



SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES – MEETING #7

MEETING: Source Protection Committee

DATE: Friday, July 25, 2008

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Bruce County Council Chambers, Walkerton ON

Chair Mike Traynor called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. The Chair introduced and welcomed to the meeting Daniella Molnar, who will be replacing Jennifer Arthur, ex-officio member from the Ministry of the Environment (MOE).

Chair: Mike Traynor

In Attendance: Bill Twaddle, Dale Thompson, Sandy Gott, Carolyn Day, Les Nichols, Lou D’Alessandro, Robert Emerson, Howard Greig, Bruce Davidson, Brent Lanktree, Les MacKinnon, David Biesenthal, Mark Kraemer

Absent: Mitch Twolan, Brad McRoberts, Bob Graham

Others Present: Daniella Molnar, Ex-officio member, Ministry of the Environment
Don Smith, Project Manager, Drinking Water Source Protection (DWSP)
Nancy Guest, Recording Secretary, DWSP

Also in Attendance: David Ellingwood, Communications Specialist, DWSP
Sara Pickard, Water Quality Technician, DWSP
Matt Hurley, Water Quality Technician Assistant, DWSP
Emily Vandermeulen, GIS/Database Technician, DWSP
Stacey Cook, Outreach Specialist, DWSP
Karen Gillan, Education Specialist, DWSP
Jim Coffey, General Manager/Secretary Treasurer, Saugeen Conservation
Megan and Susan Schlorff

1. Adoption of Agenda

**Motion No.
SPC-08-34**

**Moved by Dale Thompson
Seconded by Robert Emerson**

THAT the Agenda be adopted as amended.

Carried

2. Declaration of Pecuniary or Conflict of Interest

No person declared a conflict of interest relative to any item on the Agenda at this time.

3. Adoption of Minutes

**Motion No.
SPC-08-35**

**Moved by Howard Greig
Seconded by Les Nichols**

THAT the Minutes of the June 24, 2008 Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

Delegation

The Chair welcomed Megan Schlorff to the meeting and introduced her to the Source Protection Committee (SPC) and Staff. Megan, a Grade 10 student at Sacred Heart High School in Walkerton, presented her Canada-Wide Science Fair gold medal-winning project “Let the River Flow” to the Committee. For her project, Megan tested river water samples and wells in the Saugeen River watershed for contaminants and surveyed 1000 people respecting their use and disposal of pharmaceuticals.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Proposed Terms of Reference

The Project Manager reviewed Report 4a respecting the Proposed Terms of Reference, as well as copies of the written comments received and a summary of the written comments. The Project Manager advised that there were no deletions, only additions made to the previous Draft Proposed Terms of Reference. The Project Manager also advised that the Castle Glen wells in Town of the Blue Mountains may be removed from the Proposed Terms of Reference if information is received confirming that these wells are not in our Region. The Committee was advised that once it approves the Proposed Terms of Reference, the documents will be forwarded to the 3 Source Protection Authorities and will again be available for public comments until mid-September, 2008. The 3 Source Protection Authorities will review and then be in a position to comment on the T of R, after which the Proposed Terms of Reference will be submitted to the MOE.

The Project Manager confirmed that he will be responding to the correspondence received respecting comments on the Draft Proposed Terms of Reference.

After discussions respecting the involvement of First Nation councils, the Project Manager confirmed that he includes and invites the 2 First Nation bands in the Source Protection Region on a continuous basis and will continue to encourage the participation of the First Nation bands in source protection.

**Motion No.
SPC-08-36**

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

THAT the Source Protection Committee approves the Proposed Terms of Reference documents for the Saugeen Valley Source Protection Authority, the Grey Sauble Source Protection Authority, and the Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Authority, dated July 18, 2008; and further,

THAT Drinking Water Source Protection staff be directed to circulate the Proposed Terms of Reference documents as required by Ontario Regulation 287/07,

with minor changes made by staff pending further information.

Carried

Regulations and Director's Rules

The Project Manager reviewed Report 4b, including the documents on the Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) registry, which cover the requirements for the completion of the Assessment Reports. Several Committee members attended consultation sessions in London, Toronto and Barrie to review and discuss the new rules and regulations. Discussions followed respecting 100-year storm regulations and climate change.

**Motion No.
SPC-08-37**

**Moved by Bill Twaddle
Seconded by Bruce Davidson**

THAT the comments suggested in Report #4b, a copy of which is attached, be endorsed by the Source Protection Committee and be incorporated into comments submitted to the Minister of the Environment.

