



SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES – MEETING #74

MEETING: SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE
DATE: FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2017
TIME: 9:30 A.M.
LOCATION: WALKERTON CLEAN WATER CENTRE
CALL TO ORDER

Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

In Attendance: Chair, Bill Twaddle
David Biesenthal, Bruce Davidson, Carolyn Day, Robert Emerson, Ken Furlong, Kathie Hughes,

Others Present: Beth Forrest, Ex-officio, Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC)
Carl Seider, Project Manager, Drinking Water Source Protection (DWSP)
Nancy Guest, Recording Secretary, DWSP

Also in Attendance: Sonya Skinner, CAO, Grey Sauble Conservation
Dick Hibma, Chair, Grey Sauble Conservation
Wayne Brohman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Saugeen Conservation
Emily Vandermeulen, Program Supervisor, DWSP
Karen Gillan, Communications Specialist, DWSP

Regrets: Mark Kraemer
Brent Lanktree
Les Nichols
Angela Newman, Ex-officio member, Grey-Bruce Health Unit

Absent: Mitch Twolan

Proxy Appointed By: Brent Lanktree
Les Nichols

The Chair introduced and welcomed Tom Fuerth, Chair of the Essex Region Source Protection Committee, Tori Waugh, Agricultural Outreach Coordinator for Saugeen Valley Conservation and Maitland Valley Conservation, Ray Holliday, Deputy Chief Building Official for the Municipality of Brockton, Olga Yudina, Program Analyst for MOECC and six students from MOECC.

1. Adoption of Agenda

**Motion No.
SPC-17-274**

**Moved by Carolyn Day
Seconded by Dave Biesenthal**

THAT the Agenda be adopted as distributed.

Carried

2. Declaration of Pecuniary or Conflict of Interest

Source Protection Committee (SPC) members were reminded to disclose any pecuniary interest that may arise during the course of the meeting. No disclosures of pecuniary interest were expressed at this time.

3. Adoption of Minutes

**Motion No.
SPC-17-275**

**Moved by Robert Emerson
Seconded by Bruce Davidson**

THAT the Minutes of the February 3, 2017 Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

No matters arose from the previous minutes.

5. Correspondence

Email from Heather Malcolmson, Director, Source Protection Programs Branch, appointing Bill Twaddle as the new Chair of the Source Protection Committee **was noted and filed.**

Letter from Bill Walker, MPP dated April 2017 congratulating Bill Twaddle **was noted and filed.**

Letter from Heather Malcolmson, Director, Source Protection Programs Branch, dated June 14, 2017 acknowledging receipt of the proposed amendments to the Source Protection Plan **was noted and filed.**

Letter of resignation to Bill Twaddle, SPC Chair, dated June 15, 2017 from Andrew Barton **was noted and filed.**

6. Reports

SVCA/MVCA Agricultural Outreach Program

Tori Waugh, the Agricultural Outreach Coordinator for Saugeen Valley Conservation and Maitland Valley Conservation, gave a presentation updating the status of the Agricultural Outreach Program. A list of the 2017 dates, topics and host locations respecting the “Coffee, Crops & Donuts” program was distributed and is available by emailing t.waugh@svca.on.ca. A Farmer Advisory Services information phone line has been initiated covering topics such as cover crops, no-till, strip till, reduced tillage, planting green, reducing compaction, erosion control structures, et cetera, and is available at 519-367-3040 Ext. 249. An Environmental Resource Information brochure was also distributed and is available at Saugeen Valley Conservation.

A Phosphorus Management Day is planned for September 15, 2017 starting in Wingham, with transportation provided from site to site.

Administration Report 6a

The Project Manager reviewed Report 6a and advised that letters were sent to the Agricultural & Rural Working Group members thanking them for their participation, contribution and expertise.

The Project Manager advised that letters were sent to all lower-tier municipalities in the Source Protection Region requesting comments with respect to the proposed re-configuration of the Source Protection Committee municipal representatives. No responses were received and accordingly, Grey Sauble Conservation passed a motion endorsing the changes.

