



## **SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES – MEETING #9**

**MEETING:** Source Protection Committee

**DATE:** Friday, October 24, 2008

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

**LOCATION:** Wiarton Propeller Club, Wiarton, Ontario

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Mike Traynor called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

**Chair:** Mike Traynor

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

**Absent with Regrets:** Sandy Gott

**Others Present:** Bob Graham, Ex-officio member, Grey-Bruce Health Unit  
Daniella Molnar, Ex-officio member, Ministry of the Environment (MOE)  
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 Technician, DWSP  
Karen Gillan, Education Specialist, DWSP  
Steady Cook, Outreach Specialist, DWSP

## **1. Adoption of Agenda**

The Agenda was amended to include under “Reports”, the Water Guardian Network Annual General Meeting report, and under “Other Business”, a request from Committee member, Les Nichols, respecting Teeswater Wastewater Collection.

**Motion No.  
SPC-08-44**

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

**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**

It was noted that the last sentence of the first paragraph under the heading “Regulations and Director’s Rules Update” on page 4 of the draft minutes was changed from “Mr. McRoberts” to “It was ...”.

**Motion No.  
SPC-08-45**

**Moved by Les Nichols  
Seconded by Carolyn Day**

**THAT the Minutes of the September 26, 2008 Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as amended.**

**Carried**

## **Community Profile**

A community profile presentation of Wiarton and The Town of South Bruce Peninsula was given by the Communications Specialist including details of the Wiarton water treatment plant and intake and area highlights and features.

The Chair thanked all those responsible for the Vulnerable Areas Tour held on October 17, 2008 and commended the Staff for the work done to provide such an informative and interesting excursion.

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

### **Proposed Terms of Reference**

The Project Manager reviewed Report 4a and advised that the Proposed Terms of Reference had been submitted to the Minister of the Environment on October 20, 2008 after having been

reviewed and received by the three Source Protection Authorities in the Region. Report 4a included a copy of the Summary of the Process Undertaken to Develop the Terms of Reference.

The Grey Sauble Source Protection Authority included written comments suggesting that the Proposed Terms of Reference be amended respecting compensation; the number of agencies involved in implementation; and financial reimbursement for the cost of implementation.

A discussion respecting reference to compensation followed and the Chair thanked Staff for all the work put into completing and submitting the Proposed Terms of Reference and the Project Manager thanked the MOE representative for her guidance and support.

### Communications Initiative

The Communications Specialist reviewed Report 4b, including the Communications Strategy and the Workplan Timetable and a discussion followed respecting the various means of reaching affected parties.

The Committee took a break from 10:45 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.

## **5. Correspondence**

Letter from Saugeen Valley Source Protection Authority to the Ministry of the Environment dated October 17, 2008 submitting the Proposed Terms of Reference was **noted and filed**.

Letter from Grey Sauble Source Protection Authority to the Ministry of the Environment dated October 17, 2008 submitting the Proposed Terms of Reference was **noted and filed**.

Letter from Grey Sauble Source Protection Authority to the Ministry of the Environment dated October 17, 2008 with comments respecting the Proposed Terms of Reference was **noted and filed**.

Letter from Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Authority to the Ministry of the Environment dated October 17, 2008 submitting the Proposed Terms of Reference was **noted and filed**.

## **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 the hiring of a new technical supervisor, field work, the stewardship program, technical studies, the Brockton nitrogen project, communications and training. The Project Manager advised that technical studies have decelerated until the Assessment Reports Regulation and Technical Rules are anticipated for release on November 3, 2008.

SPC member, Les Nichols, attended the Children's Water Festival in Chesley, Ontario as a VIP the first week of October, 2008, and informed the Committee that he was very impressed with the Festival and the dedicated volunteers and organized activities. On behalf of Source Water Protection, Mr. Nichols received a "Gold Sponsor" plaque in appreciation of its generous contribution to the Festival. The Chair received the plaque and thanked Mr. Nichols for attending the Children's Water Festival as a representative of the Committee.

