



SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES – MEETING #19

MEETING: SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

DATE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2009

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

LOCATION: TOBERMORY COMMUNITY CENTRE, TOBERMORY, ON

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mike Traynor called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and welcomed Cathy Robins, CAO of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula. Project Manager, Don Smith, introduced and welcomed Outreach Specialist, Elly Ward, and advised that summer student, Matthew Hurley, has returned to University at Laurier and Technical Supervisor, Thorsten Arnold, is defending his Ph.D. thesis in Germany.

In Attendance: Chair, Mike Traynor
David Biesenthal, Bruce Davidson, Carolyn Day, Robert Emerson, Mark Kraemer, Brent Lanktree, Les MacKinnon, Brad McRoberts Dale Thompson, Bill Twaddle, Mitch Twolan

Others Present: Robert Reid, Ex-officio member, Grey-Bruce Health Unit
Teresa McLellan, Ex-officio, Ministry of the Environment (MOE)
Don Smith, Project Manager, Drinking Water Source Protection (DWSP)
Nancy Guest, Recording Secretary, DWSP

Also in Attendance: David Ellingwood, Program Supervisor, DWSP
Karen Gillan, Education Specialist, DWSP
Steady den Haan, Communications Specialist, DWSP
Sara Pickard, Water Quality Technician, DWSP
Emily Vandermeulen, GIS/Database Specialist
Elly Wood, Outreach Specialist
Brian Luinstra, Hydrogeologist
Milt McIver, Mayor, Northern Bruce Peninsula
Cathy Robins, CAO, Northern Bruce Peninsula
Wilmer Nadjiwon

Regrets: Lou D’Alessandro
Sandy Gott
Les Nichols

1. Adoption of Agenda

**Motion No.
SPC-09-80**

**Moved by Carolyn Day
Seconded by Bruce Davidson**

THAT the Agenda be adopted as distributed.

Carried

2. Declaration of Pecuniary or Conflict of Interest

Committee 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

It was noted that several typographical amendments were made to the Minutes subsequent to the initial distribution.

**Motion No.
SPC-09-81**

**Moved by Robert Emerson
Seconded by Bill Twaddle**

THAT the Minutes of the July 24, 2009 Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as amended.

Carried

The Communications Specialist presented a Community Profile of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula showing highlights of the municipality and other interesting facts. The Mayor of Northern Bruce Peninsula, Milt McIver, welcomed the Source Protection Committee to the municipality and congratulated the Committee on the work it has undertaken in protecting drinking water.

Former Cape Croker Chief, Wilmer Nadjiwon, spoke to the closing of Site 41 in Simcoe County as a progressive step and the importance of preserving the safety of our water.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Municipal Grouping #4 SPC Representative

The Project Manager reviewed Report 4a and advised that the requested jointly submitted list of names for the consideration of the Source Protection Management Committee was not received from the six municipalities involved by the September 8, 2009 deadline. The Management Committee preferred not to recommend a name and directed the Project Manager to write a letter to the six municipalities requesting a list of names by October 16, 2009.

Terms of Reference

The Project Manager reviewed Report 4b and advised that, in accordance with the direction of the Source Protection Committee (SPC) at its July 24, 2009 meeting, a letter was written to the Minister of the Environment on July 27, 2009 affirming that the SPC was not in favour of the suggested amendments to the Proposed Terms of Reference. The Terms of Reference were approved by the Minister on August 17, 2009 with a minor amendment changing one sentence into two. The Project Manager advised that Grey Sauble Conservation sent a letter to the Minister expressing its disappointment with the amendment. A discussion amongst the Committee ensued with the general consensus being disappointment with the amendment made to the Proposed Terms of Reference by the Minister.

The Committee took a break from 10:55 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

The Committee directed the Project Manager to send a letter to the Minister expressing its opinion.

**Motion No.
SPC-09-82**

**Moved by Robert Emerson
Seconded by Les MacKinnon**

THAT the Source Protection Committee directs the Project Manager to write a letter to Minister Gerretsen outlining its deep concerns regarding his arbitrary action amending the Terms of Reference and asserting that the Source Protection Committee does not support the amendments made to the Terms of Reference; and endorsing the Source Protection Committee support of the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority response to the Minister regarding the Terms of Reference amendment.

Carried

The Project Manager requested that the letter be sent after the Northern Bruce Peninsula Council meeting and Saugeen Valley Conservation Board meeting where the Minister's amendment will be discussed. The Committee approved this postponement.

Discussion Paper Comments

The Project Manager advised that the deadline for submitting comments on the Discussion Paper on Source Protection Plans was September 23, 2009 and the comments were sent on September 18, 2009. Copies of the comments were provided to the Committee as a meeting handout. The Project Manager was asked to determine if there is a site where all comments could be viewed.

5. Correspondence

Letter from the Minister of the Environment to the SPC Chair and the Chair of Saugeen Valley Source Protection Authority dated August 12, 2009 respecting the approved Terms of Reference was **noted and filed**.

Letter from the Minister of the Environment to the SPC Chair and the Chair of Grey Sauble Source Protection Authority dated August 12, 2009 respecting the approved Terms of Reference was **noted and filed**.

Letter from the Minister of the Environment to the SPC Chair and the Chair of Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Authority dated August 12, 2009 respecting the approved Terms of Reference was **noted and filed**.

Letter from the Chair of Grey Sauble Conservation Authority to the Minister of the Environment dated September 9, 2009 respecting the Proposed Terms of Reference was **noted and filed**.

