

## SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

### MINUTES – MEETING #59

**MEETING:** SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE  
**DATE:** FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2014  
**TIME:** 9:30 A.M.  
**LOCATION:** SAUGEEN CONSERVATION, FORMOSA, ON

#### 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, Kathie Hughes, Brent Lanktree, Les MacKinnon, Les Nichols, Dale Thompson, Bill Twaddle

**Others Present:** Teresa McLellan, Ex-officio, Ministry of the Environment (MOE)  
Robert Reid, Ex-officio member, Grey-Bruce Health Unit  
David Ellingwood, Project Manager, Drinking Water Source Protection (DWSP)  
Nancy Guest, Recording Secretary, DWSP

**Regrets:** Carolyn Parker, Mitch Twolan

**Absent:** Ken Furlong, Mark Kraemer

**Also in Attendance:** John Cottrill, CAO, Grey Sauble Conservation  
Bill Jones, CAO, Northern Bruce Peninsula  
Wayne Brohman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Saugeen Conservation  
Betsy Stewart, Councillor, Northern Bruce Peninsula  
Emily Vandermeulen, Program Supervisor, DWSP  
Alex Milanetti, GIS/Database Specialist, DWSP  
Karen Gillan, Communications Specialist, DWSP  
Member of the Press  
Emily Johnston, Bruce Power  
Sara Pickard, Saugeen Conservation  
Mayor Bill Goetz, Municipality of South Bruce  
Sharon Chambers, CAO, Municipality of South Bruce  
Mayor David Inglis, Municipality of Brockton  
Colin Saunders, Utilities Manager, Municipality of Brockton  
Members of the public

As there was no quorum at the time of the Call to Order, the motions to adopt the agenda and minutes of the last meeting were postponed until quorum was available.

### **1. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

The Chair reminded Committee members to disclose any pecuniary interests that may arise during the course of the meeting. No disclosures of pecuniary interest were expressed at this time.

### **2. Correspondence**

Letter from Bruce County Federation of Agriculture dated April 24, 2014 respecting the Walkerton nitrate issue was **noted and filed**.

Letters from concerned land owners in the “Nitrate Issue Designation for Walkerton Wellhead Protection Area” dated May 1, 2014 were **noted and filed**.

### **3. Reports**

#### Administration Report Report 6a

The Project Manager reviewed Report 6a. The Chair acknowledged that this report was available for review prior to the meeting and asked for questions from the floor. There were no questions from the floor.

#### Communications Report 6b

The Communications Specialist reviewed Report 6b. The Chair acknowledged that this report was available for review prior to the meeting and asked for questions from the floor. The Municipal Implementation Resource Guide modules are available for viewing on the local Source Protection website [www.waterprotection.ca](http://www.waterprotection.ca).

#### Municipal Implementation Workshop Report 6c

The Program Supervisor reviewed Report 6c and advised that the workshops held in Owen Sound, Walkerton and Chesley were well-attended by municipal council members, chief building officials, planners and other municipal staff. Flashdrives containing the Assessment Report, Proposed Source Protection Plan and the Municipal Implementation Resource Guide were distributed to all attendees. Municipal concerns were expressed and the use of provincial funding was discussed.

Dale Thompson arrived at 9:50 a.m. Quorum begins.

The MOE liaison advised that the MOE will be contacting all municipalities to assist with the implementation of the source protection plan policies. There will be a Risk Management Official (RMO) forum; documents that have been created by other municipalities will be shared; and there

will be RMO training scheduled for September 2014 to ensure that all municipalities are prepared for implementation.

Kathie Hughes arrived at 9:55 a.m.

Planning Officials Working Group Report 6d

The Project Manager reviewed Report 6d and advised that the Planning Officials Working Group (POWG) reviewed the initial comments respecting the Proposed Source Protection Plan (PSPP) received from the MOE. The group also received updates on the spills scenario modelling near municipal intakes; the water quantity risk assessment near Hanover; revised counts of significant drinking water threats; the Walkerton nitrate issue; modifications to WHPA-E delineations; and the Municipal Implementation Resource Guide. The process for amending the Assessment Report and Proposed Source Protection Plan, as well as public consultation and resubmission of the documents to MOE, were reviewed.

