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## AGENDA

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- 1.0    Agenda Review**
- 2.0    Adoption of Agenda**
- 3.0    Declaration of Interest**
- 4.0    Approval of Minutes from April 25, 2024**  
Attached separately.
- 5.0    Source Protection Committee Appointments** **1-2**
- 6.0    Member Inquiries**
- 7.0    New Business**
- 8.0    Upcoming Meetings**  
To be determined
- 9.0    Adjournment**

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## **5.0 Source Protection Committee Appointment**

**Date: October 24, 2024**

**To: Rideau Valley Source Protection Authority**

**From: Marika Livingston, Project Manager  
Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Region**

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### **Recommendation:**

That the Rideau Valley Source Protection Authority officially appoint Sandra Bickell to the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee for a 5-year term to represent the Public Sector.

### **Background**

As outlined in the *Clean Water Act, 2006*, under Ontario Regulation 288/07, the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee was created to develop a Source Protection Plan to protect municipal sources of drinking water in this region. The Committee oversees the source protection program, and the composition ensures that a variety of local interests are represented at the decision-making table.

### **Current Membership**

As per resolution SPA-2-2/17, the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee membership is currently:

Economic Sector – 4 members

Municipal Sector – 4 members

Environment / Health / Public Sector – 4 members

Total – 12 members

### **Recruitment**

Chief Randy Malcolm of the Snimikobi (Ardoch) Algonquin First Nation has represented the Algonquins of Ontario on our Source Protection Committee since its inception in 2007. After a remarkable seventeen years of service, Chief Malcolm has indicated that he will not seek reappointment when his current term comes to an end later this year.

Chief Malcolm's retirement will leave a vacancy on the committee, and Source Protection staff requested that the Algonquins of Ontario select a new representative to ensure the Algonquin Nations continue to have a strong voice in overseeing local drinking water source protection.

In June 2024, Source Protection staff reached out to the Executive Director of the Algonquins of Ontario. The committee seat held by Chief Malcolm has been designated for First Nations representation by the Rideau Valley and Mississippi Valley Conservation

Authorities. In late September, Source Protection staff received notification that the Algonquins of Ontario have selected Sandra Bickell to occupy the First Nation seat on our Source Protection Committee.

Sandra Bickell is currently working and volunteering with the Snimikobi Algonquin First Nation, and she has worked alongside Chief Randy Malcolm for many years as a Community Liaison assisting community members and working on special projects. When needed, she also is a Algonquin Negotiation Representative working to support the land claim process and share knowledge of Algonquin heritage and traditions. Her former career was working in the Health and Safety industry for 20 years, both at the GM and Ford factories and managed a shipping department for a pharmaceutical company. Sandra is passionate about protecting our water for both this generation and future generations and looks forward to working with the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Region.

### **Next Steps**

After meeting with the Source Protection Authorities, Source Protection staff will prepare a letter of appointment. Staff will also complete orientation with Sandra before the next Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee meeting which is scheduled for December 2024.