



## **SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES – MEETING #27**

**MEETING:** SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

**DATE:** MAY 28, 2010

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

**LOCATION:** HOLSTEIN OPTIMIST COMMUNITY CENTRE  
HOLSTEIN, 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, Ken Furlong, Kathie Hughes, Brent Lanktree, Les MacKinnon, Les Nichols, Carolyn Parker, Dale Thompson,

**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  
Steady den Haan, Communications Specialist, DWSP  
Elly Ward, Outreach Specialist, DWSP  
Emily Vandermeulen, GIS Specialist, DWSP  
Matthew Hurley, Water Quality Technician Assistant, DWSP  
John Cottrill, CAO, Grey Sauble Conservation  
John Ritchie, MOE, Owen Sound Office  
Southgate Councillor Glen Irwin, Southgate Councillor Jim Frew,  
Southgate Water Operator Jim Ellis, Lindsay Irwin, Southgate Co-op  
Student

**Regrets:** Lou D'Alessandro, Mark Kraemer, Bill Twaddle, Mitch Twolan

The Chair introduced and welcomed Mr. Glen Irwin, Councillor for the Township of Southgate and Chair of Environmental Services; Lindsay Irwin, Jim Frew and Jim Ellis, all of the Township of Southgate.

Glen Irwin extended his greetings to the Committee from his Municipality, which includes the headwaters of the Saugeen River and the Grand River. Mr. Irwin 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-10-106**

**Moved by Robert Emerson  
Seconded by Les Nichols**

**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-10-107**

**Moved by Dale Thompson  
Seconded by Brent Lanktree**

**THAT the Minutes of the April 30, 2010 Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.**

**Carried**

The Communications Specialist presented a Community Profile of the Township of Southgate showing the various wells in the municipality, as well as the geography of the area and other interesting facts.

Carolyn Parker arrived at 9:45 a.m.

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

##### Interim Risk Management Plans

The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) liaison gave a PowerPoint presentation respecting interim risk management which can be initiated by municipalities prior to the Source Protection Plan being finalized. The MOE liaison advised that municipalities in partnership with Conservation Authorities will be responsible for any Risk Management Official who may be required to implement the interim risk management plan. The MOE has sent a survey to all upper- and lower-tier municipalities in the Region, including the Managers of the Planning Departments for each County, requesting feedback on interim risk management. Interim risk management would be for a 2-year period only. Information and training will be provided to the Source Protection Committee (SPC). Municipalities will make the decisions related to the risk management official. The MOE liaison asked SPC members to send her any questions relating to interim risk management at [teresa.mclellan@ontario.ca](mailto:teresa.mclellan@ontario.ca).

#### **5. Correspondence**

Letter from “Grown in Grey” dated May 11, 2010 thanking the Education Specialist for her participation was **noted and filed**.

Letter from Teeswater Sacred Heart School received May 21, 2010 thanking the Education Specialist for her presentation was **noted and filed**.

**The Committee took a break from 10:40 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.**

#### **6. Reports**

##### Administration Report

The Project Manager reviewed Report 6a and advised that paper copies of the Draft Proposed Assessment Report were delivered to five locations within the Region. Eight public meetings are being held within the Region to allow the public to view and comment on the Draft Proposed Assessment Report. Almost 3,000 letters were sent to landowners who own property within a wellhead protection area. A letter including a compact disk containing the Draft Proposed Assessment Report and the Summary Document was sent to the four Counties, 21 lower-tier municipalities and the two First Nations in the Region, as well as the three Source Protection Regions adjoining this Region. As well, the Draft Proposed Assessment Report is posted on the [waterprotection.ca](http://waterprotection.ca) website. Matthew Hurley has joined the staff as a summer student gathering information for future updates to the Assessment Report.

##### Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program

The Outreach Specialist, reviewed Report 6b and advised that, to date, 90 applications have been received requesting funding under the program. These numbers may increase with more projects

being initiated because of good weather. The Review Committee met on May 26, 2010 and considered its first pollution prevention application. The Education Specialist has been involved in the Yellow Fish Road project in Durham, as well as the Walkerton 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemoration events. The Outreach Specialist prepared the Summary Document explaining the Draft Proposed Assessment Report.

