



## **SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES – MEETING #12**

**MEETING:** SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

**DATE:** FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2009

**TIME:** 9:30 a.m.

**LOCATION:** HANOVER COLISEUM, HANOVER, ONTARIO

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

**Others Present:** Daniella Molnar, Ex-officio member, Ministry of the Environment  
Teresa McLellan, Ex-officio member, Ministry of the Environment  
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  
Gary Senior, Planning Manager, Saugeen Conservation  
Kathi Maskell, Mayor, Town of Hanover  
John Ritchie, Drinking Water Program Supervisor, MOE, Owen Sound  
David Ellingwood, Communications Specialist, DWSP  
Karen Gillan, Education Specialist, DWSP  
Sara Pickard, Water Quality Technician, DWSP  
Emily Vandermeulen, GIS Technician, DWSP  
Stacey Cook, Outreach Specialist, DWSP  
Brian Luinstra, Hydrogeologist

The Chair introduced and welcomed the Mayor of Hanover, Kathi Maskell; the newly appointed MOE liaison, Teresa McLellan; John Ritchie, Water Program Supervisor for the MOE in Owen Sound; Jim Coffey, General Manager and Secretary-Treasurer for the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority; and Gary Senior, Manager, Environmental Planning & Regulations for the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority. The Chair also thanked and wished a fond farewell to the outgoing MOE liaison, Daniella Molnar.

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion No.  
SPC-09-52**

**Moved by Bruce Davidson  
Seconded by Mark Kraemer**

**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-09-53**

**Moved by Les Nichols  
Seconded by Dale Thompson**

**THAT the Minutes of the November 23, 2008 Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.**

**Carried**

**Community Profile**

A community profile presentation of Hanover was given by the Communications Specialist including details of the water treatment plant and intake, local personalities, and area highlights and features.

Hanover Mayor Kathi Maskell was invited to address the meeting and expressed her good wishes to the Committee and thanks for the work the Committee is undertaking.

**4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

None.

## 5. Correspondence

Copy of letter from AON Insurance Brokers dated November 26, 2008 confirming that all Drinking Water Source Protection (DWSP) programs and related committees are covered for commercial general liability, errors and omissions was **noted and filed**.

Email from the Ministry of the Environment dated January 16, 2009 advising of the newly appointed SPC/MOE Liaison Officer was **noted and filed**.

The Project Manager explained that letters were mailed to all municipalities in the Region noting that any property within the 2-year time-of-travel from a municipal well (TOT-2) area is eligible for a grant if the municipality passes a corresponding resolution. Letter from Meaford dated January 15, 2009 advising of the passing of a resolution endorsing the 2-year time-of-travel zone (TOT-2) was **noted and filed**.

Letter from the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula dated December 17, 2008 advising of the passing of a resolution including the Tobermory Community Centre, Fire Hall and Municipal Concession Stand Well in the Proposed Terms of Reference was **noted and filed**.

Letter from the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula dated January 15, 2009 advising of the passing of a resolution endorsing the 2-year time-of-travel zone (TOT-2) was **noted and filed**.

## 6. Reports

### Program Report

The Project Manager reviewed the Drinking Water Source Protection Program Report 6a which covers numerous projects carried out by DWSP staff. The Project Manager advised that, with respect to the status of the formation of the working groups, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Planning Officials Working Group have met with the SPC Chair, Project Manager and Communications Specialist and organisations are being approached for representation. A consultant has been contracted to redevelop the Well Head Protection Area (WHPA) for the Walkerton Wells and a new well is being added in Tara, which will require a redefinition of the WHPA.

The Project Manager advised that all contracts are tendered and occasionally, small additions are added to existing contracts. Large contracts are tendered using MERX, the electronic tendering service.

### Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program Report

The Outreach Specialist reviewed Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program (ODWSP) Report 6b and advised that financial amounts will not change from the last report until ongoing applications have been completed. As confirmed earlier in the meeting, letters were mailed to all municipalities in the Region respecting the 2-year time-of-travel from a municipal well (TOT-2) and the Program is awaiting confirmation from the municipalities respecting approval. Well

upgrading and decommissioning module will cover 80% of the total cost up to a maximum grant of \$4000. Septic inspections and upgrades module will cover 80% of the total cost up to a maximum grant of \$7000. The grant ceiling for advanced septic systems has been increased to \$15,000. The pollution prevention module will cover 100% of the total cost up to a maximum grant of \$12,000.