Upon the resignation of the current Health Sector representative, it will be necessary to find a replacement and it was agreed that it is the responsibility of the Management Committee to appoint the SPC representatives. A meeting of the Management Committee will be arranged as soon as possible for this purpose.

Respecting Source Protection Plan Amendments, the consultation period ended April 7, 2017 respecting the Ripley and Point Clark wells. The open house held in Ripley on March 9, 2017 was well-attended and no comments were received during the consultation period. Accordingly, SVCA passed a motion endorsing the submission of the amendments to MOECC.

Communications Report 6b

The Communications Specialist reviewed Report 6b and advised of the subject matter of the Healthy Lakes and Inland Watercourses Public Information Session held at the Walkerton Clean Water Centre on May 4, 2017. A discussion followed respecting blue-green algae blooms and it was agreed that outreach and education for landowners whose property is susceptible to the blooms would be beneficial.

The Committee recessed from 10:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

7. New Business

Technical Rules Update – Road Salt Threat Report 7a

The Project Manager reviewed Report 7a and advised that the MOECC has proposed a change to the threshold for impervious surface areas where road salts may be considered a significant threat from eighty per cent to thirty per cent. A discussion followed respecting less harmful replacements for road salt. The MOECC is reviewing the technical rules and may revise this threshold, resulting in additional areas potentially being impacted.

**Motion No.
SPC-17-276**

**Moved by Bruce Davidson
Seconded by Robert Emerson**

THAT any further assessment of salt application threats be deferred until such time as the provincial Technical Rules have been revised; and further,

THAT Drinking Water Source Protection Staff continues to coordinate with the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change with respect to possible updates to the Technical Rules and options/updates to the Source Protection Plan to address salt application threats.

Carried

Transportation of Fuels/Hazardous Waste Materials Threats Report 7b

The Program Supervisor explained a PowerPoint presentation respecting the Transportation of Hazardous Waste. The Project Manager reviewed Report 7b and advised that, based on a review of previous spill modelling data, there is a potential for measurable impacts from these types of threat activities. The Chair noted that SPC members are divided about pursuing this matter and called on the Chair of the Essex Region Source Protection Committee to explain what steps his Committee has taken. A discussion followed respecting what tools could be used to mitigate this concern and it was decided that education and outreach was recommended until such time as the Technical Rules have been reviewed and/or revised.

**Motion No.
SPC-17-277**

**Moved by Bruce Davidson
Seconded by Dave Biesenthal**

THAT any further assessment of transportation of fuel and other hazardous material threats, including septage, be deferred until such time as the provincial Technical Rules have been revised; and further,

THAT Drinking Water Source Protection Staff continues to coordinate with the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change with respect to possible updates to the Technical Rules and options/updates to the Source Protection Plan to address these threats.

Carried

8. Other Business

The Project Manager advised of the Blue Accounting program being developed through a partnership between the Great Lakes Commission and The Nature Conservancy which proposes to bring together water professionals from around the Great Lakes to promote shared, region-wide goals for protecting drinking water sources. More information about this program can be found at: www.glc.org/work/sourcewater.

Wayne Brohman, the CAO for Saugeen Valley Conservation, advised that SVCA recently received a donation of 210 acres (85 hectares) of provincially significant Class 1 Wetland at the south end of the Greenock swamp.

The Project Manager announced that Program Supervisor, Emily Vandermeulen, was commencing a new position with the Wellington County Source Water Protection and Risk Management office on July 4, 2017. She was thanked for her contribution to the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Water Protection office and wished well in her new position.

There was no other business.

9. Confirmation of Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next Committee meeting will be held on Friday, September 22, 2017 at the Grey Sauble Conservation, 237897 Inglis Falls Road, RR4, Owen Sound, Ontario.

There being no further business, Bruce Davidson made a motion to adjourn at 12:30 p.m., at which time, the attendees were given a tour of the Walkerton Clean Water Centre facilities and training centre.

Bill Twaddle
Chair

Nancy Guest
Recording Secretary