



## **SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES – MEETING #23**

**MEETING:** SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

**DATE:** FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2010

**TIME:** 9:30 A.M.

**LOCATION:** GREY COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OWEN SOUND, ON

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Mike Traynor called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

**In Attendance:** Chair, Mike Traynor  
Lou D’Alessandro, Carolyn Day, Robert Emerson, Brent Lanktree, Les MacKinnon, Brad McRoberts, Les Nichols, Dale Thompson, Bill Twaddle,

**Others Present:** Robert Reid, 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  
John Cottrill, CAO, Grey Sauble Conservation  
David Ellingwood, Program Supervisor, DWSP  
Thorsten Arnold, Technical Supervisor, DWSP  
Brian Luinstra, Hydrogeologist, DWSP  
Steady den Haan, Communications Specialist, DWSP  
Elly Ward, Outreach Specialist, DWSP  
Karen Gillan, Education Specialist, DWSP  
Emily Vandermeulen, GIS Specialist, DWSP

**Regrets:** David Biesenthal  
Bruce Davidson  
Ken Furlong  
Mark Kraemer  
Mitch Twolan

The Chair introduced and welcomed Mr. John Cottrill, the newly-appointed Chief Administrative Officer for Grey Sauble Conservation, and Mr. Jim Coffey, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer for Saugeen Conservation.

Mr. Cottrill thanked the Committee for the invitation to its meeting and commended the Committee for the work being accomplished. Mr. Cottrill offered his services and expertise to the Committee and reminded the members that his door is always open.

### **1. Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion No.  
SPC-10-91**

**Moved by Robert Emerson  
Seconded by Lou D'Alessandro**

**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-10-92**

**Moved by Les MacKinnon  
Seconded by Les Nichols**

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

**Carried**

The matter of proxies was addressed by the Chair, who advised that several proxies had been appointed by absent members and those votes would count towards quorum.

Stacy Cook presented a Community Profile of Grey County in the form of questions and answers highlighting the various features of the County.

### **4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

#### **Tritium**

The hydrogeology consultant reviewed Report 4a and advised that he researched the inclusion of tritium as a contaminant and determined that if tritium is added to the Assessment Report as a contaminant of concern, a specific land use activity and circumstances that would make that activity a threat must be identified in which tritiated deuterium would be a contaminant of concern. In order to have the activity added to the list of drinking water threats, the activity must

be identified by the Source Protection Committee (SPC), forwarded to the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) for approval, and the Director then must agree that the contaminant of concern has a Hazard score of 4 or greater out of a possible 10. In this Region, the two land-use activities and circumstances would be:

1. The operation of a Nuclear Generating Station where nuclear reactions are being moderated by deuterium (Heavy Water) in any quantity; and,
2. The storage and treatment of Tritiated Deuterium under the following circumstances:
  - a) where any quantity of Tritiated Deuterium is stored; or,
  - b) where any quantity of Deuterium is treated to remove Tritium.

**Motion No.  
SPC-10-93**

**Moved by Robert Emerson  
Seconded by Les MacKinnon**

**THAT the Source Protection Committee requests that the Ministry of the Environment include the land uses and circumstances set out as follows:**

- 1. The operation of a Nuclear Generating Station where nuclear reactions are being moderated by deuterium (Heavy Water) in any quantity; and,**
- 2. The storage and treatment of Tritiated Deuterium under the following circumstances:**
  - a) where any quantity of Tritiated Deuterium is stored; or,**
  - b) where any quantity of Deuterium is treated to remove Tritium;**

**in the table of drinking water threats for the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region Assessment Report.**

**Carried**

## **5. Correspondence**

Letter from Bill Murdoch dated December 18, 2000 respecting Terms of Reference was **noted and filed.**

Letter from Grey Bruce Farmers' Week 2010 dated January 21, 2010 was **noted and filed.**

## **6. Reports**

### Administration Report

The Project Manager reviewed Report 6a and advised that Grey Sauble Conservation has a new Chief Administrative Officer, John Cottrill. The Project Manager advised that the three municipalities included in the Group #1 SPC representation have requested a 1-month extension

to March 3, 2010 to make their submission for a replacement for Brad McRoberts on the SPC. Advertisements have been placed in newspapers and on the website and letters sent to businesses requesting applications from the industrial sector to replace SPC member, Sandy Gott. The deadline for applications is February 19, 2010. The industrial and commercial representatives from four local SPCs met on February 5, 2010 and notes on the discussions will be circulated at a later date. Andrew Barrie, of OMAFRA, will be speaking at the February 26, 2010 SPC meeting about Environmental Farm Plans. Draft regulations will be discussed at the next SPC meeting and members were encouraged to provide their comments. Meetings are being planned by the MOE to discuss the draft regulations on March 1<sup>st</sup> in Milton and March 12<sup>th</sup> in London starting at 10:00 a.m. Members were advised to contact the Administrative Assistant at the DWSP office if they wish to attend. Transportation will be provided and it was noted that this is a good opportunity to network with members from other SPCs.

### Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program

The Education Specialist reviewed Report 6b and advised that landowners continue to be contacted respecting possible eligibility for funding. Additional funding has been approved by the MOE. Since November, 2009, \$58,902.76 has been disbursed to landowners for completed projects and additional funds remain to be distributed pending completion of documentation. The Stewardship Program also made presentations at Grey-Bruce Farmers' Week, the Bruce County Cattlemen's Association and the Brockton Water Event.