6. Reports

Administration Report

The Project Manager reviewed Report 6a and advised that Section 88 training respecting property entry has been completed by all DWSP staff. The Children's Water Festival is running from September 29th to October 1st and DWSP staff is working at it every day. The Source Protection Program has financially supported the Water Festival for the last three years. Committee members were invited to attend "Unplugged" on October 8, 2009.

Stewardship Report

The Education Specialist reviewed Report 6b and advised of DWSP participation in the Water Festival. She also advised that she has started a 4H water club. The deadline for submitting all necessary paperwork for Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program applications is December 2010. To date, 48 applications have been submitted and 21 applications completed. Approximately \$94,200.00 in funding has been approved, which represents approximately 70% of the total available funds. A business case has been prepared by the Outreach Specialist requesting additional funding in the amount of \$764,000.00 for Early Actions grants and administration costs. A video by Ripples of Change was released on September 17, 2009 and is available for viewing on You Tube or by purchasing the video. A mass mail-out to the Tobermory, Oliphant and Lion's Head areas has been completed and future mail-outs will cover most of Bruce and Grey Counties. The most common questions asked of stewardship staff are about septic systems.

Communications Report

The Communications Specialist reviewed Report 6c and gave a plug for the "Unplugged" Source Protection Area day being presented to the SPC, the three Source Protection Authorities and their respective staff, and the two Working Groups. Plans for public consultation on the Assessment Report are under way and will attempt to cover all areas of the Source Protection region. The Communication Specialist and the Water Quality Technician gave a presentation at a meeting organized by the Bruce Peninsula Environment Group on September 2, 2009. The report also included statistics respecting waterprotection.ca website use.

Technical Report

The Project Manager reviewed Report 6d and advised that the technical work is nearing completion. The delineation of vulnerable areas is virtually complete for the ground water studies and the surface water technical information will be forthcoming shortly. Peer reviews of the studies are under way.

The GIS Specialist reported that she attended a meeting on September 2, 2009 of all Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Information Technology (IT) staff from the Source Protection and Conservation Authorities forming the Western Ontario Conservation Authorities (WOCA) region. Maps and Groundwater Under the Direct Influence (GUDI) studies are being prepared for the Assessment Report. Plans for the South Western Ontario Orthophotography Project (SWOOP) II are well under way.

Planning Officials Working Group

Committee member and Planning Officials Working Group (POWG) Chair, Mitch Twolan, reviewed Report 6e and asked the Committee for direction respecting the two recommendations made by the POWG at its August 21, 2009 meeting. The recommendations were as follows:

That the POWG recommends to the Source Protection Committee (SPC) for the municipalities within the Source Protection Region to begin looking, as an initial step, at uses currently permitted within WHPAs and IPZs to determine if policies/uses should be revised in Official Plans and zoning by-laws and to make the discussion a priority in the five-year official plan review process.

That the POWG recommend to the SPC that a request be made to the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) for a matrix to help decipher applicable laws related to drinking water threats; and where those applicable laws could be used in the absence of the Source Protection Plan in an effective and timely manner.

**Motion No.
SPC-09-83**

**Moved by Brad McRoberts
Seconded by Bruce Davidson**

THAT the Source Protection Committee supports the two recommendations passed by the Planning Officials Working Group at its August 21, 2009 meeting.

Carried

The next meeting of the POWG will be held at the Plex in Port Elgin, Ontario on Friday, October 9, 2009.

Agricultural and Rural Working Group

The Program Supervisor reviewed Report 6f and discussed the various issues discussed by the Agricultural & Rural Working Group (ARWG) at its August 24, 2009 meeting. The next meeting of the ARWG will be held at the Chatsworth Municipal Offices on Monday, October 5, 2009.

7. New Business

Assessment Report Timelines

The Project Manager reviewed Report 7a and the timelines chart and advised that there have been delays in receiving the technical information. The deadline for submitting the Assessment Report is August 17, 2010. There are requests to go further afield for public meetings than the offices of the three Source Protection Authorities and there are strict guidelines as to the time period for these meetings. It is estimated that the Assessment Report may be ready for submission as early as July 2010.

Highly Vulnerable Aquifers & Surface Water Recharge Areas

Hydrogeologist Brian Luinstra gave a PowerPoint presentation respecting highly vulnerable aquifers and surface water recharge areas and fielded questions from the floor respecting these areas.

Policy Development Discussions

Program Supervisor David Ellingwood concluded the discussions respecting policy development that was initiated at the workshop on September 11, 2009 to give the SPC an idea of what it may be looking at together over the next three years. Several matters were requested to be incorporated including: covered and uncovered salt storage; and liabilities. More can be added to page 10 of the document. It was suggested that other Source Protection Committees should be made aware of the threats that have already been raised. The Committee was advised that when a threat has been added to the Threats list of 21 threats, it is considered to be a province-wide threat. Comments were submitted by the deadline of September 23, 2009.

Mitch Twolan excused himself from the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Proposed Revisions for Regulations and Director's Rules

Three pages of comments on this matter were submitted by the deadline of September 23, 2009 with several changes. The MOE ex-officio advised that the MOE is in the process of clarifying some issues for ease of understanding.

8. Other Business

Committee member Bruce Davidson announced the E-waste Collection Drive & Environment Awareness Event at the Ministry of Transportation yard near the water tower in Walkerton Ontario on Saturday, October 3, 2009.

9. Other Business

There was no other business.

10. Confirmation of Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next Committee meeting will be held on Friday, October 30, 2009 at the Beaver Valley Community Centre, Thornbury, Ontario.

There being no further business, Dale Thompson made a motion to adjourn at 2:50 p.m.

Mike Traynor, Chair

Nancy Guest, Recording Secretary