

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES – MEETING #53

MEETING: SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

DATE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2012

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

LOCATION: GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION, OWEN SOUND 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, Ken Furlong, Kathie Hughes, Mark Kraemer, Brent Lanktree, Les MacKinnon, Les Nichols, Carolyn Parker, Dale Thompson, Bill Twaddle, Mitch Twolan

Others Present: 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: John Cottrill, CAO, Grey Sauble Conservation
Betsy Stewart, Councillor, Northern Bruce Peninsula
David Ellingwood, Program Supervisor, DWSP
Brian Luinstra, Hydrogeologist, DWSP
Elly Ward, Communications Specialist, DWSP
Donna Clarkson, Outreach Specialist, DWSP

Regrets: Lou D’Alessandro, Carolyn Day, Robert Emerson

The Chair introduced and welcomed Mr. Dave Inglis, Warden of Bruce County and Mayor of the Municipality of Brockton, Mr. John Peevers from Bruce Power and Mr. Pat Gillesen from Bruce Federation of Agriculture.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion No.
SPC-12-204

Moved by Ken Furlong
Seconded by Brent Lanktree

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-12-205**

**Moved by Bruce Davidson
Seconded by Mitch Twolan**

THAT the Minutes of the September 28, 2012 Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nitrate Issues in the Walkerton Well Head Protection Area Report 4a

The Hydrogeologist reviewed Report 4a with a powerpoint presentation and advised that this is a sensitive area due to the geology of the area and not because of poor agricultural practices. All standard sampling procedures were followed and excessive levels of nitrate were found relating to bedrock wells.

Kathie Hughes arrived at 9:45 a.m.

Discussions followed respecting the amount and availability of data, and the cost of additional research.

**Motion No.
SPC-12-206**

**Moved by Dave Biesenthal
Seconded by Les Nichols**

THAT the issues related to nitrate in the Brockton well head protection area be removed from the Source Protection Plan.

Defeated

The Committee recessed from 10:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

5. Correspondence

Email from Ann Bacso dated October 5, 2012 including a letter to the Provincial Premier dated October 3, 2012 respecting wind turbines; and response from Drinking Water Source Protection dated October 10, 2012; and response from Ann Bacso dated October 11, 2012 was **noted and filed**.

Letter from Ling Mark, Director, Source Protection Programs branch, MOE, dated November 14, 2012 respecting program funding was **noted and filed**.

Email from Saira Bozin Ilisinovic, MOE, dated November 19, 2012 respecting Stewardship Program was **noted and filed**.

6. Reports

Administration Report 6a

The Project Manager reviewed Report 6a and advised that the municipal implementation workshops were well-attended and discussions seem to be taking place amongst the municipalities.

Early Response Program Request for Extension Report 6b

The Project Manager reviewed Report 6b and advised that an extension has been requested to allow the availability of excess funds to be used up to the end of 2013. There are four outstanding projects awaiting paperwork; other projects were cancelled; and approximately \$126,000 remains in excess.

Communications Report 6c

The Communications Specialist reviewed Report 6c and spoke of her attendance at the Walkerton Water Works and the Experience Green events. She advised that Module 1 of the Municipal Implementation Guide was complete and has been distributed to municipalities across Ontario. Binders containing Module 1 were distributed to the municipalities in this Region. Comments have been received respecting Module 2; Module 3 is currently in progress; this office is taking the lead on Module 4, which should be written by late December or early January; this office has also been asked to take the lead for Module 5; we are waiting to hear if we are the lead on Modules 6 (funding) and 7 (prohibition); and Module 8 has been removed.

Intake Protection Zone-3 and Tritium Report 6d

The Hydrogeologist reviewed Report 6d and advised that tritium has been identified at Bruce Nuclear Power Development (PNPD) as a possible threat. Whether tritium is a significant threat and if there is a hydrogeological connection still remains to be determined. The tritium level in the water near BNPD is 1000th of the provincial water quality standards; the highest level being approximately 20 Bq/l; the provincial standard being 7000 Bq/l. To declare this as a significant threat, there must be a substantial quantity of material plus a hydrogeological connection. Under those parameters, this could be a significant threat if there was a catastrophic failure at BNPD; and there is an opportunity to set policy.

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

Mark Kraemer excused himself from the meeting

Delegation

The Chair introduced the delegation of Mr. Jim Henning and Mr. Pat Gibbons on behalf of the Southampton Residents' Association who gave a presentation about the deep geologic repository (DGR) and the role played by Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO). A discussion followed concerning the mandate of the Source Protection Committee with respect to the DGR.

7. New Business

Review of SPC Member Terms of Appointment Report 7a

The Project Manager reviewed Report 7a and advised that the fifth anniversary of the commencement of the Source Protection Committee was November 27, 2012. The Project Manager explained that one-third of the SPC appointments will expire when the Source Protection Plan approval notice has been published in the Environmental Registry. The Management Committee will make final appointments of members to replace departing members. Members were encouraged to make their wishes known before the Source Protection Plan is approved.

8. Other Business

The Hydrogeologist, Brian Luinstra, announced that he and his family are moving to Perth, Australia at the end of the year and thanked the Source Protection Committee for its work with him. He has enjoyed his time with Drinking Water Source Protection.

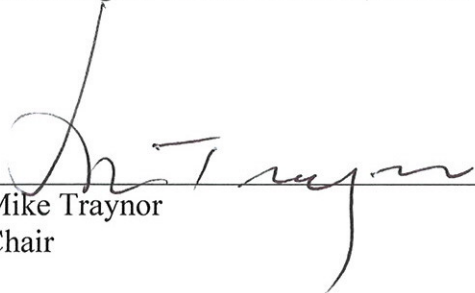
The Chair thanked the Hydrogeologist and the Project Manager, who is returning to Saugeen Conservation at the beginning of 2013, for all their work with the Committee and their dedication to clean water.

There was no other business.

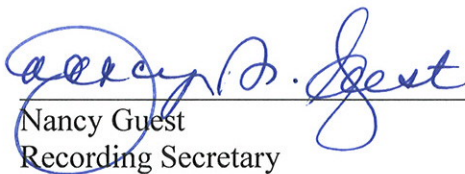
9. Confirmation of Next Meeting and Adjournment

The Project Manager advised that the budget has not been set for the next fiscal year and it is unknown what funding will be available for SPC meetings. There may not be a meeting in January 2013 and the Committee will be advised as soon as possible.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.



Mike Traynor
Chair



Nancy Guest
Recording Secretary