

**TRCWR Municipal / Conservation Authority Committee
Draft Agenda
December 8, 2021 at 10 am Virtual Meeting**

POSSIBLE ATTENDEES:

Eleanor Heagy (UTRCA)
Jason Lehouillier (MOECP)
Jason Wintermute (LTVCA)
Mark Peacock (LTVCA)
Marta Soucek (MECP)
Pat Donnelly (COL)
Tara Tchir (UTRCA)
Tracy Annett (UTRCA)

REGRETS:

UNCONFIRMED:

Purpose of Committee: (*DECISION*)

- To work with municipalities to gain support for recommendations in the plan
- Broaden participation and engage municipalities in the delivery of the recommendations
- To gather the tracking information for the implementation of the recommendations in the SWA and report to???? (this needs further discussion)
- To work towards community support for the SWA

1. Committee members and governance (*DECISION*)

- a) Decide who will act as leader of this committee (*e.g. develop agenda, call and facilitate meetings*) – leave as PM for now
- b) Decide on other committee members

2. Engagement and Outreach models to determine needs and level of participation with the potential partners/allies

- a) Update on consultations with municipalities as part of the development of watershed based resource management strategy (deadline is Dec 21, 2024 to have a final strategy that has been accepted) and MOUs. Ensure SWA is included in the watershed based resource management strategies required by the CA Act (***placeholder***)
 - o 9 municipalities within LTVCA
 - o 17 municipalities within UTRCA
- b) Other mechanisms for engaging municipalities outside of CA approach (***placeholder***)
 - o Climate change discussions
 - o Wastewater bypasses, overflows, etc.
 - o Agricultural drainage systems (might be more applicable to Agricultural subcommittee)
 - o Recreation plans given interest in river and being outside
 - o First Nation engagement commitments
 - o Planning initiatives such as Official Plan Updates, Natural Heritage updates, SAR strategies

3. Tracking tools (DECISION)

- a) What features do we want in a tracking tool?
 - Need to be able to add and track emerging issues (e.g. algal blooms)
 - Need to be flexible in interpretation of recommendations by variety of municipalities
- b) Items to track:
 - Schedule and timeline (refer to CA Act requirements and MOUs)
 - Determine which municipal actions in SWA fit into CA outreach and which don't
 - Determine which municipality would be interested in the action
- c) Determine which tracking tools to use:
 - Online dashboard or portal rather than a hard copy or pdf file so that projects can be easily updated, searched, etc. and perhaps have an interactive map
 - Spreadsheet / Timetable of 5-6 actions/ recommendations from the SWA that we would like municipalities to consider and track, as well as who is responsible, status updates, and support needed to implement (see example of spreadsheet for UTRCA units – the Conservation Services Unit is highlighted).
 - A catalogue of projects and programs undertaken by partners that are organized by actions / recommendations (e.g. similar to 2018 nutrient reduction project catalogue: <http://thamesriver.on.ca/nutrient-project-catalogue/>).

4. Action Item Table (REVIEW)

5. Next Meeting (DECISION)