

## *Ontario Drinking Water Advisory Council: Minutes from July 18, 2008 Meeting*

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<b>Members Present:</b>	Mary Jane Conboy Rod Holme Alex Hukowich Robert Lannigan John Rudnickas Robert Walton	Michèle Giddings Peter Huck Derrick Kamanga Jim Merritt Lesbia Smith
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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	Robert Andrews Ken Roberts
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### **1. Call to Order:**

The Chair opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

#### **Adoption of July 18, 2008 Agenda:**

**July 18, 2008 agenda** was adopted by consensus, with the addition of updates from:

- **Peter Huck** on being interviewed for an Intelligent TV (ITV) show entitled “Drugs in the Water” that will air this fall
- **Michèle Giddings** on the **National Drinking Water Conference**, and **WHO initiatives**
- **Mary Jane Conboy** on the **stakeholder consultations for Source Water Protection** and the **posting of the draft Source Protection regulations**

#### **Adoption of June 20, 2008 Meeting Minutes:**

**June 20, 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:

- The **Chief Drinking Water Inspector 2006-2007 Annual Report** release
- British Columbia’s Ombudsman **report entitled: “Fit to Drink: Challenges in Providing Safe Drinking Water in British Columbia”**

## 2. MOE Update:

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

- **MOE Reorganization:** The new Program Development Division
- **Land and Water Policy Branch Regulatory Amendments:** Upcoming amendments to Reg. 243, Reg. 170, and Reg. 248.
- **Design Guidelines:** postings for public comment finished and final versions may be coming in the fall of 2008.

### *Action(s):*

- *Ministry of the Environment Liaison Staff Member to arrange for a presentation from Land and Water Policy Branch staff on forward policy agenda for drinking water for the November 21, 2008 Council Meeting*

## 3. Standards Review:

### Tritium:

The **draft report outline on tritium** was presented by the Chair and discussed.

### *Action(s):*

- *Executive Assistant and Chair to revise draft report outline on tritium, based on feedback received at July 18, 2008 Council Meeting*
- *Executive Assistant and Chair to formalize the numerical formulae, and provide references for the various tritium Standards options for external fact-checking*

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

It was noted that the **advice letter to the Minister of the Environment on HAA<sub>5</sub>** is now ready for official transmission.

### *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:

It was noted at the last Meeting that the **Radiological Characteristics of Drinking Water (Guideline Document)** was approved by CDW, and is currently with CHE for final approval.

*(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 learned that the **Benzene in Drinking Water** (*Guideline Document*) is ready for final CDW approval. (*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 the October 17, 2008 Council Meeting*

Chloral Hydrate, Potassium:

The Council was updated on the status of the **Chloral Hydrate in Drinking Water** (*Guidance 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*

#### **4. Other Drinking Water Issues:**

The Chair and Member Peter Huck updated the Council on the **progress of the September 22, 2008 Alternative Approaches to Disinfection Symposium**. It was noted that Council Member Robert Andrews agreed to provide an introductory presentation on disinfection at the beginning of the Symposium. It was noted that more participation is being sought and the Members were asked to provide more suggestions for invitees.

*Action(s):*

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

## **5. Administrative Items:**

The Chair presented, for discussion and finalization, the **Council's priorities review items** for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

### *Action(s):*

- *Executive Assistant to finalize the 2008-2009 priorities worksheet, including developing a schedule of external speakers to aid the Council in its deliberations*

The Council briefly discussed the new *Public Service of Ontario Act* (PSOA) as well as the **Conflict of Interest Regulation** (O. Reg. 381/07), which comes into effect on August 20, 2008.

### *Action(s):*

- *Full discussion on the Public Service of Ontario Act and the Conflict of Interest Regulation to be deferred to the September 12, 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 as soon as possible*

### **Next Meeting(s):**

- September 12, 2008 (40 St. Clair Ave. W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Training Room "B")
- October 17, 2008 (40 St. Clair Ave. W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Training Room "B")
- November 21, 2008 (40 St. Clair Ave. W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Training Room "B")
- December 19, 2008 (40 St. Clair Ave. W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Training Room "B")
- January 16, 2009 (location to be determined)

## **6. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 3:00 p.m.