



SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES – MEETING #48

MEETING: SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE
DATE: FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2012
TIME: 9:30 A.M.
LOCATION: SAUGEEN CONSERVATION, FORMOSA, ON

CALL TO ORDER

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

In Attendance: Chair, Mike Traynor
David Biesenthal, Bruce Davidson, Carolyn Day, Robert Emerson, Ken Furlong, Kathie Hughes, Mark Kraemer, Brent Lanktree, Les MacKinnon, Les Nichols, 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
Brian Luinstra, Hydrogeologist, DWSP
Sara Pickard, Water Quality Technician, DWSP
Emily Vandermeulen, GIS/Database Specialist, DWSP
Jim Coffey, CAO, Saugeen Conservation
John Cottrill, CAO, Grey Sauble Conservation
Bill Jones, CAO, Northern Bruce Peninsula
Betsy Stewart, Councillor, Northern Bruce Peninsula
Jacqui Laporte, OMAFRA
Amy Tabert, OMAFRA
Sharon Chambers, South Bruce
Therese Estephan, South Bruce
Colin Saunders, Brockton

Delegation: David Inglis, Brockton
Bill Goetz, South Bruce
Hugh Simpson, OMAFRA
John Fitzgibbons, University of Guelph

Regrets: Lou D'Alessandro, Carolyn Parker, Dale Thompson,

1. Adoption of Agenda

**Motion No.
SPC-12-179**

**Moved by Brent Lanktree
Seconded by Mitch Twolan**

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-12-180**

**Moved by Bruce Davidson
Seconded by Ken Furlong**

THAT the Minutes of the March 30, 2012 Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Walkerton Nitrate Issue

The Project Manager reviewed Report 4a and advised that a meeting had been held on April 18, 2012 between the Mayors and CAOs of South Bruce Peninsula and Brockton, their water managers and DWSP staff. The resolutions numbered 12-06-77 and 12-06-99 passed by Brockton council on March 26, 2012 and April 10, 2012 respectively were discussed and the rationale behind the resolutions was explained. The municipal representatives were fully apprised of the issues by DWSP staff. The Committee was advised that this issue can be revisited at its May meeting after the comment period has ended.

5. Correspondence

Email from Municipality of Brockton dated April 3, 2012 respecting Resolution 12-06-77 withdrawing support for Nitrate Issue.

Email from Municipality of Brockton dated April 13, 2012 respecting Resolution 12-06-99 reconsidering Resolution 12-06-77.

6. Reports

Administration Report

The Project Manager reviewed Report 6a and advised that funding for the program has been extended to the end of 2012. A funding proposal will be submitted for the period of January 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014. The importance of the stewardship program was emphasized at the recent Chairs and Project Managers meeting. The Committee was advised that the Communications Specialist, Karen Gillan, would be departing shortly for the birth of her baby, and Water Quality Technician, Sara Pickard, was leaving to pursue a career as a paramedic.

Meeting between Chairs and Minister of the Environment

The Chair gave a verbal report on the meeting between provincial Source Protection Committee Chairs and the Minister of the Environment, The Honorable James Bradley, the Director of the Source Water Program, Mary Anne Covelli, John Stager, Assistant Deputy Minister/Chief Drinking Water Water Inspector, MOE, and Don Pearson, General Manager of Conservation Ontario. The Minister conveyed his appreciation for the work being done by the Source Protection Committees and expected that deadlines will be met by most of the Regions. Also discussed were implementation funding, stewardship funding, watershed boundaries guidance respecting conflicts between Source Protection Regions, increasing the Source Water Program profile and support for effective implementation of Source Protection Plans.

Draft Proposed Source Protection Plan Consultation Activities

The Project Manager reviewed Report 6b and advised that public consultation is at Day 23. Notices were sent out, published in local newspapers and posted on the website as well as a tabloid inserted in local papers plus radio advertisements. To date, approximately 33 phone calls have been received, half of which concerned stewardship funding, and seven emails received. It was noted that website hits were about twice the normal number. Positive feedback had been received from the two public meetings held to date.

The Committee took a break from 10:30 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.

Delegation

A delegation representing the Municipalities of South Bruce and Brockton comprised of Mayor Goetz and Mayor Inglis respectively, Hugh Simpson of Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), and Dr. John FitzGibbon of the University of Guelph, discussed the Walkerton nitrate issue. Each mayor gave opening remarks to the Committee; Hugh Simpson gave a powerpoint presentation titled "Nutrient Management Planning and Groundwater Protection"; and Dr. FitzGibbon gave a powerpoint presentation titled "Nitrates in Groundwater and Approaches to Management".

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:35 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

The delegation presentations were followed by a lengthy discussion including a question and answer period and concluded with closing remarks from each Mayor.

7. New Business

Possible Drinking Water Conditions in the Region

The Hydrogeologist reviewed Report 7a and explained that “conditions” essentially are contaminated sites that have the potential to cause water quality problems. The Owen Sound harbour has been identified as a potential condition. There is no evidence of contaminated water in Owen Sound as long as the sediment is not being disturbed. The sediment is relatively contained and is not currently being significantly contributed to. As well, the former landfill in the former Glenelg Township was identified as a potential condition. There is concern that an aggregate operation would affect the WHPA-E. Anecdotal evidence has been received and information is being awaited as to what potential implications this may have on the Durham well.

Evaluating Source Protection Plan Policies in Ontario

The Project Manager reviewed Report 7b and advised that the Province is monitoring the effectiveness of evaluating policies.

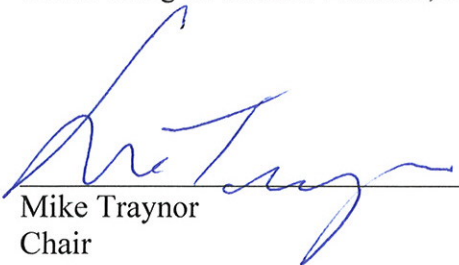
8. Other Business

There was no other business.


9. Confirmation of Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next Committee meeting will be held on Friday, May 25, 2012 at the Grey Sauble Conservation near Owen Sound, Ontario.

There being no further business, Bruce Davidson made a motion to adjourn at 2:30 p.m.



Mike Traynor
Chair



Nancy Guest
Recording Secretary