The Project Manager also advised that the Communications Specialist attended communications training in Toronto, Ontario on October 21, 2008; and also discussed the success of the Vulnerable Areas Tour held on October 17, 2008.

### Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program Report

The Outreach Specialist reviewed Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program (ODWSP) Report 6b and advised that the Program is in transition between the 2007-2008 program and the 2008-2009 program. The new program is starting to roll out, although there is some delay with availability of contractors, and a major increase in applications is expected with the new program. The Outreach Specialist advised that the usual procedure for landowner contact is to mail information to the eligible landowners, follow up with open houses and door-to-door communication and then interested landowners contact the Program usually respecting financial assistance for well projects and municipal sewer connections.

### Water Guardians Network Annual General Meeting

SPC member, Carolyn Day, reviewed her report respecting the Annual General Meeting of the Water Guardians Network and advised how various groups convey their message. A copy of the Water Guardians Network Annual Report was provided for inclusion in the DWSP library.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened at 12:50 p.m.

David Biesenthal and Lou D'Alessandro left the meeting.

## **7. New Business**

### Working Groups Mandate

The Project Manager reviewed the Working Groups Mandate Report 7a and advised that participation and direction will be required from the Committee with respect to the working groups as the policies formed will have implications at a provincial level.

### Land Use Within Wellhead Protection Area

The G.I.S. Specialist gave a presentation on land use within several wellhead protection areas in the Region. Direction was received to prepare this information for the entire Region.

Howard Greig left the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

## Property Entry Training

The Water Quality Specialist, Education Specialist and Outreach Specialist gave a presentation reviewing the training received in London, Ontario respecting properly entering private property.

## **8. Other Business**

### Meeting Cancellation Procedure

The Project Manager reviewed Meeting Cancellation Procedure Report 8a in view of the possibility that a scheduled Committee meeting may have to be cancelled or rescheduled due to inclement weather during the winter months. Committee members will be asked to provide up-to-date contact information which will be compiled and distributed by the Administrative Assistant.

### Meeting Format

The Project Manager advised that the Committee's work is complete with respect to the preparation and submission of the Proposed Terms of Reference and there is a reduced amount of work until the Proposed Terms of Reference have been approved by the MOE. The Project Manager suggested changing the length or frequency of meetings until work on the Assessment Report begins. There was no decision to change the meeting format.

### Teeswater Wastewater Collection

SPC member, Les Nichols, provided the Committee with a draft copy of the Teeswater Wellhead Protection Area and advised that the community of Teeswater needs a better way to handle sewage other than individual septic systems. The Municipality of South Bruce is applying to the government for the third time for financial assistance to install wastewater collection and treatment facilities in Teeswater and on behalf of the Municipality, Mr. Nichols asked for a letter of support from the Committee.

**Motion No.  
SPC-08-46**

**Moved by Les Nichols  
Seconded by Dale Thompson**

**THAT the Source Protection Committee supports in principle the application of the Municipality of South Bruce for the installation of wastewater collection and treatment facilities for Teeswater.**

**Carried**

Sauble Beach Wastewater Collection

SPC member, Brad McRoberts, advised that the Town of South Bruce Peninsula will be in the same situation with respect to the community of Sauble Beach and asked the Committee for a similar letter of support.

**Motion No.  
SPC-08-47**

**Moved by Brad McRoberts  
Seconded by Les Nichols**

**THAT the Source Protection Committee supports in principle the application of the Town of South Bruce Peninsula for the installation of the Sauble Beach wastewater collection and treatment facility.**

**Carried**

A.D. Latornell Conference

The Project Manager reminded attendees that 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. Attendees will be advised of the particulars of transportation each day from Grey Sauble Conservation in Owen Sound or Saugeen Conservation in Hanover.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 28, 2008 at the Grey Bruce Health Unit, 101 17<sup>th</sup> Street, East, Owen Sound, Ontario. There being no further business, Mark Kraemer made a motion to adjourn at 2:45 p.m.

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Mike Traynor  
Chair

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Nancy Guest  
Recording Secretary