

Ontario Drinking Water Advisory Council: Minutes from May 23, 2008 Meeting

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

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

Adoption of May 23, 2008 Agenda:

May 23, 2008 agenda was adopted by consensus.

Adoption of April 18, 2008 Meeting Minutes:

April 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 asked for additional agenda items and 3 were noted:

- Reminder of the 13th **Canadian National Conference & 4th Policy Forum on Drinking Water** (October 4-7, 2008, Quebec City)
- Announcement of the **International Society for Fluoride Research Conference** (August 7-11, 2008, Toronto)
- Update of **National Priorities** (Health Canada)

2. MOE Update:

The Ministry of the Environment Liaison Staff Member updated the Council on a few items:

- Chief Drinking Water Inspector's Annual Report update
- 1st round of municipal lead testing results received by the MOE
- MOE Drinking Water Symposium (June 17, 2008, Toronto)

3. MOHLTC Update:

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Liaison Staff Member briefed the Council on the breakdown of the reported 679 various boil / drinking water advisories / orders in Ontario. The Council was also updated on the status of the **Small Drinking Water Systems Program**.

Action(s):

- *MOHLTC Liaison Staff Member to provide periodic updates on drinking water orders / advisories to the Council*
- *MOHLTC Liaison Staff Member to provide results on private well sampling for a future Council Meeting*

4. Standards Review:

Tritium:

The draft **Tritium consultation report** from LURA was further discussed.

Action(s):

- *Council Members to provide any comments on the LURA consultation report to the Executive Assistant by June 2, 2008*
- *Executive Assistant to work with LURA to finalize consultation report*

The Chair presented a **discussion document from the April 30, 2008 Tritium Working Group meeting**. Several outstanding issues were identified as needing more work, including: Derived Risk, Numeric Standard, Sampling / Testing / Reporting, and Communications.

The idea of having the draft final report peer reviewed was also discussed.

Action(s):

- *Tritium Working Group to meet on June 11 to continue to develop the framework for the draft final report on Tritium*

HAA₅:

A revised draft **advice letter to the Minister of the Environment on HAA₅** was discussed and content was agreed upon.

Action(s):

- *Council Chair to discuss draft final HAA₅ advice letter with Minister's Office staff prior to transmittal of final version to Minister*

Radiological Characteristics:

The Council was updated on the progress of the **Radiological Characteristics of Drinking Water (Guideline Document)** (*Council Standards Review Stage 5*). It was noted that this *Guideline Document* has been approved by CDW and is scheduled for CHE presentation and approval.

Action(s):

- *Ministry of the Environment Liaison Staff Member to arrange for a presentation on the Radiological Characteristics of Drinking Water Document at the June 20, 2008 Council Meeting*

Benzene:

The Council was updated on the progress of the **Benzene in Drinking Water (Guideline 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 (Guideline Document)** and **Guidance on Potassium from Water Softeners (Guidance Document)** (*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*

Chlorine:

The Council was updated on the **Chlorine in Drinking Water (Guideline 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*

Upcoming Guidelines:

- BDCM (Health Canada formed expert group to aid in review)
- Fluoride (Consultation Document due out by end of 2008)
- Carbon Tetrachloride (Document approved for consultation in 2008)
- NDMA (Document approved for consultation in winter 2008)
- Corrosion Control (Revised Document approved for release in summer 2008)
- Guidelines for Household Reclaimed Water (Final Document coming summer 2008)
- Recreational Water Guidelines ((Final Document coming summer 2008)

5. Other Drinking Water Issues:

Private Well Owner Survey Report:

Council Member Mary Jane Conboy presented the results of a report entitled “A Study of Ontario’s Private Well Owners Information Requirements and Possible Outreach and Education Programs”.

Action(s):

- *Council to discuss next steps on possible advice to the Minister at the June 20, 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 date confirmed for September 22, 2008
 - 6 Speakers have been confirmed; 1 MOE speaker to be named later
 - Venue being finalized
 - Potential Invitee list discussed

Action(s):

- *Council Members to provide Executive Assistant with further or more detailed suggestions for possible invitees*
- Reg. 248 Working Group:
 - Schedule summer, 2008 meeting with MOE LaSB staff to discuss outstanding concerns
- DWQMS Working Group:
 - MOE Licencing staff to keep Council informed of new and / or updated documents
- Surrogates Working Group:
 - RFP to be developed in summer 2008
 - Working Group to meet in summer 2008 to discuss next steps, timing

6. Administrative Items:

The Chair noted that the Council's Annual Report will need to be developed and drafted, and finalized over the next two meetings.

Action(s):

- *Council to discuss draft ODWAC Annual Report at June 20, 2008 Meeting*

Council Member and current OMWA president, Rob Walton, thanked the Chair for his April 28, 2008 presentation at the OMWA / OWWA Conference, on the Council and its work on a lead reduction strategy for Ontario.

Next Meeting(s):

- June 20, 2008 (40 St. Clair Ave. W. 3rd Floor, Training Room "B")
- July 18, 2008 (Hukowich residence, Cobourg)
- September 12, 2008 (location to be determined)
- October 17, 2008 (location to be determined)
- November 21, 2008 (location to be determined)
- December 19, 2008 (location to be determined)
- January 16, 2009 (location to be determined)

7. Adjourn

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