



SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES – MEETING #25

MEETING: SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

DATE: MARCH 26, 2010

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

LOCATION: NEUSTADT COMMUNITY CENTRE, NEUSTADT, ONTARIO

CALL TO ORDER

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

In Attendance: Chair, Mike Traynor
David Biesenthal, Lou D’Alessandro, Bruce Davidson, Robert Emerson, Ken Furlong, Brent Lanktree, Les MacKinnon, Les Nichols, Carolyn Parker, Dale Thompson, Bill Twaddle, Mitch Twolan

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

Also in Attendance: David Ellingwood, Program Supervisor, DWSP
Thorsten Arnold, Technical Supervisor, DWSP
Brian Luinstra, Hydrogeologist, DWSP
Sara Pickard, Water Quality Technician, DWSP
Stacey den Haan, Communications Specialist, DWSP
Elly Ward, Outreach Specialist, DWSP
Karen Gillan, Education Specialist, DWSP
Emily Vandermeulen, GIS Specialist, DWSP
Jim Coffey, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Saugeen Conservation
John Cottrill, CAO, Grey Sauble Conservation
John Ritchie, MOE, Owen Sound Office
Dan Sullivan, Deputy Mayor, West Grey

Regrets: Carolyn Day, Kathie Hughes, Mark Kraemer

The Chair acknowledged World Water Day on Monday, March 22, 2010. The new SPC industrial sector representative, Carolyn Parker was introduced by the Chair. The Chair also introduced and welcomed Mr. Dan Sullivan, Deputy Mayor of the Municipality of West Grey, who welcomed the Committee to the new Neustadt Community Centre in West Grey and said the municipal councils are looking forward to the results of the Assessment Report.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Several additions were made to the Agenda including a presentation by the Outreach Specialist respecting the Summary Document of the Draft Proposed Assessment Report and a report from SPC member Bruce Davidson respecting the 10-year anniversary of the Walkerton tragedy.

**Motion No.
SPC-10-101**

**Moved by Lou D'Alessandro
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-10-102**

**Moved by Bruce Davidson
Seconded by Dale Thompson**

THAT the Minutes of the February 26, 2010 Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

The Communications Specialist presented a Community Profile of the Municipality of West Grey 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

None

5. Correspondence

Letter from Ian Smith dated March 24, 2010 extending the deadline for submission of the Assessment Report from August 17, 2010 to September 30, 2010 was **noted and filed**.

6. Reports

Administration Report

The Project Manager reviewed Report 6a and advised that two new members have been appointed to the Source Protection Committee and the Committee is up to a full complement of fifteen members again. Kathie Hughes has joined the Committee as the Municipal Representative for Group #1 (Northern Bruce Peninsula, South Bruce Peninsula and Georgian Bluffs) replacing Brad McRoberts and Carolyn Parker is the new Industrial sector representative, replacing Sandy Gott. The Project Manager also reviewed the various meetings attended by staff and noted that the Committee will be asked to approve the Draft Proposed Assessment at its next meeting on April 30, 2010. The Draft Proposed Assessment Report should be completed and posted on the website for review by Committee members by mid-April. Members were encouraged to check the members' page on the website regularly for updates.

Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program

The Outreach Specialist reviewed Report 6b and advised that 77 applications have been received and the Early Actions subcommittee will be meeting on April 1, 2010 to review new applications.

Communications

The Communications Specialist reviewed Report 6c and advised that the Conservation Ontario site is being monitored for Assessment Report postings from other Regions. DWSP staff is working together with Grey Sauble and Saugeen Valley staff for marketing and outreach ideas and plans to have a booth at the Keady Market again this summer. Website hits have increased, especially after press releases. A request was made to include Committee members as recipients of press releases.

Technical Report

The Technical Supervisor reviewed Report 6d and advised that the Draft Proposed Assessment Report is coming together as information is received from the various consultants. The Committee is able to review the Draft Proposed Assessment Report through the members' page on the waterprotection.ca website. All maps should be posted on the website by April 20, 2010. A discussion respecting hydro transformers included issues concerning transformers near open water or not near a wellhead protection area (WHPA) but in a highly vulnerable aquifer (HVA). The Committee can set policy on less significant threats and discussed if this matter should be included in the Assessment Report.

