



SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES – MEETING #17

MEETING: SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

DATE: FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2009

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

LOCATION: ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION #383
TARA, ONTARIO

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Others Present: Bob Graham, 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: Jim Coffey, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Saugeen Conservation
Ron Oswald, Mayor of Arran-Elderslie
David Ellingwood, Communications Specialist, DWSP
Karen Gillan, Education Specialist, DWSP
Stacey Cook, Outreach Specialist, DWSP
Sara Pickard, Water Quality Technician, DWSP
Matthew Hurley, Water Quality Technician Assistant, DWSP
Member of the Press
Gemma Boag, MSc Candidate
John Ritchie, MOE, Owen Sound Office
Robert Reid, Grey Bruce Health Unit
Susan Thody, Member of the public

Regrets: Lou D'Alessandro, Sandy Gott

The Chair introduced and welcomed Mr. Ron Oswald, Mayor of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, Mr. Robert Reid of the Grey Bruce Health Unit, Matthew Hurley, summer assistant to Water Quality Technician Sara Pickard, Gemma Boag, MSc Candidate, Kirk Scott of CKNX Radio and John Ritchie of the Owen Sound Office of the MOE.

Mayor Oswald extended his greetings to the Committee from his Municipality, which includes the communities of Tara, Paisley and Chesley as well as the former Arran and Elderslie Townships. He expressed his appreciation for the work being done by the Committee and wished the Committee good luck in its endeavours.

1. Adoption of Agenda

**Motion No.
SPC-09-73**

**Moved by Carolyn Day
Seconded by Les Nichols**

THAT the Agenda be adopted as amended.

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-09-74**

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

THAT the Minutes of the April 24, 2009 Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

The Chair introduced Gemma Boag, who is an MSc Candidate in Water Science, Policy and Management Program, School of Geography and the Environment, University of Oxford in the United Kingdom. Ms. Boag informed the Committee that she is studying how the source protection process works or might be constrained. Ms. Boag distributed a questionnaire to the members of the Committee and advised that the questionnaire was also available on-line. The results of her study will be distributed to the MOE and other interested parties and the Committee will get feedback on the process. Ms. Boag stated that she would be happy to return to give the Committee the results of her study.

Stacey Cook presented a Community Profile of the Arran-Elderslie showing the various wells in the municipality, as well as the geography of the area and other interesting facts.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Proposed Terms of Reference

The Project Manager reviewed Report 4a and advised that the revised Proposed Terms of Reference (TOR) were presented to the three Source Protection Authorities (SPAs) on June 3rd, 8th and 10th, 2009 and received by each SPA. Each SPA directed DWSP Staff to forward the TOR to the Minister of the Environment. Grey Sauble Conservation included a resolution in its letter to the Minister that it supports the implementation of the DWSP plans when completed and approved on the basis that there will be no effect on municipal taxation. The TOR were emailed and couriered to the Minister on June 11, 2009 prior to the June 15, 2009 deadline. There has been no confirmation received from the MOE respecting approval of the TOR. The MOE ex-officio advised that she has not received any information respecting approval, nor has she received any negative feedback. The Chair thanked all involved in meeting the deadline for submission of the Proposed Terms of Reference.

5. Correspondence

Letter from the Chair of Saugeen Conservation dated June 11, 2009 sending the Proposed Terms of Reference was **noted and filed**.

Letter from the Chair of Grey Sauble Conservation dated June 11, 2009 sending the Proposed Terms of Reference was **noted and filed**.

Letter from the Mayor of Northern Bruce Peninsula dated June 11, 2009 sending the Proposed Terms of Reference was **noted and filed**.

Letter from Source Protection Committee member, Howard Greig, dated June 1, 2009 submitting his resignation from the Committee was **noted and filed**. The Project Manager advised that a letter will be sent to each of the six municipalities represented by Mr. Greig requesting a joint submission of a list of names of possible people to fill this vacancy. The Drinking Water Source Protection Management Committee will review the submissions and make a recommendation to the lead Source Protection Authority. The lead Authority will appoint the replacement. This will also necessitate the replacement of the deputy chair of the Agricultural and Rural Working Group. A letter of thanks will be sent to Mr. Greig in appreciation for his service on the SPC.

Letter from Dr. Hazel Lynn, Medical Officer of Health for the Grey Bruce Health Unit dated June 25, 2009 respecting the replacement of SPC ex-officio member, Robert Graham, was **noted and filed**.

Letter from the Director, Source Protection Programs Branch at the Ministry of the Environment dated June 1, 2009 respecting the discussion paper for the development of future source protection plans **noted and filed**. The Project Manager noted that this letter was replaced by letter from the Director dated June 25, 2009 and would be discussed under “New Business”.

