

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

1. Call to Order:

The Chair opened the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Adoption of December 19, 2008 Agenda:

The **December 19, 2008 agenda** was adopted by consensus.

Adoption of November 20, 2008 Meeting Minutes:

The **November 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.

2. MOE Update on Initiatives and Activities:

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

- The *Design Guidelines for Drinking-Water Systems (2008)*, and *The Design Guidelines for Sewage Works (2008)* were finalized and posted on the Environmental Registry on December 19, 2008

3. MOHLTC Update on Initiatives and Activities:

The MOHLTC Liaison Staff Member briefed the Council on the progress of the **Small Drinking Water Systems** Program.

The Council was presented with a copy of the "**Small Drinking Water Systems Program Resource Manual**".

Action(s):

- *MOHLTC Liaison Staff Member to provide the Council with the “Operation of Small Drinking Water Systems Manual”, once available*
- *Council to review Small Drinking Water Systems Program Resource Manual, for discussion at a future Council Meeting*
- *MOHLTC Liaison Staff Member to provide the Council with a presentation of the Risk Characterization Assessment Tool, as well as some sample documentation, at a future Council Meeting*

4. Standards Review:

Tritium:

The Chair briefed the Council on the progress being made on the latest preliminary **confidential draft tritium report**.

Action(s):

- *Council to discuss next steps for the preliminary confidential draft report on tritium at the January 15, 2009 Meeting*

Benzene:

The Council discussed the **Benzene in Drinking Water** (*Guideline Document*), which is awaiting CHE approval (*Council Standards Review Stage 5*).

Action(s):

- *Council Chair, Executive Assistant and Ministry of the Environment Liaison Staff Member to draft a preliminary advice letter for discussion at the February 13, 2009 Meeting*

Radiological Characteristics:

The **Radiological Characteristics of Drinking Water** (*Guideline Document*) is currently with CHE for final approval. (*Council Standards Review Stage 5*)

Action(s):

- *Council to discuss a revised advice letter on the Radiological Characteristics of Drinking Water Guideline Document at the January 15, 2009 Meeting*

Chloral Hydrate, Potassium:

The **Chloral Hydrate in Drinking Water** (*Guidance Document*) and the **Guidance on Potassium from Potassium-based Water Softeners** (*Guidance Document*), are now both **CHE approved** (*Both Council Standards Review Stage 5*).

Action(s):

- *Ministry of the Environment Liaison Staff Member to provide Council Executive Assistant with the final Chloral Hydrate and Potassium Documents, when they become available*
- *Ministry of the Environment Liaison Staff Member to arrange for presentations on Chloral Hydrate and Potassium Documents for Council deliberation at future Meetings*

Chlorine:

The **Chlorine in Drinking Water** (*Guideline Document*) is now **CDW approved** and will soon be submitted to 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 Chlorine in Drinking Water Document for deliberation at a future Meeting*

5. Other Drinking Water Issues:

The Chair and Member Peter Huck updated the Council on the progress of the **Alternatives to Disinfection Symposium report**. The Chair and Executive Assistant met with Dr. Huck on November 20, 2008 and December 2, 2008, to discuss the draft report progress and next steps.

Action(s):

- *Council Member Peter Huck to continue to edit draft report for discussion at a future Council Meeting.*

6. Administrative Items:

The Chair noted that, on December 15, 2008, the **new Chief Drinking Water Inspector** for Ontario, John Stager, began his new position.

The Chair announced that the Minister of the Environment acknowledged the **Council's 2007 2008 Annual Report** on December 5, 2008, and it was posted on the Council's website on December 11, 2008. As a result of the Report's release, several of the Council's advice letters to the Minister have now become public, including:

- Reg. 248 (January 3, 2006)
- Arsenic (April 28, 2006)
- Stagnation Periods for Lead Sampling (July 6, 2007)
- Chlorite and Chlorate (August 23, 2007)

The Chair also noted that **Council Membership terms for several members will be ending in 2009.**

Council Member Mary Jane Conboy then briefed the Council on 2 items:

- Funding scenarios for the **Ontario Groundwater Association's (OGWA) Technology Transfer and Compliance program**
- **Wellwise Resource Centre's "Private Well Seminar Day"** to be held on March 26, 2009, in Orno, Ontario

Next Meeting(s):

- Thursday, January 15, 2009 (135 St. Clair Ave. W., 8th Floor Boardroom)
- Friday, February 20, 2009 (location to be determined)
- Friday, March 20, 2009 (location to be determined)
- Friday, April 17, 2009 (location to be determined)
- Friday, May 22, 2009 (location to be determined)

7. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 4:15 p.m.