### Communications

The Communications Specialist reviewed Report 6c and advised that she and the Program Supervisor will be attending a meeting with members of Conservation Ontario in June 2010 to plan ahead respecting the Source Protection Plan, both locally and provincially. The number of visitors to the waterprotection.ca website increased since the last report. The most popular items accessed on the website are the Clean Water Act Factsheet and the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program applications. The Draft Proposed Assessment Report also had an increase in visitors.

### Walkerton 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Report

The Project Manager reviewed Report 6d and advised that Source Protection staff are involved in three events through special funding: the Youth Career Day; the presentation featuring Ryan Hreljac of Ryan's Well; and the Walkerton Public Day. Committee member, Bruce Davidson, reviewed the various activities, thanked the staff for their assistance and advised that a scholarship was being announced for students entering the field of water management.

### Draft Proposed Assessment Report Consultation

The Communications Specialist reviewed Report 6d and advised that presentations to municipal councils were almost complete. There was a presentation to Bruce County council planned for June 3, 2010 and a presentation to Grey Highlands Committee of the Whole on June 4, 2010. Eight public meetings have been planned around the Region including Grey Sauble Conservation, Saugeen Valley Conservation, Northern Bruce Peninsula, Thornbury, Walkerton, Holstein, Sauble Beach, Mount Forest and Kincardine. Paper copies of the Draft Proposed Assessment Report including maps were available for public review at the Town of the Blue Mountains municipal office, the Kincardine municipal office, and all three Source Protection Authorities. There has been increased media coverage in newspapers and radio.

## **7. New Business**

### Planners Day

The Program Supervisor advised that a day had been proposed for June 11, 2010 to include all upper- and lower-tier municipal planners and consultants to discuss the program and the issues relating to planning. This meeting requires extensive planning and the date will be rescheduled within the next several months.

## Ontario Accessibility Standards

The Project Manager reviewed Report 7a and advised that the provincial government requires that all Source Protection Committees receive training in accessibility standards under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*. Online training is available through a link provided to the members and computers are available to those in need. Training should be completed by June 15, 2010 and members should advise the Administrative Assistant when they have completed the training.

## Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program Early Response

The Project Manager reviewed Report 7b and advised that the Early Actions program concludes at the end of 2010 and will be replaced with the Early Response program, which should be launched in July 2010. The lead Source Protection Authority has until September 2010 to prepare a request for funding to facilitate the program. Early Response would affect properties that have immediate threats to a municipal water source and priority will be given to those that present the highest risk and which can be remediated most expediently. The program is projected to be in effect until August 2012.

## **8. Other Business**

The matter of signage to identify IPZs and WHPAs in the Region was discussed. Signage may be premature at this point in the Program, but would be discussed further in the future.

A discussion took place concerning the relationship between Conservation Authorities and municipalities. The Project Manager advised that this was a legal matter between other parties that should not concern the Source Protection Committee.

A question was asked concerning the leakage of liquid manure tanks. The MOE liaison advised the Committee that if a leaking liquid manure tank is identified as a significant threat to a drinking water system, it can be included in the Source Protection policy.

In response to a question concerning tritium, the MOE liaison advised that tritium is being considered for inclusion in the table of threats for the next round of Assessment Reports.

The Chair extended his thanks to SPC member, Mitch Twolan, for attending the Chairs' Conference in Windsor, Ontario, and also noted the newspaper article in the Owen Sound Sun Times about Source Water Protection, as well as radio reports including the staff Hydrogeologist.

The Chair reminded all members to advise the Project Manager prior to a meeting of any "Other Business" or other item the member wishes to be included the Agenda. Background information relating to the item should also be provided prior to the meeting in order that all members and staff are apprised of the issue.

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

The next Committee meeting will be held on June 25, 2010 at the Sauble Beach Community Centre in Sauble Beach, Ontario.

There being no further business, Bruce Davidson made a motion to adjourn at 12:45 p.m.

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Mike Traynor  
Chair

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Nancy Guest  
Recording Secretary

A public meeting respecting the Draft Proposed Assessment Report was held at the Holstein Optimist Community Centre from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m.