



SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES – MEETING #16

MEETING: SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

DATE: FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2009

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

**LOCATION: FORMOSA COMMUNITY CENTRE
FORMOSA, ONTARIO**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mike Traynor called the meeting to order at 9:40 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: Bob Graham, Ex-officio member, Grey-Bruce Health Unit
Teresa McLellan, Ex-officio, Ministry of the Environment (MOE)
John Ritchie, MOE, Owen Sound Office
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
Bill Goetz, Bruce County Warden & South Bruce Mayor
David Ellingwood, Communications Specialist, DWSP
Karen Gillan, Education Specialist, DWSP
Stacey Cook, Outreach Specialist, DWSP
Brian Luinstra, Hydrogeologist
Member of the Press

The Chair introduced and welcomed Mr. Bill Goetz, Warden of Bruce County and Mayor of the Municipality of South Bruce, Mr. Jim Coffey, General Manager & Secretary-Treasurer of Saugeen Conservation, John Ritchie of the Owen Sound Office of the MOE and Mr. Kirk Scott at the media table.

Warden Goetz extended his greetings to the Committee and his appreciation for the work being done by the Committee in Bruce County for the benefit of everyone.

1. Adoption of Agenda

**Motion No.
SPC-09-69**

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

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-09-70**

**Moved by Brad McRoberts
Seconded by Les Nichols**

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

Carried

David Ellingwood presented a Community Profile of the Municipality of South Bruce showing the various water treatment plants and wells, as well as the geography of the area.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Compensation & Proposed Terms of Reference

The Project Manager reviewed Report 4a and reiterated the decision made by the Source Protection Committee (SPC) at the April 24, 2009 meeting to request an extension of the deadline for resubmitting the revised TOR to the Minister of the Environment. An extension was granted by the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) to June 15, 2009.

Acting on the Committee decision to accept the Minister of the Environment's invitation to meet with MOE staff, on Thursday April 30, 2009, a delegation of Source Protection Committee members, including Chairman Traynor, Dr. Biesenthal, Howard Greig, and Bruce Davidson, met

with Brenda Lucas, Senior Water Policy Advisor to the Minister and Ian Smith, Director of the Source Protection Programs Branch in Toronto, Ontario. The Drinking Water Source Protection Project Manager was also in attendance.

The delegation developed a position statement following the meeting. It was recommended by the delegation that the reference to compensation be removed from the TOR and a new section be inserted into the TOR outlining the Committee's concerns with respect to this issue. Following any amendments to the TOR, the three Source Protection Authorities must review the TOR before the deadline for resubmitting the TOR to the MOE of June 15, 2009.

After an extensive discussion including wording, meaning, intention and the Committee's position, it was decided that reference to compensation be removed from the TOR and an amended version of the attachment to Report 4a be included in the TOR.

**Motion No.
SPC-09-71**

**Moved by David Biesenthal
Seconded by Les Nichols**

THAT the clauses referring to compensation be removed from the Proposed Terms of Reference documents; and further,

THAT the attached section titled "Implementation of Source Protection Plan Policies" dated May 20, 2009 be inserted into the body of the Proposed Terms of Reference documents, as amended, deleting "and requires" from the second paragraph; and the last paragraph reads: "Following the completion of the Source Protection Plan, policies will be prioritized and implemented as sustainable long-term funding is available."; and further,

THAT the revised Proposed Terms of Reference documents be circulated and presented to the Source Protection Authorities for their review and comment.

The new section inserted into the revised Proposed Terms of Reference and titled "Implementation of Source Protection Plan Policies" will read as follows:

"The Source Protection Committee (SPC) is committed to producing the best Source Protection Plans (SPP) possible to protect the quality and quantity of drinking water sources in the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region. The implementation of SPP policies will have financial implications on the agencies or individuals responsible for, or affected by, implementation; however, it is acknowledged that the policies should be sufficiently rigorous to address the significant threats and should not be diminished in any way in an attempt to make them less onerous.

The success of the implementation of SPP policies is directly linked to the availability of provincial funding through programs such as the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program (ODWSP). The SPC expects a level of financial commitment from the Province of Ontario to ensure the successful

implementation of SPP policies and also to ensure that landowners are not unduly affected by the implementation of these policies.

The Source Protection Committee will provide advice to those responsible for implementation of Source Protection Plans, that the implementation of measures required by Source Protection Plan policies be contingent upon the availability of funding to support affected landowners in implementation.

The Source Protection Committee strongly recommends that money be made available locally in the stewardship fund to address implementation and affected landowners when Source Protection Plans are completed.

Following the completion of the Source Protection Plans, policies will be prioritized and implemented as sustainable, long-term funding is available.”

The Committee took a break from 11:20 a.m. to 11:35 a.m.

5. Correspondence

Email from Committee member, Dale Thompson dated April 19, 2009 respecting the letter from the Bruce Peninsula Environment Group dated April 10, 2009 was **noted and filed**.

Letter from Conservation Ontario to the Director, Source Protection Programs Branch at the Ministry of the Environment dated April 29, 2009 respecting the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program consultation was **noted and filed**.

Letter from Town of the Blue Mountains dated April 28, 2009 respecting the resolution endorsing the 2-year time-of-travel zone was **noted and filed**.

