposium dates confirmed for September 22-23, 2008
 - 7 Speakers have been confirmed
 - RFP to be developed in early 2008
 - Working Group to meet winter 2008 to discuss next steps
- Reg. 248 Working Group:
 - Schedule winter, 2008 meeting with MOE LaSB staff to discuss outstanding concerns
- DWQMS Working Group:
 - Met with MOE Licencing staff to discuss outstanding concerns
- Surrogates Working Group:
 - RFP / RFS to be developed in early 2008
 - Working Group to meet winter 2008 to discuss next steps, timing

6. Administrative Items:

Re-Appointments

It was noted that the re-appointment process is well underway for the Members whose terms will be expiring this year.

Ontario Research Fund

The Council learned that the Ontario Research Fund provided the University of Waterloo \$4.8 million to support the development of new technologies for measuring, monitoring, controlling and removing emerging contaminants in water treatment systems. See http://www.mri.gov.on.ca/english/news/Orf020808_waterloo_bd4.asp for more information.

First Nations Water Symposium

The 2nd Annual Water Symposium is scheduled to be held in Niagara Falls, March 18-19, 2008, and will focus on technological developments and discussions on the future of water management for First Nation communities. See <http://www.ofntsc.org/> for more information.

Next Meeting(s):

- March 14, 2008 (40 St. Clair Ave. W. 3rd Floor, Training Room “B”)
- April 18, 2008 (location to be determined)
- May 23, 2008 (location to be determined)
- June 20, 2008 (location to be determined)
- July 18, 2008 (location to be determined)
- September 12, 2008 (location to be determined)

7. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 3:15 p.m.