



Staff Report

Date: November 20, 2025
To: Crowe Valley Conservation Authority Board
Re: Proposed changes to the Clean Water Act and Trent Source Protection Plan
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The purpose of this staff report is to notify the Board of proposed changes to the Clean Water Act and Trent Source Protection Plan. A Crowe Valley Source Protection Authority meeting will be held to update the Board on the changes once they have been approved.

Bill 56

- Accelerating and improving protections for Ontario's drinking water sources
 - The Province of Ontario has passed Bill 56, the Building a More Competitive Economy Act, 2025, which amends the Clean Water Act, 2006.
 - To come into force on a day to be named by order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.
- Link to Environmental Registry for Changes to the Clean Water Act: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/025-1060>
- Regulatory changes for accelerating and improving protections for Ontario's drinking water sources
 - Ontario is proposing regulatory changes to accelerate and modernize how we protect sources of drinking water. These updates would make it faster and easier to revise local source protection plans—especially when new wells or intakes are added - to support growing communities.
 - Public consultation is currently open, closing December 6, 2025.
- Link to Environmental Registry for Changes to Regulations: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/025-1104>

Changes to the Trent Source Protection Plan

- Proposed Section 36 Amendments are currently waiting approval from the Ministry.
 - Updates to modernize the Plan to ensure that it remains current and effective.
 - In 2021, new Technical Rules were approved. The Source Protection Committee reviewed these changes and proposed amendments to the Source Protection Plan and Assessment Report to address these new rules.
 - Expected to come into effect on January 1st, 2026, pending approval.
 - Link to Trent Source Protection Plan: <https://trentsourceprotection.on.ca/source-protection-plans/trent-source-protection-plan/>
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