Carried

5. Correspondence

Copy of Town of the Blue Mountains resolution dated May 26, 2008 respecting Grey Sauble Conservation letter requesting the Province to pay for 100% of the costs associated with Source Water Protection was **noted and filed**.

Copy of Municipality of South Bruce letter dated June 23, 2008, with resolution attached, respecting The Nation Municipality resolution regarding compensation was **noted and filed**.

Email from Township of Southgate dated June 27, 2008 respecting SPC Motion #SPC-08-26 relating to compensation was **noted and filed**.

Copy of MOE letter dated June 30, 2008 appointing Bob Graham as Health Unit ex-officio member was **noted and filed**.

Letter from Township of Georgian Bluffs dated July 3, 2008 respecting SPC Motion #SPC-08-26 relating to compensation was **noted and filed**.

Copy of MOE letter dated July 3, 2008 respecting the Marl Lake study was **noted and filed**.

Copy of email from Beaver Valley Ratepayers Association dated July 6, 2008 respecting Bowles Bluff was **noted and filed**.

Copy of Municipality of Morris-Turnberry letter dated July 9, 2008 to The Honourable Dalton McGuinty respecting SPC Motion #SPC-08-26 relating to compensation was **noted and filed**.

Letter from Municipality of South Bruce dated July 14, 2008, with resolution attached, respecting SPC Motion #SPC-08-26 relating to compensation was **noted and filed**.

Letter from The Corporation of the Town of Hanover dated July 15, 2008 respecting SPC Motion #SPC-08-26 relating to compensation was **noted and filed**.

Letter from Minister Gerretsen dated July 17, 2008 respecting his visit to Walkerton was **noted and filed**.

Letter from Town of South Bruce Peninsula dated July 17, 2008, with resolution attached, respecting SPC Motion #SPC-08-26 relating to compensation was **noted and filed**.

6. Reports

Program Report

The Project Manager reviewed the Source Protection Program Report 6a which covers various projects being undertaken on an on-going basis. Education Specialist Karen Gillan gave a report on the Early Actions Program including the Early Actions Review Committee and the success of the Groundwater Protection and the Private Well Open House on Saturday, July 5, 2008 at the Rotary Hall in Lion's Head ON organized by the Bruce Peninsula Environment Group in association with the Early Actions Program.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

7. New Business

Agriculture & Rural Working Group

Communication Specialist David Ellingwood reviewed Report 7a respecting the Agriculture & Rural Working Group. Suggestions were made to include a representative from agri-business; that the mandate should include compensation; that there should be more agricultural representatives, including the pork industry; and clarification as to what commodities would be represented. Ratepayers and general interest representatives might include cottage owners, non-urban businesses and non-agricultural rural landowners. Other suggestions included requests for the inclusion of a farm drainage expert, the Pine River Watershed Initiative, a representative from the Ministry of Agriculture, a resource representative from Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), recreational landowners, and a preference for representatives who have knowledge in more than one area.

The issue of farm insurance and the involvement of insurance underwriters was discussed and the ex-officio member from the MOE advised that she will enquire at the MOE with respect to input from the insurance industry.

**Motion No.
SPC-08-38**

**Moved by Howard Greig
Seconded by Dale Thompson**

THAT fair compensation be something to be discussed by the Agricultural & Rural Working Group.

Carried

**Motion No.
SPC-08-39**

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

THAT the Source Protection Committee approves the establishment of the Agriculture and Rural Working Group under the Terms of Reference attached as Schedule A to this resolution; and further,

THAT David Biesenthal be appointed as the Chair of the Agriculture and Rural Working Group; and further,

THAT Howard Greig be appointed as a member of the Agriculture and Rural Working Group.

Carried

Minister's Visit to Walkerton

The Chair spoke about his experience during Minister Gerretsen's visit to Walkerton on July 10, 2008 and presented David Biesenthal with a photograph of him and the Minister at Well #5. The Project Manager reviewed Report 7b and related his experience during the visit.

International Plowing Match

Communications Specialist David Ellingwood advised that the plans for the 2008 International Plowing Match being held in Bruce County outside Teeswater from Tuesday, September 16th to Saturday, September 20th were well underway and that the Drinking Water Source Protection program will have a display inside the tent shared by Saugeen Conservation, Grey Sauble Conservation and Maitland Valley Conservation. A request was made for volunteers to assist Staff in morning and afternoon shifts at the display over the 5 days and anyone interested should contact David Ellingwood.

8. Other Business

Some educational events were discussed and the information was to be provided to David Ellingwood for distribution to the Committee.

9. Confirmation of Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 26, 2008 at the Community Room next to the Fire Hall in Mount Forest, Ontario.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Mike Traynor
Chair

Nancy Guest
Recording Secretary