

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES – MEETING #15

MEETING: SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

DATE: FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2009

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

**LOCATION: FLESHERTON KINPLEX
FLESHERTON, ONTARIO**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mike Traynor called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

In Attendance: Chair, Mike Traynor
David Biesenthal, Lou D’Alessandro, Bruce Davidson, Carolyn Day,
Robert Emerson, Sandy Gott, Howard Greig, Mark Kraemer, Brent
Lanktree, Les MacKinnon, Brad McRoberts, Les Nichols, Dale
Thompson, Bill Twaddle, Mitch Twolan

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

Also in Attendance: Jim Coffey, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Saugeen Conservation
Brian Mullin, Mayor Grey Highlands
Dave Clarke, Councillor for Grey Highlands
David Ellingwood, Communications Specialist, DWSP
Thorsten Arnold, Technical Supervisor, DWSP
Sara Picard, Water Quality Technician
Karen Gillan, Education Specialist, DWSP
Stacey Cook, Outreach Specialist, DWSP
Brian Luinstra, Hydrogeologist
Member of the Press
Member of the public

The Chair introduced and welcomed Jim Coffey, General Manager & Secretary-Treasurer of Saugeen Conservation, Kirk Scott at the media table and Brian Mullin, Mayor of Grey Highlands. Carolyn Day was welcomed back from her extended vacation and Robert Emerson was congratulated on winning the 2009 Tommy Cooper Award recognizing him for his outstanding contribution to farming and farm life.

Mayor Mullin welcomed the Committee to Grey Highlands and noted that his municipality is home to three different Conservation Authorities and many of the headwaters of the local watersheds are located in Grey Highlands. He expressed the importance of clean, safe water and commended the Committee on the work it has undertaken.

1. Adoption of Agenda

**Motion No.
SPC-09-60**

**Moved by Lou D'Alessandro
Seconded by Les Nichols**

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

**Motion No.
SPC-09-61**

**Moved by Robert Emerson
Seconded by Brad McRoberts**

THAT the Minutes of the March 27, 2009 Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

The Chair advised the Committee that each member had a blank Motion form at their place and if they wished to make a motion from the floor, they should write out the motion and read it from the floor prior to delivering it to the Chair for a discussion and vote.

David Ellingwood presented a Community Profile of Grey Highlands showing the various water treatment plants and intake facilities and wells, as well as the topography and geography of the area.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Amendment to Grey Sauble SPA Proposed Terms of Reference re South Bruce Peninsula Exempted Systems Resolution

The Project Manager reviewed Report 4a respecting the amendment to the Grey Sauble Source Protection Authority Proposed Terms of Reference and advised that it was necessary to revise the South Bruce Peninsula resolution recognizing surplus systems. These systems do not need to be included in the tasks set out in the Proposed Terms of Reference as they are being decommissioned. The municipality passed the resolution and the municipal representative for South Bruce Peninsula advised that all of these systems have already been decommissioned.

**Motion No.
SPC-09-62**

**Moved by Mitch Twolan
Seconded by Brad McRoberts**

THAT the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee approve the addition of the attached resolution pertaining to the exempted systems in the Town of South Bruce Peninsula into the Grey Sauble Source Protection Area Proposed Terms of Reference; and further,

THAT the revised Proposed Terms of Reference be presented to the Grey Sauble Source Protection Authority for their review and comment; and further,

THAT the revised Proposed Terms of Reference be submitted to the Minister of the Environment prior to the May 7, 2009 deadline.

Carried

Amendment to Saugeen Valley SPA Proposed Terms of Reference re addition of Minto Pines

The Project Manager reviewed Report 4b respecting the amendment to the Saugeen Valley Source Protection Authority Proposed Terms of Reference and advised that it was necessary to include the Minto Pines subdivision in the Town of Minto in Wellington County into the Proposed Terms of Reference. The subdivision is approximately 35 dwellings west of Mount Forest near Pike Lake and was erroneously omitted from the original Proposed Terms of Reference.

**Motion No.
SPC-09-63**

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

THAT the Source Protection Committee approves the addition of the Minto Pines Drinking Water System into the Saugeen Source Protection Area Proposed Terms of Reference; and further,

THAT the revised Proposed Terms of Reference be presented to the Saugeen Source Protection Authority for their review and comment; and further,

THAT the revised Proposed Terms of Reference be submitted to the Minister of the Environment prior to the May 7, 2009 deadline.

Carried

Compensation and the Proposed Terms of Reference

The Project Manager reviewed Report 4c and the letter from Minister Gerretsen received by email on April 23, 2009 seeking a mutually agreeable solution and citing a need for the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program to evolve. Discussions followed which included asking for a firmer commitment from the government respecting compensation to those affected by source protection policies. The majority of members spoke in favour of accepting the government offer to meet with Committee members to find some common ground to resolve the issue.

**Motion No.
SPC-09-64**

**Moved by Bill Twaddle
Seconded by Carolyn Day**

THAT the Source Protection Committee accept Minister Gerretsen's offer to meet with Brenda Lucas as soon as possible and that the Source Protection Committee Chair select a small representative group of Source Protection Committee members to participate in that meeting.

