

**TRCWR Municipal / Conservation Authority Committee – Virtual Meeting
Minutes
February 10, 2022 at 10 am**

In attendance:

Eleanor Heagy (UTRCA)
Jason Wintermute (LTVCA)
Mark Peacock (LTVCA)
Pat Donnelly (COL)
Tara Tchir (UTRCA)
Tracy Annett (UTRCA)
Ngan Diep (MECP)

REGRETS:

Jason Lehouillier (MECP)
Town of St. Marys representative

Purpose of Committee:

- Work with municipalities to gain support for recommendations in the Shared Waters Approach (SWA)
- Broaden participation and engage municipalities in the delivery of the recommendations
- Gather tracking information for the implementation of the SWA recommendations and provide information to TRCWR Steering Committee and MECP (funder)
- Develop action items and an implementation plan (tools and how used)
- Work towards community support for the SWA

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a) Ngan Diep introduced herself as the new Great Lakes Advisor (formerly held by Cheriene). There was a discussion about the SWA implementation plan and how it will be used.
- b) There were no changes to the draft agenda.
- c) Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

2. Committee members and governance

- a) Review list of committees and committee members – Tara
Tara reviewed the list that she had provided of the committees and membership (or potential members). Committee members will provide some additional names to Tara.
- b) Review municipal contact list – Tara
 - While the Thames River is not currently a priority in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, staff there do see this initiative as an opportunity and may be interested in participating in the SWA.

- A staff person from the Town of St. Marys has inquired about the process for joining the steering committee, as the municipality is interested in appointing someone to sit on the committee.
- Many smaller municipalities see the CAs' work as a major part of implementing their own climate action plans. Oxford County has a climate action plan. Perth County is developing theirs and will provide direction but lower tier will be responsible for actions. Elgin and Middlesex will be implemented the same as Perth.

ACTION: Add more contacts to the list, some may be people who should join the committee, others may be people to be kept informed.

ACTION: Should we be using MS Teams to share documents?

3. 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
Mark and Tracy provided an update on the resource management strategy that both CAs are required to develop under the new CA Act regulations. The SWA will be a foundation document for the strategies.
- b) Update on other mechanisms for engaging municipalities outside of CA approach
There was a discussion about other opportunities to bring other municipalities into the SWA.

4. Tracking tools

- a) Review SWA recommendations specific to municipalities – Tara
Tara provided the tables of all the SWA recommendations, in which she has highlighted recommendations that are or may be relevant for municipalities. We started to review the water quality recommendations.
There was a discussion about the recommendations provided by the First Nations. Any municipality implementing TRC recommendations will see First Nations Goal 1, Recommendation 1 as important. We need to consider how this committee can support the recommendations provided by the First Nations, such as providing letters of support for funding applications, committing to in-kind support, etc. Also consider opportunities to help implement the First Nations' recommendations.

ACTION: Tara will send the updated tables to the committee. Please add to the notes/updates wherever you can.