

Ontario Drinking Water Advisory Council: Minutes from March 20, 2009 Meeting

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

1. Call to Order:

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

Adoption of March 20, 2009 Agenda:

The **March 20, 2009 agenda** was adopted by consensus.

Adoption of February 20, 2009 Meeting Minutes:

The **February 20, 2009 meeting minutes** were adopted by consensus, with minor changes, 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 MOE's **Chief Drinking Water Inspector** was present to meet with the Council.

MOE Policy staff briefed the Council on the **forward policy agenda for drinking water** in Ontario, including Reg. 170 and Reg. 243 amendments regarding lead, and other non-lead related items for **Reg. 170, Reg. 169, and Reg. 248**.

Action(s):

- ***Council Executive Assistant to arrange for Reg. 248 Working Group to meet with MOE Laboratory, Policy, and Science staff to discuss Reg. 248 proposed amendment details, in April, 2009***

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**.

4. Standards Review:

Tritium:

The Chair briefed the Council on the progress being made on the preliminary **confidential draft tritium report**. Also discussed were numerous media report from Ottawa (Chalk River).

Radiological Characteristics:

Health Canada's **Radiological Characteristics of Drinking Water** (*Guideline Document*) is currently with CHE for final approval and the Council's latest **draft advice letter** was discussed.

Action(s):

- *Executive Assistant to amend the draft advice letter, based on the Council's discussions, for presentation at the April 17, 2009 Meeting*

Benzene:

The **Benzene in Drinking Water** (*Guideline Document*) is with CHE for final approval, and the latest **draft advice letter** was presented and discussed.

Action(s):

- *Council Executive Assistant to draft and table a model for developing a Standard for a known carcinogen for Council discussion at the April 17, 2009 Meeting*

Chloral Hydrate:

The **Chloral Hydrate in Drinking Water** (*Guidance Document*) is now both CDW and CHE approved, and **has been published by Health Canada**.

Action(s):

- *Ministry of the Environment Liaison Staff Member to arrange for presentation on Chloral Hydrate for Council deliberation at a the April 17, 2009 Meeting*

Chlorine:

The **Chlorine in Drinking Water** (*Guideline Documents*) is **CDW approved** and is expected to be forwarded to CHE for final approval soon.

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*

Other Health Canada documents at various stages of development include: Fluoride, BDCM (to be rescinded), Carbon Tetrachloride, NDMA, Lead, MCPA, protozoa and enteric viruses, 1,2-dichloroethane, and dichloromethane.

Also discussed was Health Canada's monitoring survey of 60 of Canada's water treatment plants for disinfection by-products, pharmaceuticals and personal-care products and various other parameters.

5. Other Drinking Water Issues:

The Chair updated the Council on the progress of the **Alternatives to Disinfection Symposium report**. Council Member Peter Huck submitted a **new draft report** for the Council's review and discussion.

Action(s):

- *Council Chair and Executive Assistant to review latest draft report and give feedback to Council Member Peter Huck*
- *Council Member Peter Huck to continue to edit draft report for discussion at a future Council Meeting*

6. Administrative Items:

The Council discussed several upcoming conferences, including:

- OWWA Spring Treatment Seminar (March 26, Toronto)
- U of T NSERC Chair Day (April 15, Toronto)
- OWWA /OMWA Annual Conference (May 3-6, Toronto)
- AWWA Annual Conference and Exposition (June 14-18, San Diego)

Action(s):

- *Members to inform Executive Assistant regarding possible attendance at the 4 noted conferences*

Next Meeting(s):

- Friday, April 17, 2009 (40 St. Clair Ave. W., 3rd Floor, Training Room “B”)
- Friday, May 22, 2009 (40 St. Clair Ave. W., 3rd Floor, Training Room “B”)
- Friday, June 19, 2009 (40 St. Clair Ave. W., 3rd Floor, Training Room “B”)
- Friday July 17, 2009 (Venue to be announced)
- August, 2009: *No Meeting Planned*
- Friday, September 18, 2009 (Venue to be announced)
- Friday, October 16, 2009 (Venue to be announced)
- Friday, November 20, 2009 (Venue to be announced)
- Friday, December 18, 2009 (Venue to be announced)

7. Adjourn

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