



SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES – MEETING #83

MEETING: SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

DATE: FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2020

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

LOCATION: TELECONFERENCE

CALL TO ORDER

Chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Chair, Bill Twaddle
Bruce Davidson, Stan Eby, Robert Emerson, John Fruin, Dick Hibma,
Dennis Kefalas, Tara Saab, Gord Timmerman, Jim Uram

Others Present: Olga Yudina, Ex-officio, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and
Parks (MECP)
Carl Seider, Project Manager, Drinking Water Source Protection (DWSP)
Nancy Guest, Recording Secretary, DWSP

Also in Attendance: Tim Lanthier, CAO, Grey Sauble Conservation
Jennifer Stephens, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Saugeen Conservation
Peggy Van Mierlo-West, CAO, Northern Bruce Peninsula
Karen Gillan, Communications Specialist, DWSP

Regrets: Mitch Twolan, Angela Newman, Les Nichols

The Chair introduced and welcomed Tim Lanthier, Jennifer Stephens and Peggy Van Mierlo-West, general managers for the three Source Protection Authorities, as well as welcoming back Olga Yudina as the MECP liaison.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion No.
SPC-20-302

Moved by Dick Hibma
Seconded by Jim Uram

THAT the Agenda be adopted as distributed.

Carried

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary or Conflict of Interest

Source Protection Committee (SPC) 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-20-303**

**Moved by Bruce Davidson
Seconded by John Fruin**

THAT the Minutes of the March 27, 2020 Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

No matters arose from the previous minutes.

5. Correspondence

Letter from Erin Harkins, MECP dated July 8, 2020 respecting early engagement comments was **noted and filed.**

6. Reports

Administration Report 6a

The Project Manager reviewed Report 6a and advised that approval was received from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) with respect to the transfer payment required to administer the program for another year. Olga Yudina has returned as the MECP liaison and is familiar with this region and its concerns.

A commemoration ceremony for the 20th anniversary of the Walkerton water tragedy was postponed due to COVID-19 concerns. There was a discussion amongst the SPC members to keep the memory of this disaster in the minds of everyone, especially those who may be too young to remember. It was suggested that an educational and informational package be available to municipal councils and any other interested parties to educate them on the details of the Walkerton tragedy.

There will be two SPC member representatives due for renewal or replacement before the end of the year, one public/environmental sector representative and one agricultural sector representative, and the Project Manager advised that he will be in touch with the members whose term is ending.

The Project Manager and Chair met virtually with the Source Protection Authorities for Saugeen Conservation, Grey Sauble Conservation and the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula respecting their respective support of the Annual Progress Report, which was successfully submitted to the MECP on May 1, 2020.

As well, the Project Manager and Chair participated in meetings with Drinking Water Source Protection (DWSP) project managers and SPC chairs. The MECP provided an overview of provincial implementation of source protection plan policies and advised that overall implementation is 98% complete.

Communications Report 6b

The Communications Specialist reviewed Report 6b and noted the internet links to a number of interviews and articles respecting Walkerton, as well as the source water program. A scholarship has been initiated by the Municipality of Brockton to support local students who wish to pursue careers in environmental science or clean water management. Details of the Walkerton Clean Water Legacy Scholarship can be found at home.waterprotection.ca.

A discussion followed respecting the availability of an information package respecting the details of the Walkerton water tragedy. DWSP staff, with help from SPC members, will assemble information that can be shared on the Source Water website, and with municipal councils, and other interested parties.

Several activities were cancelled due to the COVID-19 risk. The Annual Arbor Day Tree Sales at the Grey Sauble and Saugeen Conservation Authorities, and the Hibou Free Family Fun Day at the Hibou Conservation Area scheduled for Saturday, June 20, 2020, were cancelled as well as the Grey Bruce Children's Water Festival scheduled for May 12-14, 2020. The Grade 4 students who missed the Festival this year will be invited back next year as Grade 5 senior stewards. A treasurer is needed by the Festival organizing committee, as well as volunteer committee members.

7. New Business

Proposed Source Protection Plan Road Salt Amendments Report 7a

The Project Manager reviewed Report 7a and advised that MECP is currently reviewing road salt application and storage threats as part of its review of the Director's Technical Rules. DWSP staff reviewed salt threat policies currently in place in other regions that have been approved by the Ministry. DWSP staff drafted additions to the current policy for salt management threats with a risk management plan; a salt management plan for municipal implementation; Ministry of Transportation (MTO) roads; and the handling and storage of road salt.

The SPC discussed all aspects of salt management and agreed with the wording of the additions to the existing policies, with the understanding that revised wording would be presented at the next SPC meeting.

**Motion No.
SPC-20-304**

**Moved by Jim Uram
Seconded by Dennis Kefalas**

THAT the Source Protection Committee for the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region approve the draft policies relating to the proposed amendments noted in Report 7a of the July 24, 2020 Source Protection Committee meeting to the Source Protection Plan pending the implementation of any changes agreed to by the Source Protection Committee during its meeting on July 24, 2020; and further,

THAT Drinking Water Source Protection staff be directed to continue with Source Protection Plan consultation activities as required by O.Reg. 287/07.

Carried

Proposed Source Protection Plan East Linton EBA Amendments Report 7b

The Project Manager reviewed Report 7b and advised that he has had some discussions with the Ministry respecting the methodology for spill modeling. The preliminary results of the modeled spills show a range in minimum volumes that would cause an exceedance at the East Linton intake from approximately 500 to 10,000 litres, depending on the location of the spill, which would constitute a significant drinking water threat. The existing policy is meant to address fuel storage threats and could be amended to address existing *and* future activities.

The SPC discussed the proposed changes to Policy 15-05 respecting a risk management plan for fuel near Great Lakes intakes and agreed with the wording to the proposed amendments.

**Motion No.
SPC-20-305**

**Moved by Dick Hibma
Seconded by John Fruin**

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THAT Drinking Water Source Protection staff be directed to continue with Source Protection Plan consultation activities as required by O.Reg. 287/07.

Carried


8. Other Business

There was no other business.

9. Confirmation of Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next Committee meeting will be tentatively held on **Friday, November 27, 2020** from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. Details will be confirmed closer to the date.

There being no further business, Stan Eby made a motion to adjourn at 3:10 pm.



Bill Twaddle
Chair



Nancy Guest
Recording Secretary