Carried

There was a discussion concerning who should participate in the meeting with the Ministry staff. The Committee also discussed whether the Proposed Terms of Reference should be resubmitted to the MOE by the deadline of May 7, 2009 with the amendments made respecting South Bruce Peninsula and Minto Pines and including a notation about the meeting respecting compensation or withheld pending the meeting with the MOE. Committee member, Bruce Davidson, advised the Committee of the recommendations of the Canadian Environmental Law Association and the Water Guardians Network respecting improving the ODWSP and provided everyone with a copy of the recommendations.

**Motion No.
SPC-09-65**

**Moved by Carolyn Day
Seconded by Bill Twaddle**

THAT the Source Protection Committee resubmit the Terms of Reference by the May 7th deadline with the two revisions included that we have approved today but with the wording "fair compensation" left as is – with a covering letter explaining that we will be meeting with Brenda Lucas as per the Minister's letter of Apr 22 to discuss the compensation issue.

Withdrawn

**Motion No.
SPC-09-66**

**Moved by Howard Greig
Seconded by Les Nichols**

THAT the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, North Bruce Peninsula source protection Committee do not forward a revised terms of reference to the Ministry of the Environment until such time as the issue of fair compensation is resolved.

Withdrawn

The Committee recessed from 11:20 a.m. until 11:47 a.m.

There were discussions with regard to requesting an extension of the May 7, 2009 deadline for resubmitting the Proposed Terms of Reference and the Project Manager confirmed that work on the Assessment Report would proceed regardless of the deadline.

The Committee recessed for lunch from 12:10 p.m. to 1:05 p.m.

The Project Manager advised that, although he takes deadlines seriously, an extension of the deadline may be appropriate given that the Committee is seeking a meeting with the MOE respecting assistance to those affected by source protection policies. Sections of the *Clean Water Act, 2006* were cited relative to the commitment of financial assistance to landowners affected by the legislation. It was noted that the current Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program (ODWSP) is in the process of being expanded. The government is committed to improving the ODWSP as evidenced by the recent consultation process. The Source Protection Committee ultimately will set the program policies for the Region and will give serious consideration to how these policies will affect landowners. The Project Manager suggested that compensation could be discussed at the time that the policies are set when the actual issues and threats are known.

**Motion No.
SPC-09-67**

**Moved by Howard Greig
Seconded by Bruce Davidson**

THAT a letter be sent to the Ministry of the Environment requesting an extension of the submission of the Terms of Reference.

Carried

The Project Manager noted that there are two previous motions, #SPC-09-62 and #SPC-09-63, directing the submission of the revised Proposed Terms of Reference to the MOE prior to the May 7, 2009 deadline.

**Motion No.
SPC-09-68**

**Moved by Mark Kraemer
Seconded by Les Nichols**

THAT Motions #SPC-09-62 and SPC-09-63 have the reference to the deadline date of May 7, 2009 deadline removed.

Carried

5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

6. Reports

Program Report

The Project Manager reviewed Report 6a and advised that Staff had recently been trained in Section 88 Property Entry and First Aid. There was a discussion regarding the funding for ODWSP and the Project Manager advised that this funding was for special projects to educate the public in water stewardship and did not affect the grant funding for landowners.

Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program Report

The Education Specialist reviewed Report 6b and advised that the area for eligibility may be expanded. There have been new applications for grants and there are applications that are pending permits and proper weather conditions. The Education Specialist noted that there has been a significant increase in inquiries about grants and funding since issuing a tabloid flyer to residents of the Source Protection Region. Information was sent to all municipalities advising them of the ODWSP and information is also available on the waterprotection.ca website under “Stewardship Funding”.

Communications

The Communications Specialist reviewed Report 6c and advised that over 50,000 tabloid flyers were distributed in the Region at a total cost of approximately \$5,000.00. There has been an approximate increase in website hits of 20%; over 600 hits, up from approximately 500 hits a day. The next tabloid flyer will be issued in the Fall of 2009. Maps are available on the waterprotection.ca website to assist landowners in locating property within the eligible zones. Updated brochures have recently been received from the MOE and are available for information purposes.

Planning Officials Working Group

Committee member and Chair of the Planning Officials Working Group, Mitch Twolan, reviewed Report 6d and advised that the working group is a collection of local planners from various sectors in the Region who plan to meet monthly to discuss planning issues. A planning consultant has been included in the group and he brings an interesting perspective. The group is looking at how the planning process fits into source protection plans, particularly in the early stages, and appreciates having input into the process, especially in the early stages. Meeting notes from the first two meetings were also included with the Report.

Agricultural & Rural Working Group

Committee member and Chair of the Agricultural and Rural Working Group, Dr. David Biesenthal, reviewed Report 6e and advised that this working group have had interesting discussions about a variety of topics and there is support for the compensation issue. They appreciated receiving information about the 2-year time-of-travel areas and the talk about geology given by geologist, Brian Luinstra. Meeting notes from the first two meetings were also included with the Report.

Brad McRoberts left the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

7. New Business

Committee member, Bruce Davidson, advised that government funding has been approved for the “Ripple Effect” project and they are looking into the possibility of liaising with the Source Protection Committee.

Bill Twaddle and Mark Kraemer left the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

8. Other Business

Communications Matrix

The Communications Specialist led the Committee through an exercise in communicating source water protection information.

9. Confirmation of Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next Committee meeting will be held on Friday, May 22, 2009 at the Formosa Community Centre in Formosa, Ontario.

There being no further business, Bruce Davidson made a motion to adjourn at 2:30 p.m.

Mike Traynor
Chair

Nancy Guest
Recording Secretary