Planning Officials Working Group

The Chair of this working group, SPC member Mitch Twolan, reviewed Report 6e and advised that there were some concerns respecting the comments on the Source Protection Plan draft

regulations. The group had several suggestions respecting the Draft Proposed Assessment report related to the area of planning and development and future operations.

The Committee took a break from 10:52 a.m. to 11:13 a.m.

7. New Business

Source Protection Plans Draft Regulations Draft Comments

The Project Manager reviewed the draft letter to the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) and advised that a number of Committee members had attended discussion meetings in Milton and London on March 1st and 12th respectively. As well, some members have sent their comments to staff; the working groups have submitted comments; and staff comments were also included. The deadline for submitted comments to the MOE was March 26, 2010. After discussions, changes were made to the draft letter and it was sent to the MOE before the end of the day.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 12:55 p.m.

Lou D'Alessandro excused himself from the meeting.

Draft Proposed Assessment Report

Chapter 4 Update

The Technical Supervisor reviewed the draft of Chapter 4 to the Assessment Report and answered questions respecting the contents. After discussions, the Technical Supervisor advised that this chapter will be revised and completed and available shortly on the members' page of the waterprotection.ca website.

Summary Document

The Outreach Specialist advised that she is compiling a Summary Document that will be a brief overview of the Assessment Report in plain language. The Summary Document will include an introduction, definitions and diagrams, summaries of chapters, what property owners should do if they have a possible threat, and how property owners can give feedback.

Consultation Revised Schedule Report 7b(ii)

The Communications Specialist reviewed Report 7b(ii), including the Draft Consultation Schedule and the Municipal Info Days notice, and advised that there have been additional responses since the preparation of the Draft Consultation Schedule. A municipal presentation has been confirmed with the Municipality of West Grey on Monday, May 3, 2010. Committee members are encouraged to attend public meetings and municipal presentations with their municipal representation grouping. The Committee was advised that a municipal presentation will be scheduled in Brockton to coincide with the new WHPA being developed so that Staff is able to respond to questions relating to both the WHPA and the Assessment Report.

Sample Municipal Presentation

A sample presentation to municipal council was demonstrated to the Committee by the Communications Specialist. It is anticipated that a live web-conference presentation online will be available at consultation presentations allowing users to participate in sessions from their computer. It was suggested that staff request at least 30 minutes to make presentations to municipal councils.

Landowner Notice

The Program Supervisor reviewed the draft sample letter to landowners who will be advised there may be a threat on their property and advised that the aim is to keep the notice as short and simple as possible while still including all the required information. A subcommittee was formed to restructure the notice and drafts will be provided to the Committee and the two working groups.

Great Lakes Considerations

The Technical Supervisor advised that the MOE has not set any targets respecting Lake Huron and accordingly, a general chapter will be included in the Assessment Report respecting Lake Huron.

Bill Twaddle excused himself from the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

8. Other Business

Walkerton Anniversary

Committee member Bruce Davidson advised that the tenth anniversary of the Walkerton water tragedy will be commemorated with a series of events in April and May. Information is available at the website www.walkertontohaiti.ca.

The Administrative Assistant discussed setting the dates for Committee meetings for the next year and it was generally agreed that the Committee wishes to continue meeting on Fridays at different venues within the Region. A meeting schedule for the next twelve months starting in July 2010 will be presented at a future meeting.

The Administrative Assistant also advised that members may recycle printer cartridges, laser cartridges and cell phones with Grey Sauble Conservation and Saugeen Conservation. These items may be dropped off at either Conservation Authority location or brought to a Committee meeting for recycling. Other electronic equipment, including printers, computers, batteries, etc., should be recycled at a Habitat for Humanity Re-Store location.

9. Confirmation of Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next Committee meeting will be held on April 30, 2010.

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

Mike Traynor
Chair

Nancy Guest
Recording Secretary