



SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES – MEETING #20

MEETING: SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

DATE: OCTOBER 30, 2009

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

LOCATION: BEAVER VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE, THORNBURY

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mike Traynor called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

In Attendance: Chair, Mike Traynor
David Biesenthal, Lou D’Alessandro, Bruce Davidson, Carolyn Day,
Robert Emerson, Mark Kraemer, Brent Lanktree, Les MacKinnon, Les
Nichols, Dale Thompson

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

Also in Attendance: Jim Coffey, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Saugeen Conservation
David Ellingwood, Program Supervisor, DWSP
Thorsten Arnold, Technical Supervisor, DWSP
Brian Luinstra, Hydrogeologist, DWSP
Steady den Haan, Communications Specialist, DWSP
Elly Ward, Outreach Specialist, DWSP
Karen Gillan, Education Specialist, DWSP
Emily Vandermeulen, GIS Specialist, DWSP
John Ritchie, MOE, Owen Sound Office

Regrets: Sandy Gott
Brad McRoberts
Bill Twaddle
Mitch Twolan
Bob Graham/Robert Reid
Teresa McLellan

The Chair introduced and welcomed Mayor of Town of the Blue Mountains, Ellen Anderson, Mr. Bob Gamble, Councillor for Town of the Blue Mountains, John Caswell, Assistant Director of Engineering & Public Works and Manager of Environmental Services, and Ministry of the Environment Liaison, Katie Fairman.

Mayor Anderson extended her greetings to the Committee from Town of the Blue Mountains and expressed her appreciation for the work being done by the Committee and wished the Committee good luck in its endeavours.

Bruce Davidson arrived at 9:45 a.m.

Stacey Cook presented a Community Profile of Town of the Blue Mountains showing the water intake and water treatment plant in the municipality, as well as the geography of the area and other interesting facts.

The Project Manager advised that there was no quorum with only 8 Committee members present. Quorum is two-thirds of the members (10). This is an information meeting only and no decisions can be made nor motions passed until there is quorum.

1. Correspondence

Letter from Georgian Central Region Soil & Crop Improvement Association dated October 6, 2009 thanking the Education Specialist for her participation in the Tour BBQ was **noted and filed**.

Lou D'Alessandro arrived at 10:00 a.m.

Letter from Ian Smith, Director, MOE Source Protection Planning Branch dated September 25, 2009 respecting risk management was **noted and filed**.

Letter from Ian Smith, Director, MOE Source Protection Planning Branch dated September 25, 2009 respecting the roles and responsibilities of the Medical Officer of Health was **noted and filed**.

Letter from Keith Willson, Manager, MOE Source Protection Approvals Section, dated October 1, 2009 respecting Section 88 property entry training was **noted and filed**.

Copy of letter from Saugeen Valley Conservation to Grey Sauble Conservation dated October 26, 2009 supporting Grey Sauble Conservation respecting the Terms of Reference was **noted and filed**.

Copy of letter from Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula to the Minister of the Environment dated October 20, 2009 supporting Grey Sauble Conservation respecting the Terms of Reference was **noted and filed**.

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Municipal Group #4 SPC Representative

The Project Manager advised that correspondence was sent twice to the six municipalities included in Group #4, Chatsworth, Hanover, Minto, Southgate, West Grey and Wellington

North, requesting a jointly submitted list of names for the consideration of the Management Committee. A jointly submitted list of names was not received. This item will be discussed by the Management Committee at its next meeting scheduled for November 13, 2009.

Terms of Reference Report 4a

The Project Manager reviewed Report 4a and advised that a letter had been sent to the Minister of the Environment in accordance with the instructions received from the Committee outlining the concerns of the Committee respecting the amendments to the Terms of Reference. Letters from Saugeen Valley Conservation and Northern Bruce Peninsula were also sent to the Minister in support of the position of Grey Sauble Conservation.

3. Reports

Administration Report 6a

The Project Manager reviewed Report 6a and advised that Technical Supervisor, Thorsten Arnold, has successfully defended his PhD thesis. The Project Manager reviewed the various meetings recently attended, as well as upcoming meetings and seminars.

Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program Report 6b

The Outreach Specialist, reviewed Report 6b and advised that a business case was submitted to the MOE on September 15, 2009 requesting an additional \$700,000.00 in funding, supplementing the approximately \$239,000.00 received 1½ years ago. A response from the MOE is expected by mid-November.

Communications Report 6c

The Communications Specialist reviewed Report 6c and advised that there were approximately forty attendees at the “Unplugged” seminar held at Kimberley, Ontario on October 8, 2009. The group enjoyed a tour of Kimberley Springs, a unique drinking water system in the Region. The complexity of the Region due to key karst features was highlighted; an overall program and Assessment Report update was given; and a presentation on vulnerability analysis rounded out the day. Another “Unplugged” seminar is being planned for the planners who were unable to attend.

Public consultations respecting the draft Assessment Report will be arranged in the new year. In the meantime, two pre-consultation sessions have been scheduled for Monday, November 9, 2009 at the Walter Harris Memorial Library in Markdale, in the Municipality of Grey Highlands and Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at the Mildmay-Carrick Recreation Complex in Mildmay, in the Municipality of South Bruce.

Technical Report 6d

The Technical Supervisor reviewed Report 6d and advised that the draft Assessment Report is progressing. Some data required to complete the chapters is pending receipt from the consultants.

The GIS/Database Specialist advised that the deadline for receiving letters of intent for the SWOOP II project closed October 15, 2009. The boundaries have been determined respecting participation and the Request for Proposal is in the process of being written.