6. Reports

Administration Report

The Project Manager reviewed Report 6a and advised that Wilfred Laurier University geography student, Matthew Hurley, has joined the DWSP staff for the second summer as assistant to the Water Technician. The Project Manager advised of the various training DWSP Staff has recently received, as well as upcoming activities.

Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program

The Communications Specialist, on behalf of the Outreach Specialist, reviewed Report 6b and advised that there has been an increase in inquiries and applications respecting this Program. The Program has partnered with the Municipality of Kincardine in distributing educational information about the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program (ODWSP) and landowners have been contacting Staff for more information. Jo-Anne Harbinson of Saugeen Valley Conservation has replaced Jim Coffey on the Technical Review Committee. Information about the Program is appearing in various seasonal publications and presentations have been made to various groups with positive feedback. Staff is aiming to establish links from municipal websites directly to the ODWSP. Staff was encouraged to make contact with seasonal landowners during the summer months.

Communications

The Communications Specialist reviewed Report 6c and advised that Staff has given or is planning to make presentations to various interested groups in the Region. Staff has also been contacted by the Historic Saugeen Métis group from Southampton, which has expressed an interest in the program. This group has been invited to attend SPC meetings and participate in the working groups and Staff will be making a presentation to them in the future.

Planning Officials Working Group

The Chair of this working group, SPC member Mitch Twolan, reviewed Report 6d and advised that their work is mainly education at this point. The group has heard several informative presentations, including how water currents might affect source water, and made a recommendation that this information be shared with municipalities.

Agricultural & Rural Working Group

The Chair of this working group, SPC member Dr. David Biesenthal, reviewed Report 6e and advised that this group is a very involved committee with a common sense approach to issues. Compensation remains an issue and creative solutions are being discussed.

7. New Business

Assessment Report Timelines

The Project Manager reviewed Report 7a and the attached chart and advised that the Proposed Assessment Report is due 12 months after the Terms of Reference have been approved. The chart was prepared on the assumption that this approval will be given on July 1, 2009 but no information respecting approval had been received at the time of this meeting. Based on that timeline, the draft Proposed Assessment Report would be presented to the SPC at its January 2010 meeting for preliminary approval; followed by three public consultation sessions between early February 2010 and mid-March 2010. The draft Proposed Assessment Report is then returned to Staff for any necessary changes and presented to the SPC for approval in March 2010. After the Proposed Assessment Report is approved by the SPC, it will be presented to the three Source Protection Authorities (SPAs) for comment. There may be preliminary consultation sessions prior to the prescribed consultation sessions to allow time for sufficient input. SPC members expressed interest in having additional public meetings and in making Assessment Report information as accessible as possible.

Assessment Report Progress

The Technical Supervisor reviewed Report 7b and advised that work is progressing on the Assessment Report, tasks are being determined, and threats and issues delineated using the Province's Assessment Report Data Base template.

David Biesenthal and Robert Emerson excused themselves from the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

Threats Training

The Technical Supervisor reviewed Report 7c and advised that Staff attended a Threats and Issues Training session hosted by the MOE on June 12, 2009. Training included a review of the methodologies for delineating and enumerating threats; including threats that are not listed in the Tables under the *Clean Water Act* (CWA); delineating Intake Protection Zone 3 (IPZ-3) in surface water-based municipal drinking water supplies; and the consequences and criteria of establishing a drinking water "Issue", all of which were exemplified in the Report.

Mitch Twolan excused himself from the meeting at 1:15 p.m. **Quorum ends.**

Assessment Report Template

The Technical Supervisor reviewed Report 7d and advised that Staff has developed a template, using the Chesley well system as an example, for presentation of the individual Well Head Protection Areas (WHPAs) and threats enumeration within the Assessment Report. A copy of the template was attached to this report. This part of the Assessment Report is concentrated on amalgamating the results of the WHPA studies, Vulnerability Scoring and the identification of Significant Drinking Water Threats within the WHPAs.

Source Protection Plan Discussion Paper

The Project Manager referred to the letter received from the Director, Source Protection Programs Branch for the MOE dated June 25, 2009 and explained that the attached *Discussion Paper on Requirements for the Content and Preparation of Source Protection Plans* is to assist the Source Protection Committees in developing the Source Protection plans and policies. The paper is posted on the Environment Bill of Rights (EBR) website, www.ebr.gov.on.ca, and comments are due by September 23, 2009. Input is welcome from the SPC and both working groups. Since the next SPC meeting after July is scheduled for September 25, 2009, the Project Manager asked the members to review the Discussion Paper and prepare to submit feedback at the July 24, 2009 SPC meeting.

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Confirmation of Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next Committee meeting will be held on Friday, July 24, 2009 at the Point Clark Community Centre in Point Clark, Ontario.

There being no further business, Brad McRoberts made a motion to adjourn at 2:10 p.m.

Members of the Committee, Staff and visitors visited Tara Well #3 following the meeting.

Mitch Twolan
Acting Chair

Nancy Guest
Recording Secretary