Letter from the Director, Source Protection Programs Branch at the Ministry of the Environment dated May 8, 2009 extending the deadline for resubmitting the Proposed Terms of Reference was **noted and filed**.

Letter from Grown in Grey received May 13, 2009 thanking Drinking Water Source Protection for its involvement in the Grown in Grey program was **noted and filed**.

Certified copy of resolution of Town of the Blue Mountains dated April 27, 2009 endorsing the 2-year time-of-travel zone was **noted and filed**.

7. New Business

Healthy Great Lakes, Strong Ontario

The Project Manager reviewed Report 7a and the discussion paper and noted that the results from this discussion paper will influence future provincial policies respecting the Great Lakes. He remarked that 98% of Ontario residents live within the Great Lakes basin. Participants of the

discussion, including Committee member Carolyn Day and the Project Manager, were asked to respond to 12 questions. Committee member Carolyn Day reviewed the letter sent to the Ministry of the Environment by the deadline of May 15, 2009 in response to the 12 questions. Discussions respecting the paper and response followed.

**Motion No.
SPC-09-72**

**Moved by Lou D'Alessandro
Seconded by Bruce Davidson**

THAT: the Source Protection Committee endorses the letter dated May 15, 2009 to the Ministry of the Environment concerning the Healthy Great Lakes, Strong Ontario Discussion Paper.

Carolyn Day left the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

Robert Emerson left the meeting at 1 p.m.

6. Reports

Administrative Report

The Project Manager reviewed Report 6a and advised that David Ellingwood has filled the newly-created position of Program Supervisor and is responsible for supervising the Communications and Stewardship portions of the Program and is the lead resource person for the Drinking Water Source Protection Working Groups. The Communications Specialist position vacated by David has been filled by Steacy Cook who was working in the Stewardship Program.

The Project Manager also advised of recent meetings and presentations attended by DWSP Staff and Committee members as well as upcoming activities.

Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program Report

The Outreach Specialist reviewed Report 6b and advised that there continues to be enquiries respecting the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program (ODWSP) funding but most landowners are ineligible. A business case is being prepared to request additional Early Action funding. Landowners who might be eligible have been sent the tabloid flyer as well as mail-outs. Information respecting properties will be updated if the eligible area expands. Maps for eligible areas within the Region are posted on the waterprotection.ca website. Municipalities are assisting with the distribution of information to landowners.

Communications

The Program Supervisor for Communications reviewed Report 6c and advised that a pdf format version of the tabloid flyer has been posted on the waterprotection.ca website. Maps showing the Intake Protection Zone (IPZ) 1 and IPZ-2 areas have been on the website for the last month. The

Children's Water Festival being held in Chesley, Ontario from September 20, 2009 to October 2, 2009 has had several meetings of the steering committee attending by the Program Supervisor.

The Program Supervisor is planning to attend a meeting of Blue Flag beaches representatives in Kincardine, Ontario, where common interests will be discussed, including environmental factors, programs, outreach, etc. Committee member McRoberts advised that Blue Flag designations are issued to beaches that have plans and policies in place to qualify under water quality, environmental standards, education, signage, washrooms, etc.

A request was made to have the Committee advised of website traffic with a base line to track public interest. It was suggested that this information could be included in graph form in the Communications Report at each Committee meeting.

Technical Report

The Hydrogeologist reviewed Report 6d and advised that the IPZ-2 models have completely changed. The Hydrogeologist advised that the models are relatively accurate and suggested that the Committee might want to consider measuring water currents near intake protection zones and water treatment plants.

Howard Greig left the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Currently, there are numerous technical studies which are in progress to develop vulnerable areas and conduct threats inventories for all municipal drinking water supplies in the Region.

Well Head Protection Areas (WHPAs) and Intake Protection Zones (IPZs) have been delineated for most supplies as part of the Round 1 technical studies completed in 2007. Round 2 studies include the development of WHPAs for new municipal groundwater supplies in Armow, Tara and Minto Pines, and revision of existing WHPAs where significant operational changes, including pumping rates and decommissioning of some production wells, necessitated updates.

7. New Business

The Administrative Assistant reviewed Report 7b and advised that no dates have been set for Committee meetings after June 26, 2009. 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 was agreed upon as follows:

Friday, July 24, 2009	Friday, January 29, 2010
No meeting in August 2009	Friday, February 26, 2010
Friday, September 25, 2009	Friday, March 26, 2010
Friday, October 30, 2009	Friday, April 30, 2010
Friday, November 27, 2009	Friday, May 28, 2010
No business meeting in December 2009	Friday, June 25, 2010

8. Other Business

Committee member Les MacKinnon referred to information respecting a First Nations position on property in Tiny Township, Ontario in the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region as a proposed landfill site. The MOE ex-officio offered to provide background information on this matter.

The MOE ex-officio advised the Committee that a PhD. student from Oxford University has asked if she might observe the Committee.

The Chair thanked the MOE ex-officio for the informative and comprehensive MOE Liaison Report provided to the Committee. The MOE ex-officio advised that an updated report including common questions and answers will be issued on a monthly basis.

9. Confirmation of Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next Committee meeting will be held on Friday, June 26, 2009 at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #383 in Tara, Ontario.

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

Mike Traynor
Chair

Nancy Guest
Recording Secretary