Planning Officials Working Group Report 6e

The Program Supervisor reviewed Report 6e and advised that, at the most recent meeting on October 9, 2009, this Working Group received an update on the ongoing technical work of the Source Protection program, including refinements to the Intake Protection Zone 2 delineation by the consultant and extensive discussions about the application of the proposed policy approaches, particularly around planning matters. The Working Group made a recommendation that information received from a study on the Owen Sound intake protection zone (IPZ) be forwarded to the City. The Project Manager advised that this has already been done. The Committee discussed the importance of planning involvement with new development. The Project Manager advised that all existing information is available. The next meeting of the POWG will be held at the Plex in Port Elgin, Ontario on Friday, November 20, 2009.

Robert Emerson arrived at 10:40 a.m. (Quorum)

Agricultural & Rural Working Group Report 6d

The Chair of this working group, SPC member Dr. David Biesenthal, reviewed Report 6d and advised that the group does not want the Terms of Reference issues to be forgotten. The group made a recommendation that MPP Carol Mitchell be invited to a meeting to discuss the Terms of Reference. The Chair also suggested that a speaker be invited to inform the group about the environmental farm plan process. The group also suggested that a list of available grant programs for landowner stewardship activities be made available. The next meeting of the ARWG will be held at the Chatsworth Municipal Offices on Monday, November 16, 2009.

The Committee took a break from 11:05 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.

4. Adoption of Agenda

**Motion No.
SPC-09-84**

**Moved by Les Nichols
Seconded by Bruce Davidson**

THAT the Agenda be adopted as amended.

Carried

5. Adoption of Minutes

**Motion No.
SPC-09-85**

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

THAT the Minutes of the September 25, 2009 Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

Climate Trend Analysis Presentation

The Hydrogeologist gave a PowerPoint presentation respecting the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority Climate Trend Analysis followed by discussions and questions.

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

6. New Business

Assessment Report

The Project Manager advised that chapters of the draft Assessment Report are being presented to the SPC as they become available over a period of four months. It is expected that the full draft Assessment Report will be completed by January 2010. The draft Assessment Report must be approved by the SPC by February 2010. Three smaller chapters of the draft Assessment Report, as it relates to the Saugeen Valley Source Protection Authority (SPA), are being reviewed at this meeting. Chapter 3, Water Budget will be reviewed at the November 27, 2009 meeting of the SPC. An additional meeting was approved to review Chapter 4, Quality Risk Assessment on Friday, December 11, 2009. A full-day meeting on Friday, December 18, 2009 will review any outstanding draft Assessment Report matters, as well as other business.

Draft Assessment Report, Chapter 2, Watershed Characterization Report Presentation

The Program Supervisor reviewed Chapter 2 of the draft Assessment Report: Watershed Characterization Report with a PowerPoint presentation. Comments included suggestions to include the demands on the shorelines of the Great Lakes and the Pine River reforestation project. The Program Supervisor advised that Chapter 2 relating to the Grey Sauble SPA and the Northern Bruce Peninsula SPA should be available before November 20, 2009.

Draft Assessment Report, Chapter 5, Climate Change Presentation

The Technical Supervisor reviewed Chapter 5 of the draft Assessment Report: Climate Change with a PowerPoint presentation.

Lou D'Alessandro excused himself from the meeting at 1:45 p.m. (Quorum ends)

Discussions during the presentation included questions about snowfall; accurate reflections of the region; wind and weather patterns; and available data. It was noted that the information respecting the Great Lakes is limited.

Draft Assessment Report, Chapter 6, Topics for Additional Research Presentation

The Hydrogeologist reviewed Chapter 6 of the draft Assessment Report: Topics for Additional Research with a PowerPoint presentation. This is data that is available but was received too late to include in the draft Assessment Report. Also, there are data gaps. This chapter will expand over time. Committee members were invited to call, email or write their comments to Staff. Members were reminded that these documents are not for public viewing.

7. Other Business

Water Festival

SPC member Carolyn Day reported on her attendance at the VIP luncheon held at the Children's Water Festival in Chesley, Ontario in October 2009. As a Gold Sponsor, the Drinking Water Source Protection program was presented with a plaque acknowledging its participation. The program was well-represented with staff volunteers throughout the Festival.

Meeting Cancellation Procedure

The Project Manager reviewed the procedure for cancelling a Source Protection Committee meeting due to inclement weather and referred the Committee to Report 8a from the October 24, 2008 SPC meeting which states that the decision to cancel a meeting is that of the Chair. If a decision is made the day before a meeting, that decision will be made before 4:00 p.m. and all Committee members will be contacted by phone before 4:30 p.m. If a decision is made the day of a meeting, that decision will be made prior to 7:00 a.m. and Committee members will be contacted by phone before 7:30 a.m. Local radio stations will also be notified.

Contacting Local MPPs

The Project Manager was directed to send a copy of the letter from Drinking Water Source Protection to Minister Gerretsen dated October 19, 2009, together with copies of the letters from each Source Protection Authority respecting the Terms of Reference to the four local area MPPs who have ridings in the Source Protection Region.

Assessment Report Technical Rules & Regulations

The MOE liaison advised that the final Assessment Report Rules and Regulations are still being written by three government agencies and must be approved by the policy department and cabinet.

8. Confirmation of Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next Committee meeting will be held on Friday, November 27, 2009 at the Bruce County Council Chambers, 30 Park Street in Walkerton, Ontario.

There being no further business, Dale Thompson made a motion to adjourn at 2:55 p.m.

Mike Traynor
Chair

Nancy Guest
Recording Secretary