

## Ontario Drinking Water Advisory Council: Minutes from June 26, 2009 Meeting

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

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

#### **Adoption of June 26, 2009 Agenda:**

The **June 26, 2009 agenda** was adopted by consensus.

#### **Adoption of May 22, 2009 Meeting Minutes:**

The **May 22, 2009 meeting minutes** were adopted by consensus, with a minor change, 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).

Several items were noted by the Chair, including:

- Council Member **Rob Walton** receiving an **OWWA Appreciation Award “for service to the Association and the water profession”**;
- The release of the **Chief Drinking Water Inspector’s 2007-2008 Annual Report** on June 24, 2009; and
- A new **MOE organization chart and overview document**.

### 2. MOE Update on Initiatives and Activities:

The MOE Liaison Staff Member briefed the Council on a few items of interest, including:

- The **Toxics Reduction Act**;
- The Environmental Registry posting of a discussion paper on “**Requirements for the Content and Preparation of Source Protection Plans**”; and
- **Amendments to Reg. 170, Reg. 248, and Reg. 169**.

### 3. MOHLTC Update on Initiatives and Activities:

The MOHLTC Liaison Staff Member briefed the Council on a few items of interest, including:

- Discussions with the MOE around what tests **Public Health Inspectors** can use for **screening drinking water samples**;
- Implementation of the **Small Drinking Water Systems Program**;
- Release of the **Response to Adverse Drinking Water Quality Incidents Guidance Document**"; and the
- **Organization, roles and responsibilities** of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC), the Ministry of Health Promotion (MHP), and the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion (OAHP).

*Action(s):*

- *MOHLTC Liaison Staff Member to provide a breakdown of the types and locations of AWQIs for a future Council Meeting*

### 4. Standards Review:

Tritium:

The Chair briefed the Council on activities surrounding the **June 9, 2009 public release** of the Council's **tritium report** for the Minister.

Radiological Characteristics:

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

*Action(s):*

- *Executive Assistant to revise the draft Radiological Monitoring advice letter for full Council discussion at the July 24, 2009 Meeting*

BDCM:

The Council discussed **Health Canada's removal of a separate BDCM Guideline from the total trihalomethanes Guideline**, recognizing that "the maximum acceptable concentration for total trihalomethanes is protective of the health effects of all total trihalomethanes, including BDCM."

Benzene:

Health Canada's **Benzene in Drinking Water** (*Guideline Document*) has been approved by both the CDW and the CHE and the Council's latest **draft advice letter on Benzene** was discussed, including multi-route exposure issues, cancer slope factors, risk levels, and a possible relationship with the MOE's source protection planning activities.

*Action(s):*

- *Executive Assistant and Chair to investigate the relationship between a new Benzene Standard and Source Protection Planning activities, prior to the July 24, 2009 Council Meeting*
- *Ministry of the Environment Liaison Staff Member to provide an appropriate cancer slope factor to the Chair and Executive Assistant prior to the July 24, 2009 Council Meeting*
- *Executive Assistant to revise the benzene advice letter for further Council discussion at the July 24, 2009 Meeting*

Chlorine:

The **Chlorine in Drinking Water** (*Guideline Document*) has been **approved by both the CDW and the CHE.**

*Action(s):*

- *Ministry of the Environment Liaison Staff Member to supply the latest version of Health Canada's Chlorine in Drinking Water Document to Executive Assistant when available*
- *Ministry of the Environment Liaison Staff Member to arrange for a presentation on the Chlorine in Drinking Water Document for deliberation at a future Council Meeting*

**5. Other Drinking Water Issues:**

Council Member Peter Huck updated the Council on the progress of the **Alternatives to Disinfection Symposium report**, noting that most of the speakers have provided their comments on their sections of the report.

*Action(s):*

- *Council to review updated draft of the Alternatives to Disinfection Symposium report at a future Meeting*
- *Council to consider options for the release of the report at the July 24, 2009 Meeting*

**6. Administrative Items:**

Priorities Review:

The Chair introduced, for preliminary discussion, several documents related to the **Council's priorities review for 2009-2010.**

Some items discussed included **Ontario's Lead Action Plan** progress, and the **associated cost with corrosion control activities**.

As well, several **contaminants of interest** were noted, including: **lead, cryptosporidium and giardia, microcystin, arsenic, fluoride, turbidity, uranium, and phthalates**.

*Action(s):*

- *Council Members to convey additions and / or bump-ups to Health Canada's Guidelines priority list*
- *Council Members to convey priority topic suggestions to Executive Assistant*
- *Executive Assistant to develop a schedule of external speakers to aid the Council in its deliberations of its 2009-2010 priorities*
- *Executive Assistant to revise priorities presentation for Council deliberation and finalization of 2009-2010 priorities for the July 24, 2009 Council meeting*

ODWAC Annual Report:

A preliminary draft copy of the **Council's 2008-2009 draft Annual Report** was next presented and briefly discussed.

*Action(s):*

- *Council Members to convey suggested comments on the draft 2008-2009 Annual Report to the Executive Assistant for discussion at the July 24, 2009 Meeting*

ODWAC Membership Renewals:

The Chair noted that **efforts are underway to renew several Council Members**, whose terms expire in 2009.

Next Meeting(s):

- Friday July 24, 2009 (Hukowich residence, 8042 Telephone Road, Cobourg??)
- August, 2009: **No Meeting Planned**
- Friday, September 18, 2009 (40 St. Clair Ave. W., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Training Room "B")
- Friday, October 16, 2009 (40 St. Clair Ave. W., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Training Room "B")
- Friday, November 20, 2009 (Venue to be announced)
- Friday, December 18, 2009 (40 St. Clair Ave. W., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Training Room "B")

## **7. Adjourn**

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