



## SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

### MINUTES – MEETING #8

**MEETING:** Source Protection Committee

**DATE:** Friday, September 26, 2008

**TIME:** 9:30 a.m.

**LOCATION:** Fire Hall Community Room, Mount Forest, Ontario

Chair Mike Traynor called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The Chair introduced and welcomed to the meeting Megan Schlorff, members of the public and the media.

**Chair:** Mike Traynor

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

**Others Present:** Bob Graham, Ex-officio member, Grey-Bruce Health Unit  
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  
Emily Vandermeulen, GIS/Database Technician, DWSP  
Brian Luinstra, Hydrogeologist, DWSP  
Stacey Cook, Outreach Specialist, DWSP  
Karen Gillan, Education Specialist, DWSP  
Jim Coffey, General Manager/Secretary Treasurer, Saugeen Conservation  
Megan Schlorff  
Media  
Member of the Public

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion No.  
SPC-08-40**

**Moved by Robert Emerson  
Seconded by Lou D'Alessandro**

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

**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-08-41**

**Moved by Carolyn Dan  
Seconded by Sandy Gott**

**THAT the Minutes of the July 25, 2008 Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.**

**Carried**

**4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**Proposed Terms of Reference**

The Project Manager reviewed Report 4a respecting the Proposed Terms of Reference which were released August 15, 2008 with a deadline for comments as of September 15, 2008. Notices were published in local newspapers on August 15<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008 advising of the release of the Proposed Terms of Reference and the public commenting period, and Report 4a was amended to note the publish date was August not September. The Project Manager advised that after the end of the public commenting period for the Draft Proposed Terms of Reference on June 27, 2008 and prior to the release of the Proposed Terms of Reference on August 15, 2008, the Castle Glen subdivision in Town of the Blue Mountains and the Bowles Bluff subdivision in the Municipality of Grey Highlands were removed from the Proposed Terms of Reference and the Armow well in the Municipality of Kincardine was added.

The Project Manager reviewed the comments received and summarized in Report 4a and advised that he will be responding to the comments on an individual basis. The Committee was advised that the Proposed Terms of Reference will be presented to the 3 Source Protection Authorities, Saugeen Valley Conservation, Grey Sauble Conservation and Northern Bruce Peninsula, on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> respectively. The Proposed Terms of Reference will then be forwarded to the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) by the deadline of October 20, 2008. The MOE

representative advised that there is an expected turnaround time of 90 days for approving the Proposed Terms of Reference.

A question arose as to why letters from the public on the Terms of Reference were not included in the report. The Project Manager advised that these letters would be circulated to the Committee.

## **5. Correspondence**

Thank you card received from Megan Schlorff was **noted and filed**.

Copy of Environment Canada letter to Ian Smith, Director, Source Protection Programs Branch of the MOE dated July 30, 2008 respecting the Terms of Reference was **noted and filed**.

A discussion concerning the Great Lakes Water Taking Agreement took place. In addition, it was stated that Lakewide Management Plan meetings for Lake Huron were taking place in the near future.

Letter from the County of Wellington dated July 31, 2008 respecting Terms of Reference was **noted and filed**.

Letter from The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss dated July 23, 2008 respecting compensation was **noted and filed**.

Copy of The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton resolution dated August 18, 2008 respecting compensation was **noted and filed**.

Letter from the Municipality of Grey Highlands dated August 15, 2008 respecting Bowles Bluff was **noted and filed**.

A discussion followed respecting the authority of the Drinking Water Source Protection (DWSP) program to comment on development plans prior to the completion of the Source Protection Plan and it was suggested that, although the DWSP will attempt to assist landowners or prospective landowners where it is able, the mandate of the Source Protection Committee is to set out the Terms of Reference, complete the Assessment Report and develop the Source Protection Plan.

The Committee took a break from 10:35 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

## **6. Reports**

### **Program Report**

The Project Manager reviewed the Drinking Water Source Protection Program Report 6a which covers various projects undertaken by DWSP staff including water sampling, the stewardship program, technical studies, communications and the International Plowing Match (IPM). The Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, Maitland Valley

Conservation Authority and DWSP were commended for their combined effort in organizing the Watershed Adventure in the Conservation tent at the IPM.

The Outreach Specialist advised that approximately 24 applications have been submitted for the Early Actions funding, including 4 or 5 sewer connections, and 10 have been processed. The Project Manager confirmed that there will be ongoing updates of the stewardship program.

#### Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program Future Opportunities Report

The Communications Specialist reviewed Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program (ODWSP) Future Opportunities Report 6b and advised that, although ODWSP replaces the Early Actions program of 2007-2008, undistributed funding from Early Actions can be carried into the 2008-2009 program year. Proposals for projects titled “Showcase Clean Water” highlighting local efforts and celebrating successes, and “Be A Water Steward”, which would increase education and outreach in local communities, have been submitted to the MOE and if successful, would extend the projects through to September 2009. The Communications Specialist confirmed that the programs will encourage farmers, businesses, industry, schools, groups, individuals and municipalities to become involved in contributing to clean source water and there are plans to recognize successes, including a recognition dinner. The Chair said he was proud to be working in partnership with the Grey-Bruce Health Unit on “Be A Water Steward” and that we should build in celebration of our successes.

#### Regulations and Director’s Rules Update

SPC member, Brad McRoberts, reviewed Report 6c respecting a training session he attended in Barrie, Ontario outlining the Regulations and Director’s Rules. The SPC was advised that this is all new information and risks would be assessed individually. Funding was not included in the regulations and rules; however, the MOE representative advised that to date, funding is based on municipal residential systems and clusters might be considered on a case-by-case basis. Mr. McRoberts advised that, although the rules are not straightforward, it seems that a 2-year time-of-travel would determine whether a well would interfere with other wells. It was also confirmed that the 200 m. guidelines would not affect many farms upstream.

A discussion followed respecting communicating information to the public and it was suggested that the topic of communications should be an Agenda item at every meeting.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at 12:55 p.m.

Robert Emerson left the meeting.

### **7. New Business**

#### Surface Water Chemistry Northern Bruce Peninsula 2007

DWSP Water Quality Technician, Sara Pickard, gave a presentation on the surface water chemistry results for the Northern Bruce Peninsula in 2007.

Ontario Geological Survey Project

DWSP hydrogeologist, Brian Luinstra, gave a presentation on the Devonian carbonate investigation and quaternary geology mapping of the Bruce Peninsula.

Ruhl Lake Water Supply Geological Investigation

DWSP hydrogeologist, Brian Luinstra, gave a presentation on the Ruhl Lake water supply geological investigation in support of Source Water Protection vulnerability assessment.

Rules of Procedure Proposed Amendment

The Project Manager reviewed Report 7a and opened the discussion as to what qualifies as an event that would pay a per diem to SPC members.

**Motion No.  
SPC-08-42**

**Moved by Howard Greig  
Seconded by Mark Kraemer**

**THAT the Source Protection Committee amend section 5.2 of the Rules of Procedure, dated January 22, 2008 to read as follows:**

**“Voting members shall receive a per diem allowance for attending Committee meetings, and any other such meetings to which their attendance is required by the Committee or Chair, or to which they are appointed or directed by the Committee or Chair to attend, in advance of the meeting.”**

**Carried**

**Motion No.  
SPC-08-43**

**Moved by Mark Kraemer  
Seconded by Mitch Twolan**

**THAT those Source Protection Committee members who attended Water S.P.E.A.K. and the International Plowing Match should receive a per diem and mileage for their attendance.**

**Carried**

International Plowing Match

Communications Specialist, David Ellingwood, gave a report on the success of the Conservation tent at the International Plowing Match (IPM) in Teeswater and advised that approximately 22,000 visitors went through the “Watershed Adventure” exhibit to experience the journey of a

water droplet from rain becoming groundwater and eventually ending up in the septic system. The SPC was shown slides as well as a videotape of the exhibit.

## **8. Other Business**

Lou D'Alessandro excused himself and left the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

### MOE Training Session

The Project Manager advised that there is a MOE workshop scheduled in London, Ontario on November 3, 2008 which would be a per diem event.

### SPC Educational Tour

The tour of WHPAs, IPZs, etc. was rescheduled from the tentative date of Friday, October 10, 2008 to Friday, October 17, 2008.

### A.D. Latornell Conference

The A.D. Latornell Conservation Symposium is scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> at the Nottawasaga Inn near Alliston, Ontario and SPC members are encouraged to attend. The Project Manager advised that there is a training budget for seminars such as this and the Chair will decide if a per diem and/or mileage is applicable. The early registration deadline is October 6, 2008 and transportation would be available from Grey Sauble Conservation in Owen Sound or Saugeen Conservation in Hanover on each day.

### Working Groups

It was confirmed that some working groups will start meeting in the Fall of 2008 to discuss issues and report back to the SPC. Advertisements will be placed for a limited number of positions and other positions will be filled by requesting members from certain groups. Other interested or related groups may be consulted as resources.

### Delegations

It was noted that any guests attending an SPC meeting and wishing to speak at the meeting should contact the DWSP office to be included in the Agenda as a delegation and should provide background material to be provided to the SPC prior to the meeting.

### Summary

The Chair summarized the meeting by confirming that successes should be celebrated; communication is important; per diem payments should be clearly defined; and Committee meetings will continue to be moved around Grey and Bruce counties.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 24, 2008 in Warton, Ontario. There being no further business, Howard Greig made a motion to adjourn at 3:00 p.m.

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Mike Traynor  
Chair

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Nancy Guest  
Recording Secretary