

**STAFF REPORT: Planning & Building Services Department**

**REPORT TO:** Council  
**MEETING DATE:** January 9, 2012  
**REPORT NO.:** PL.12.02  
**SUBJECT:** Source Water Protection  
**PREPARED BY:** Cindy Welsh, MCIP, RPP  
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**A. Recommendations**

**THAT Council does hereby receive Planning Staff Report PL.12.02, Source Water Protection for information purposes; and**

**That Council direct Planning Staff to advise the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region and the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Water Protection Region that the Town has no comments related to the Draft Source Protection Plans.**

**B. Background**

The South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region and the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region have released their preliminary Source Protection Plan Policies for preconsultation with area municipalities. The Town of The Blue Mountains is located within both of these Source Protection Regions. Town staff attended both preconsultation sessions hosted by each of the Source Protections Regions in late 2011.

The *Clean Water Act*, 2006, came into effect in July 2007 and requires Source Protection Plans to be developed for Source Protection Areas in Ontario. The Source Protection Plans must be submitted to the Minister of the Environment (MOE) by August 2012. Both Source Protection Regions have developed preliminary policies that are the primary focus of their preconsultation period. Comments on the policies distributed as part of the preconsultation package need to be submitted on or before January 13, 2012. Town staff has had an opportunity to review policies of both Source Protection Regions. Given the limited number of identified threats that affect the Town, Town staff do not have any concerns with respect to the policies as set out in the draft documents.

With respect to the identified threats, the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region, there are six significant threats identified in the Buckingham Woods Well supply area (located in Clearview Township) in association with six land parcels. Two of these lands parcels are within the Town of The Blue Mountains. Most of the significant threats identified are associated with residential land uses (septic tanks and potential fuel storage for heating). Within the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region, no significant threats have been identified for the Town.

Once the Source Protection Plans have been approved by the Minister of the Environment, the Town will need to ensure conformity to the policies within the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Plan that address septic tanks and potential fuel storage for heating via amending the Town's Official Plan.

### **C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan**

1. Managing growth to ensure the ongoing health and prosperity of the community.

### **D. Environmental Impacts**

No environmental impacts have been identified at this time.

### **E. Financial Impact**

No financial impacts have been identified at this time.

### **F. In Consultation With**

South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region.

Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region

Greg Miller, Manager, Building & By-law/CBO, Building & By-law Services, The Blue Mountains.

### **G. Attached**

1. Nil.

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