

News Release

SEEKING CHAIR FOR THE MISSISSIPPI-RIDEAU SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MANOTICK, June 21, 2007 — The Mississippi Valley and the Rideau Valley Conservation Authorities are looking for people who may be ideal candidates for the proposed position of Chair for the local Source Protection Committee (SPC) to be formed this summer. The local CAs have put a “job description” and the qualifications they will be looking for on the Source Water website at www.mrsourcewater.ca.

The Ministry of the Environment's *Clean Water Act* and the first batch of regulations governing the formation of the SPC are expected to come into effect in early July. The CAs' call for “expressions of interest” is like a pre-boarding announcement giving potential candidates and the CAs a little time to get everything in order for the expected early-July rush of things to do.

The CAs have been asked to provide the Minister with a short list of, at most, the names of three people who are qualified, willing and able to Chair our local Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee. According to the *Clean Water Act*, the Minister makes the final decision and appoints the Chair after considering the names and recommendations developed jointly by the Mississippi and Rideau Valley CA Boards of Directors.

The eventual Chair of the proposed Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Region will be responsible for effectively guiding the work of the SPC. The tasks include chairing meetings, facilitate discussions, help develop consensus, liaise with the Minister and her staff, prepare and submit reports to the CAs, ensure effective public consultation, and act as the SPC spokesperson when required. This is a paid part-time position although details are yet to be announced.

Who would make a good Chair? The qualifications on the website include negotiation, leadership and facilitation skills, political acuity, understanding of municipal and CA functions, ability to understand source protection science, broad understanding of all regional water interests, and past experience in water quality or quantity management projects.

“Expressions of interest” should be sent to the Executive Committee, Proposed Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Region, 1128 Mill Street, Box 599, Manotick ON, K4M 1A5 by 4 pm, Wednesday, July 11, 2007.

A senior nominating committee of the two CAs will review applications, interview candidates and develop the three-name short list for Ministerial consideration. All applications remain confidential and only the ultimately-appointed Chair will be named publicly.

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