

DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION

Our Actions Matter



Bill 108: *More Homes, More Choice* Act, 2019

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Overview

- An act to amend several provincial statutes; omnibus bill.
- Schedule 2 contains legislative amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act*.
- Drinking Water Source Protection has historically been funded 100% by the Province.
- Good News: Continued support for the *Clean Water Act, 2006* and the Drinking Water Source Protection Program.
- Enabling regulations will outline details.



Current *Conservation Authorities Act*

Programs and services

21.1 (1): The following are the programs and services that an authority is required or permitted to provide within its area of jurisdiction:

1. Mandatory programs and services that are required by regulation.
2. Municipal programs and services that the authority agrees to provide on behalf of municipalities situated in whole or in part within its area of jurisdiction under a memorandum of understanding referred to in subsection (3).
3. Such other programs and services as the authority may determine are advisable to further its objects.

Mandatory programs and services

(2) Programs and services referred to in paragraph 1 of subsection (1) shall be provided in accordance with such standards and requirements as may be set out in the regulations.



Changes to *Conservation Authorities Act*

Mandatory programs and services

21.1(1) An authority shall provide the following programs or services within its area of jurisdiction;

1. A program or service that meets any of the following descriptions and that has been prescribed by the regulations;
 - i) Programs and services related to the risk of natural hazards,
 - ii) Programs and services related to the conservation and management of lands owned or controlled by the authority, including any interests in land registered on title,
 - iii) Programs and services related to the authority's duties, functions, and responsibilities as a source protection authority under the *Clean Water Act, 2006*,**
 - iv) Programs and services related to the authority's duties, functions and responsibilities under an Act prescribed by the regulations.



Legislated Activities under the *Clean Water Act, 2006*

- A. Maintenance of local source protection framework;
- B. Maintenance of the CTC Source Protection Committee to guide local planning process;
- C. Monitor and Report on CTC Source Protection Plan implementation progress;
- D. Records retention in accordance to legislative requirements;
- E. Amendments under section 51 of the General Regulation for minor / administrative revisions;



Legislated Activities under the *Clean Water Act, 2006* cont'd

- F. Issuance of confirmation notices to system owners under the General Regulation (O. Reg. 287/07, section 48 (1.1)) under the Act;
- G. Amendments to SPP (including AR) initiated by the SPA (under s.34 of the Act) to incorporate technical assessments of new or expanding systems;
- H. Undertake work to update the source protection plan (under s. 36 of the Act); and
- I. Consultation requirements.



Activities that are not legislated:

- Carried out by source protection authorities to achieve the success of the local program
 - ✓ Provision of advice and program support to municipal staff to resolve issues with policy implementation and identify whether updates to assessment reports and plans are necessary to improve implementation.
 - ✓ Provision of advice on the review of local applications / decisions in vulnerable areas to ensure integration of source protection.



Activities that are not legislated (cont'd):

- ✓ Provision of support to municipal residential drinking water system owners on requirements for water quality risk assessments on new and expanding wells and intakes.
- ✓ Keeping municipal councils and councillors informed and aware of program progress and their obligations
- ✓ Amendments to SPP (including AR) initiated by the SPA (under s.34 of the Act).



Activities that are not legislated (cont'd):

- ✓ Maintenance of local source protection program, including issues management and participation in local, regional and provincial meetings to advance local programs.
- ✓ Support source protection committees in the preparation of updates to an assessment report and source protection plan under s36 of the Act.

