

*Ontario Drinking Water Advisory Council: Minutes from June 20, 2008 Meeting*

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<b>Members Present:</b>	Robert Andrews	Mary Jane Conboy
	Peter Huck ( <i>via phone</i> )	Alex Hukowich
	Derrick Kamanga	Jim Merritt
	Ken Roberts	John Rudnickas
	Robert Walton ( <i>via phone</i> )	

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<b>Ministry Liaison Staff Present:</b>	Pat Lachmaniuk, MOE
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<b>Council Staff Present:</b>	Scott Barrett	Iris Biggar
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<b>Regrets:</b>	Tony Amalfa, MOHLTC	Ron Brecher
	Michèle Giddings	Rod Holme
	Robert Lannigan	Lesbia Smith

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**1. Call to Order:**

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

**Adoption of June 20, 2008 Agenda:**

**June 20, 2008 agenda** was adopted by consensus.

**Adoption of May 23, 2008 Meeting Minutes:**

**May 23, 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](http://www.odwac.gov.on.ca).

The Chair noted a few items of interest and importance:

- Council Member **Mary Jane Conboy** was recently appointed to the **Board of Directors of the Ontario Groundwater Association**.
- The acting **Chief Drinking Water Inspector** (CDWI), Keith West, will continue on in his capacity as such, while the former CDWI, Jim Smith will work with the Deputy Minister on special assignments.
- The **Chair and Executive Assistant met with the Minister of the Environment** on June 19, 2008. The Minister expressed interest in attending the Council's meeting on September 12, 2008.

As well, a future agenda item was noted and recommended: **Source Protection Committees update, including risk assessments updates.**

## 2. MOE Update:

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

- **Source Protection Regulations** are to be posted on the Environmental Registry soon
- “**How to Apply for Guides for Drinking Water**” are to be posted on the MOE website soon.
- **Toxics Reduction Strategy** Draft Regulations are scheduled to be posted on the Environmental Registry soon.

## 3. Administrative Items:

The Council received a presentation on the new *Public Service of Ontario Act* (PSOA) as well as the upcoming **Conflict of Interest Regulation** (O. Reg. 381/07).

### *Action(s):*

- *Chair and Executive Assistant to prepare a comparison between the Council’s current Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Guideline and the upcoming Conflict of Interest Regulation, for discussion at the July 18, 2008 Meeting*

## 4. Standards Review:

### Tritium:

Draft notes from the June 11, 2008 **Tritium Working Group** were presented by the Chair and discussed.

The final **Tritium consultation report** from LURA was also presented and accepted by the Council.

### *Action(s):*

- *Executive Assistant and Chair to formalize the numerical formulae for the various options for tritium Standards for possible external fact-checking*

### HAA<sub>5</sub>:

The draft final **advice letter to the Minister of the Environment on HAA<sub>5</sub>** was presented and discussed with Minister’s Office staff on June 2, 2008.

### *Action(s):*

- *Council Executive Assistant and Chair to transmit final HAA<sub>5</sub> advice letter to the Minister of the Environment in July, 2008*

Radiological Characteristics:

The Council was provided with the CDW-approved version of the **Radiological Characteristics of Drinking Water (Guideline Document)** (*Council Standards Review Stage 5*).

*Action(s):*

- *Ministry of the Environment Liaison Staff Member to arrange for a presentation on the Radiological Characteristics of Drinking Water Document for the September 12, 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*

PFOA / PFOS:

The Ministry of the Environment Liaison Staff Member made the Council aware that to MOE has requested an **interim guidance value for PFOA / PFOS** from Health Canada. PFOA / PFOS can be found in the foam used in fire fighting.

**5. Other Drinking Water Issues:**

**Private Well Management:**

The Chair presented discussion notes on the history, involvement and potential next steps of the Council on the subject of **private well management and Reg. 903**.

*Action(s):*

- *Ministry of the Environment Liaison Staff Member to arrange for a presentation from the Director of the MOE's Environmental Monitoring and Reporting Branch for the Council's September 12, 2008 meeting*

**6. Other Drinking Water Issues (cont'd):**

**Alternative Approaches to Disinfection Symposium Update:**

- Symposium date confirmed for September 22, 2008
- 6 international speakers plus 1 MOE speaker confirmed
- Venue finalized: The Sutton Place Hotel, Toronto
- Council staff to look after registration and symposium administration
- Approximately 60 invitations sent out to date

*Action(s):*

- *Council Members to provide Executive Assistant with detailed suggestions for possible further invitees*

**7. Administrative Items (cont'd):**

The Chair presented, for discussion, an introduction to the **Council's priorities review** for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

*Action(s):*

- *Council Members to convey additions and/or bump-ups to Health Canada's Guidelines priority process*
- *Council Members to convey "watching list" and topics suggestions to Executive Assistant*
- *Executive Assistant to develop a schedule of external speakers to aid the Council in its deliberations of its 2008-2009 priorities*
- *Executive Assistant to revise priorities presentation for Council deliberation and finalization of 2008-2009 priorities for the July 18, 2008 Council meeting*

The Council's **2007-2008 draft Annual Report** was next discussed.

*Action(s):*

- *Council Members to convey suggested comments on the draft 2007-2008 Annual Report to the Executive Assistant for discussion and finalization at the July 18, 2008 Meeting*

The Chair also noted that **several members were due for term renewal** in June of 2008, and that they had received their acknowledgment and acceptance letters from the Minister of the Environment.

**Next Meeting(s):**

- 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)

*Action(s):*

- *Council Administrative Assistant to consolidate travel arrangements for the Members for the July 18, 2008 Meeting in Cobourg*

**8. Adjourn**

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