Agricultural & Rural Working Group Report 6e

The Project Manager reviewed Report 6e and advised that the principal items for discussion at the meeting were the Walkerton nitrate issue and the initial comments by the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) regarding the Proposed Source Protection Plan (PSPP). An update on the Municipal Implementation Resource Guide and on-going technical work was also provided. The process for the revision and re-submission of the Assessment Report and Proposed Source Protection Plan was explained to the Working Group. The Chair of this working group, SPC member Dr. David Biesenthal, advised that the main concern of the group was the Walkerton nitrate issue and on-going monitoring, and noted that the members of this working group are from outside of the Walkerton nitrate issue contributing area.

**4. Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion No.  
SPC-14-215**

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

**THAT the Agenda be adopted as distributed.**

**Carried**

**5. Adoption of Minutes**

**Motion No.  
SPC-14-216**

**Moved by Bruce Davidson  
Seconded by Kathie Hughes**

**THAT the Minutes of the March 28, 2014 Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.**

**Carried**

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

### Walkerton Nitrate Issue Report 4a

The Project Manager gave an overview of the history of the designation of the nitrate issue for the Walkerton drinking water system. Information from a recent MOE hydrogeologic report and sampling results from monitoring wells and the municipal production wells were presented to the Committee. It was noted that there is a general downward trend in nitrate levels in this area during the ten-year data period. The procedure for removing the designation was reviewed. Public consultation will be necessary for revisions to the Assessment Report and Proposed Source Protection Plan.

**Motion No.  
SPC-14-217**

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

**WHEREAS a nitrate issue was designated for the Walkerton Drinking Water System in the Assessment Report for the Saugeen Valley Source Protection Area;**

**AND WHEREAS recent data respecting the nitrate levels in the Walkerton area have been reviewed by the Source Protection Committee;**

**AND WHEREAS the Ministry of the Environment has published a “Hydrogeological Report -Nitrate Occurrence in PGMN Well W188-2 – Walkerton area – Update Report” which notes decreasing trends in nitrate levels in monitoring wells;**

**THAT the Source Protection Committee will begin the process to remove the nitrate issue designation for the Walkerton Drinking Water System from the Assessment Report for the Saugeen Valley Source Protection Area and revise the text and mapping accordingly; and**

**THAT the Source Protection Committee will begin the process to remove policies from the Proposed Source Protection Plan that relate solely to the Walkerton Nitrate Issue Contributing Area, while retaining a policy to assure the continued collection of data on the occurrence of nitrates for the Walkerton Drinking Water System.**

**Carried**

## **7. New Business**

There was no new business.

## **8. Other Business**

SPC member, Bruce Davidson, thanked the Communications Specialist for the practical information provided respecting water protection as the Lake Rosalind and Marl Lake Property Owners’ Associations Education Day held at the Walkerton Clean Water Centre on May 24, 2014.

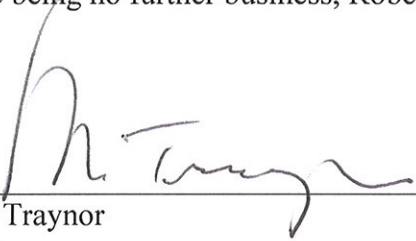
The Chair commended the Drinking Water Source Protection Staff for their work in organising and presenting the Municipal Implementation workshops.

There was no other business.

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

The next Committee meeting will be held after the final comments on the Proposed Source Protection Plan have been received from the Ministry of the Environment.

There being no further business, Robert Emerson made a motion to adjourn at 11:35 a.m.



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Mike Traynor  
Chair



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Nancy Guest  
Recording Secretary