

Profiles - Committee Members

MUNICIPAL SECTOR

Walter Turek - City of Thunder Bay

Walter Turek shares both a professional and personal interest in source water protection, currently working at the City of Thunder Bay's Bare Point Water Treatment Plant, and having lived next to the Great Lakes his entire life. Growing up literally on the shore of Lake Ontario in Hamilton, the effects of industry on our environment were impressed on him at an early age. This led to an interest in water chemistry and to eventually studying chemical engineering at Lakehead University. Now a registered professional engineer, he has twenty years' experience working in the manufacturing, transportation, and environmental sectors. Early in his career he worked as a lab technician, including a placement at the Canada Centre for Inland Waters, where he analyzed lamprey larvae and cloud water vapour for trace metals. While his core career diverged from that path since then, water and the environment were always elements of his work. He worked as Facilities Manager at the Thunder Bay International Airports Authority, where his role included managing the environmental portfolio there. He also previously worked in engineering and management roles in automotive and paper manufacturing. He is now proud to work for the City's Environment Division, helping ensure safe municipal drinking water for the residents of Thunder Bay, and also promoting water protection and conservation thorough plant tours and other initiatives.

Chris Bowles - Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge

Chris Bowles is the Director of Operations for the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge and oversees the Municipality's infrastructure and capital construction programs. Chris brings over 25 years of experience in the municipal and construction field. He has a thorough knowledge of water treatment and sanitary systems, project management, road maintenance, construction and design, and equipment operation and maintenance. Mr. Bowles is a graduate of Confederation College and brings considerable expertise to the Source Protection Committee representing the Municipal Sector.

AGRICULTURAL/COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR

Guy Jarvis - Industrial Sector

Guy Jarvis brings knowledge and experience from working in the transportation industry to the local Source Protection Committee. Jarvis is the Director of Engineering and Harbour Master for the Thunder Bay Port Authority. He is familiar with the transportation of goods by marine, rail and road and the potential risks associated with the transport of goods within the Lakehead Source Protection Area. Guy previously served as the Manager of Engineering Services for the former Thunder Bay Harbour Commission, and worked for CN Rail as its Engineering Services Manager for the Lakehead and Prairie District in Thunder Bay and Winnipeg. With an Engineering Degree from Lakehead University, Jarvis has served on other environment committees including the Thunder Bay Harbour Remedial Action Plan (RAP) Committee and Wake Up to Your Waterfront Committee.

Bernie Kamphof - Agricultural Sector

Bernie Kamphof represents farming interests as the Agricultural representative on the Lakehead Source Protection Committee, Bernie has owned and managed a dairy and crop farm since 1993. Mr. Kamphof has been and is a member of many local agricultural committees and has served as a delegate to provincial organizations. In addition to his involvement with the local farm community, Bernie has been a member of Municipal Council for the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge since 2010.

PUBLIC & OTHER INTERESTS SECTOR

Ross Chuchman – Environmental

Ross Chuchman brings his expertise as a chemist from a 35-year work career to the local Source Protection Committee. Recently retired, he was formerly the Chief Chemist with the City of Thunder Bay, Environment Division for 8 years. Previous to that, Ross was an Inorganic Scientist at the Thunder Bay Regional MOE Laboratory, an Instrumentation Technician and Lab Instructor at Lakehead University and Confederation College, and a science teacher with Lakehead Public Schools. He holds M. Sc and B. Ed. Degrees from Lakehead University and a Chartered Chemist designation from the Association of Professional Chemists of Ontario. Ross has been active with the Cross Country Skiing community for 20 years, serving as Chair of Lake Superior Ski Division Cross Country, and as Jackrabbit Program Coordinator for many years.

Erin Knight - Other Interests of the General Public

Erin Knight moved to Thunder Bay from London, Ontario. While completing the Environmental Technician diploma program at Confederation College, Erin spent two terms as an employee in the City of Thunder Bay's Environmental Division. Before committing to full-time work, Erin chose to continue her post-secondary studies by completing an Honours degree in Natural Resource Management at Lakehead University. Throughout her time at Lakehead, Erin acted as a student body representative for the campus' Office of Sustainability and as a member of the Natural Resources Student Society. Erin's passion for environmental outreach is framed by an active social media presence as well contributions to both the Lakehead Conservation Foundation and the Water Working Group for EarthCare Thunder Bay. During her free time Erin enjoys an active lifestyle in the natural landscapes around the Lakehead region, travelling to visit family, and spending time with friends and colleagues in neighbouring Conmee Township.