



Managing Director of Infrastructure Services

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION

Risk Management Official

Risk Management Inspector

Source Protection Coordinator

WHAT WE DO

Risk Management Official

Provides County-wide support, leadership, supervision and guidance for the Wellington Source Water Protection Program including the delivery and enforcement of all aspects of the Clean Water Act and the five applicable Source Protection Plans. Manages the unit and provides professional advice to leadership and council of all municipalities in Wellington County.

Risk Management Inspector

Provides County-wide support and coordination for the Wellington Source Water Protection Program and delivers Part IV of the Clean Water Act, including risk management inspection services, for all Municipalities in Wellington County.

Source Protection Coordinator

Provides County-Wide support and coordination for the Wellington Source Water Protection Program including implementation of the education and outreach programs, supporting the delivery of Part IV of the Clean Water Act and technical or policy projects along with other data management and administrative tasks.

NUMBER OF STAFF:

3

-  Risk Management Official (County Shared Position)
-  Risk Management Inspector (County Shared Position)
-  Source Protection Coordinator (County Shared Position)

CURRENT & UPCOMING PROJECTS

-  Review of Development Applications
-  Septic Inspection Program
-  Risk Management Plans especially for winter maintenance and chemical handling/storage
-  Compliance Inspections
-  Education Initiatives including the Children's Groundwater Festival
-  Source Protection Analysis related to New Municipal Wells
-  Technical and Policy Updates



TOP QUESTIONS ASKED

1 **What is Wellington Source Water Protection?**

We are a shared service unit based in the Township of Centre Wellington and working for all the municipalities in the County. Wellington Source Water Protection is a municipal partnership between the Townships of Centre Wellington, Guelph/Eramosa, Mapleton, Puslinch, Wellington North, the Towns of Erin and Minto and the County of Wellington created to protect existing and future sources of drinking water and to implement the Clean Water Act.

2 **Who funds Wellington Source Water Protection?**

The County of Wellington funds the majority of the program budget through quarterly transfer payments. Each of the Towns and Townships also contribute to the Risk Management Inspector position, based on a percentage of total workload. There is discussion of further cost sharing that will be presented during the budget.

3 **Why is Source Water Protection important?**

Protecting the source of the municipal drinking water is the first step to ensure safe and reliable, municipally supplied drinking water. It is also a legal requirement for the Township to implement a source water protection program for their municipal water supply. This program uses a variety of tools to work with, educate and regulate persons engaged in activities that may pose a risk to our municipal water supply.

4 **What are the most common activities that pose a risk to the municipal water supply?**

Winter maintenance (storing and applying road salts), the use, handling and storage of chemicals/hazardous waste/fuel, and operation of septic systems all pose a risk.

5 **What does the program do to ensure there is enough water available for municipal supply?**

The Township has a legally enforceable wellhead protection area for quantity that ensures that new development must ensure their proposals do not reduce the amount of water available for groundwater recharge. There are also legal requirements related to the review of Permits to Take Water by the Province. Source Protection staff provide comments on planning and Permit to Take Water applications, and where applicable for planning applications, require studies and measures to be implemented.