

Sandy Court Source Water Protection

CONTEXT

The Municipality of Kings owns and operates the water utility that provides the potable drinking water to the Sandy Court Area located in the Village of Aylesford. The Drinking Water Strategy issued by the Province of Nova Scotia requires that utilities that use ground water for drinking water undertake source water protection measures. The source water protection measures are the first barrier to a multi barrier approach to reduce the risk of contaminants getting into the ground water.

The County has adopted source water protection measures for Canning, Port Williams, Kentville, Coldbrook, New Minas, Greenwood and the Town of Wolfville.

GOAL

To carry out a mutually beneficial, locally developed and administered Source Water Protection Program that protects the ground water source of the Sandy Court Water Utility.

OBJECTIVES

- ❑ To hire a consultant to complete a hydrological assessment of the existing wells used by the utility, which will delineate the zones of influence of the source water and identify substances that should be restricted in each of the zones.
- ❑ To delineate the zones of influence for the wells used by the Utility.
- ❑ To identify land uses that may pose risks to the ground water source.
- ❑ To recommend management plans to minimize identified and future risks to the ground water source of the Utility.
- ❑ To work with and consult community members and the Village if/when drafting any amendment to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law.
- ❑ To educate the community on why protection measures are necessary

STAKEHOLDERS

- Municipality of the County of Kings
- Users of the Utility
- The Village of Aylesford
- The Department of Environment
- Residents of the Village of Aylesford
- The Sandy Court Water Utility

TERMS OF REFERENCE

- The Sandy Court Source Water Protection Advisory Committee (the Committee) shall advise the Municipality of Kings on matters of Source Water Protection.
- The Committee shall be composed of 5 members:

1. Appointed Kings County Councilor or appointee
 2. Representative for the Water Utility
 3. Representative from the Aylesford Village Commission
 4. Citizen Representative
 5. Representative from the Nova Scotia Environment
- Three or more members shall constitute a quorum.
 - (a) The Source Water Protection Committee shall appoint a Chairperson and Vice – Chairperson.
 - (b) The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings, in their absence, the vice-chair.
 - (c) The Committee will attempt to fill any Vacancies within 3 months.
 - The committee will invite resource persons to attend from time to time.
 - Will meet annually, in January or February, to review monitoring program, or more frequently if required.
 - The recording Secretary will be the responsibility of the Municipality of Kings.

DELIVERABLES

- A comprehensive and inclusive Plan to ensure the protection of the Sandy Court Water Supply.