### Communications

The Communications Specialist reviewed Report 6c and advised that DWSP staff held a training session to review and discuss the Assessment Report process. Staff also received information from Conservation Ontario which focused on Assessment Report preparation. A draft consultation schedule was distributed and discussed. Various activities of DWSP staff were covered.

Brad McRoberts arrived at 10:20 a.m.

### Technical Studies

The Technical Supervisor reviewed Report 6d and advised that some consultants' reports remain outstanding. The GIS/Database Specialist has been completing the maps required for the Assessment Report. The GIS/Database Specialist advised that reports are being updated and should be complete within the next two weeks. Requests for Proposals respecting the SWOOP imagery were sent out two weeks ago with a February 24, 2010 deadline for submissions. It is expected the planes will be in the air by the end of March, 2010 recording leaf-off photography.

### Planning Officials Working Group

In the absence of the Chair of this working group, the Vice-Chair reviewed Report 6e and advised that the members of the working group are discussing the manner in which planning

requests from landowners and municipalities will be processed. Discussions include guidance for the planners in advising municipalities on upcoming changes.

### Agricultural & Rural Working Group

In the absence of the Chair of this working group, the Program Supervisor reviewed Report 6f and advised that Ray Robertson of Grey Agricultural Services will be addressing this group sometime in the future respecting the Environmental Farm Plan. The Agricultural & Rural Working Group was invited to attend the next SPC meeting on February 26, 2010 to hear the presentation of Andrew Barrie of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs (OMAFRA). The next meeting of this group will be near the end of March, 2010.

**The Committee took a break from 10:35 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.**

## **7. New Business**

### Walkerton Issues

The Hydrogeology Consultant reviewed Report 7a and advised that that nitrate levels have been identified as an issue in the Brockton area and the Municipality of Brockton has passed a resolution accepting the recommendation of the SPC that this issue be included in the Assessment Report. Discussions followed respecting the nature of nitrates.

**Motion No.  
SPC-10-94**

**Moved by Carolyn Day  
Seconded by Dale Thompson**

**THAT a drinking water source protection issue for Nitrate levels in the Walkerton water supply system be included in the Assessment Report;**

**AND FURTHER THAT a drinking water source protection issue for Nitrate levels in the Lake Rosalind water supply system be included in the Assessment Report.**

**Carried**

### Draft Proposed Assessment Report Consultation Schedule

The Communications Specialist reviewed Report 7b and advised that a draft consultation schedule with dates, times and venues has been prepared. It was emphasized that the dates and venues are tentative and were open to comments from the Committee. DWSP staff will be in attendance at the public consultations and SPC members are invited to attend sessions that are relevant to their sector or municipality. Time for delegation presentations is planned for the SPC meeting in Holstein, Ontario on May 28, 2010. SPC members will be advised of all consultation dates when they have been confirmed.

Lou D'Alessandro excused himself from the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

The Communications Specialist received feedback from the Committee respecting the consultation plans and the Chair encouraged members to attend the meetings.

### Assessment Report Extension

The Project Manager reviewed Report 7c and advised that he is seeking a six-week extension from mid-August 2010 to the end of September 2010, noting that the Region is large and complex; consultants' reports remain outstanding; and some systems have been late coming into the process. It was noted that the Draft Proposed Assessment Report could be submitted earlier than an extended deadline if it is completed.

**Motion No.  
SPC-10-95**

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

**THAT the Drinking Water Source Protection staff be directed to request that the Ministry of the Environment grant an extension to the Source Protection Committee for the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region to September 30, 2010 for the submission of the Proposed Assessment Report documents.**

**Carried**

The Chair introduced and welcomed Grey County Councillor Bob Pringle to the meeting. Mr. Pringle, speaking on behalf of the Warden, Arlene Wright, said it was interesting to hear the challenges presented to the Committee and extended his appreciation for the efforts of the Committee.

### **7. Other Business**

The Project Manager reminded everyone of the Source Protection Plan Draft Regulations Discussions sessions being held in March, 2010 and advised anyone interested in attending to contact the Administrative Assistant.

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

The next Committee meeting will be held on Friday, February 26, 2010 at the Keady Arena Hall in Keady, Ontario.

There being no further business, Les Nichols made a motion to adjourn at 11:46 a.m.

Brad McRoberts excused himself from the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

Lou D'Alessandro returned to the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

**The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:46 a.m. and reconvened at 12:55 p.m.**

**Motion No.  
SPC-10-96**

**Moved by Carolyn Day  
Seconded by Brad McRoberts**

**THAT the Drinking Water Source Protection Committee moves into Committee of the Whole in camera for matters pertaining to identifiable individuals or property; and,**

**THAT Drinking Water Source Protection staff, Source Protection Authority members and Committee ex-officio members remain in the meeting for the in camera session.**

**Carried**

Brad McRoberts returned to the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Brad McRoberts excused himself from the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

**Motion No.  
SPC-10-97**

**Moved by Lou D'Alessandro  
Seconded by Carolyn Day**

**THAT the Drinking Water Source Protection Committee rise from Committee of the Whole in camera and report.**

**Carried**

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Mike Traynor  
Chair

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Nancy Guest  
Recording Secretary