



Staff Report #1

Date: April 16, 2026
To: Crowe Valley Source Protection Authority
Re: Changes to the Trent Source Protection Plan and Reappointment of Municipal Representative to the Source Protection Committee
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Recommendation:

1. THAT, the Crowe Valley Source Protection Authority supports the reappointment of George Offshack as the municipal representative for the Crowe Valley Source Protection Area on the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Committee.

Background:

The purpose of this report is to provide the Crowe Valley Source Protection Authority with an overview of the changes to the Trent Source Protection Plan that occurred through a Section 36 Amendment approved by the Ministry and enacted on March 9, 2026.

This report is also meant to inform the Authority that the term of the municipal representative to the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Committee for the Crowe Valley Source Protection Area will expire in December of 2026 and the process of reappointing the representative has begun.

Changes to the Trent Source Protection Plan

- Changes to the Trent Source Protection Plan have been approved through a Section 36 Amendment. Below is a summary of the main changes:
 - o Reduction of the timeline for establishing a Risk Management Plan from 5 years to 2 years. Now that all of the original risk management plans have been established, the Committee felt that 5 years was too long a period and therefore reduced that timeframe to 2 years for existing activities.
 - o Updates to the definitions of existing and future threats in order to provide more clarification.
 - o Slight amendment to give municipalities more flexibility in determining the location of signage indicating vulnerable zones.
 - o Merging of some policies to avoid duplication.

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- Updates to reflect changes in the technical rules regarding sewage, agriculture, and road salt storage.
- CVCA has contacted the municipalities within the Crowe Valley Municipal Group to inform them that the amendments have been enacted and offer support to provide guidance regarding the impacts of the amendments.

Municipal Representative to the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Committee

- George Offshack is the current member on the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Committee representing municipalities in the Crowe Valley Source Protection Area.
- The term of appointments to the Committee is 5 years and Mr. Offshack's current term expires on December 8, 2026.
- Mr. Offshack has indicated that he would appreciate being reappointed to the Committee. He has been an excellent participating member of the Committee.
- The Source Protection Committee requires a council resolution from the municipalities within the Crowe Valley Municipal Group supporting the reappointment of Mr. Offshack for another term on the Committee, in order to proceed with his reappointment. Alternatively, the municipalities have the opportunity to put forward another nomination by resolution.
- There are 6 municipalities within the Crowe Valley Municipal Group. The municipalities of Faraday, Wollaston, Marmora & Lake, and Tudor & Cashel have passed resolutions supporting Mr. Offshack's reappointment. Resolutions have been requested from Havelock-Belmont-Methuen and Limerick. CVCA has requested that the municipalities provide their resolution no later than June 30, 2026.