### Terms of Reference

The Project Manager reviewed the Terms of Reference Report 6c and advised that a matter requiring a resolution from the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula has been resolved. The Town of South Bruce Peninsula has surplus wells and this matter is in the process of being resolved. Minto Pines is a 35-home subdivision near Pike Lake in the Town of Minto which was omitted from the Proposed Terms of Reference (TOR). The Project Manager advised that there are two options to address this omission: (1) wait for the MOE to formally advise of the omission and then add it into the Terms of Reference; or, (2) include it in the Terms of Reference now and invite public consultation. The Project Manager recommended waiting to include it in the Terms of Reference and undertake consultation with the municipality.

The outgoing MOE ex-officio, Daniella Molnar, advised that the approval of the TOR has been delayed pending a decision by the Ministry respecting the inclusion of fair compensation. Ms. Molnar advised that once a decision has been established, there may be a 1-2 week delay respecting approval. A discussion followed respecting the wording used in the TOR and the possibility of amending the wording if it is a matter of semantics. The Chair suggested that every effort should be made to move forward.

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

### Communications

The Communications Specialist reviewed Communications Report 6d and advised that he may be attending the Agri-Fair in Chesley ON on April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The Communications Specialist also advised that he is on the 2009 Children's Water Festival Committee; that he is assembling new material to add to the waterprotection.ca website; and that the program newsletter "Profile" was released the day before this meeting.

### Rekindle the Sparks

The Education Specialist reviewed "Rekindle the Sparks" Report 6e and advised that outdoor educators get together once a year to share ideas based on the principle that every child should have the opportunity to experience the outdoors. The Committee was advised that some Conservation Authorities have contracts with local school boards, including Grey Sauble and Saugeen Conversation, and in some cases, the cost of busing prohibits the number of children who can participate. The "Be A Water Steward" program is designed to go to the schools.

## 7. New Business

### Stewardship Consultation

The Project Manager reviewed the Stewardship Consultation Report 7a and explained the process for giving feedback on the Stewardship Program to the MOE. The Communications Specialist facilitated a powerpoint presentation followed by discussions respecting funding.

### Assessment Report Table of Contents

The Project Manager reviewed Assessment Report Table of Contents Report 7b and there were no questions or comments.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:10 a.m. and reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

### Development of Water Quality Standards

Geologist, Brian Luinstra, reviewed Development of Water Quality Standards Report 7c and advised that standards are needed to evaluate raw water quality. The tables attached to the Report are part of O.Reg. 169/03 of the *Clean Water Act* and are used to define an issue. Dr. Luinstra advised that we are concerned with water quality standards within Lake Huron and Georgian Bay, as well as surface water. We are establishing thresholds by which to evaluate water quality issues based on available samples.

**Motion No.  
SPC-09-54**

**Moved by Howard Greig  
Seconded by Lou D'Alessandro**

**THAT a threshold of 0 cfu/100ml Total Coliforms and *E. coli* be adopted as a raw water quality threshold for non-GUDI groundwater supplies for the purposes of an Issues Evaluation in the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Region;**

**AND THAT a threshold of 100 cfu/100ml *E. coli* be adopted as a raw water quality threshold for surface and GUDI groundwater supplies for the purposes of an Issues Evaluation in the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Region;**

**AND THAT a threshold of 50% of the Maximum Acceptable Concentration be adopted as a raw water quality threshold for Chemical and Radionuclide Parameters defined in Tables 2 and 3 of O.Reg. 169/03 for the purposes of an Issues Evaluation in the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Region;**

**AND THAT Table 4, O.Reg. 169/03 be adopted as a raw water quality threshold for the purposes of an Issues Evaluation in the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Region.**

**Carried**

## **8. Other Business**

The Project Manager discussed the prospect of a tour of the western area of the watershed before the end of March, 2009.

The Chair thanked Carolyn Day for her email reporting on two meetings she recently attended.

The Committee was advised that speaker presentations from the 2008 A.D. Latornell Conservation Symposium are now available online at [www.latornell.ca](http://www.latornell.ca).

A 2009 Meeting Schedule was distributed to the Committee noting the following Committee meetings: Friday, February 27, 2009; Friday, March 27, 2009; Friday, April 24, 2009; Friday, May 22, 2009; and Friday, June 26, 2009.

A copy of the Drinking Water Source Protection newsletter “Profile” was distributed to everyone at the meeting.

Geologist Brian Luinstra advised that DWSP and the Grey Bruce Health Unit have developed a partnership whereby the Health Unit health inspectors will share the information from their sampling of 1,444 communal non-municipal wells.

### **Communications Matrix**

The Committee participated in an exercise in communicating source water protection information.

## **9. Confirmation of Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The next meeting will be held on Friday, February 27, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at the Grey County Administration Building at 595 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue East, Owen Sound, Ontario. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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Mike Traynor  
Chair

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Nancy Guest  
Recording Secretary