



SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES – MEETING #21

MEETING: SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

DATE: November 27, 2009

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

LOCATION: Bruce County Council Chambers, Walkerton ON

CALL TO ORDER

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

In Attendance: Chair, Mike Traynor
David Biesenthal, Bruce Davidson, Carolyn Day, Robert Emerson, Mark Kraemer, Les MacKinnon, Brad McRoberts, Les Nichols, Dale Thompson, Bill Twaddle, Mitch Twolan

Others Present: Robert Reid, Ex-officio member, Grey-Bruce Health Unit
Teresa McLellan, 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
Brian Luinstra, Hydrogeologist, DWSP
Sara Pickard, Water Quality Technician, DWSP
Stacy den Haan, Communications Specialist, DWSP
Elly Ward, Outreach Specialist, DWSP
Karen Gillan, Education Specialist, DWSP
Emily Vandermeulen, GIS Specialist, DWSP

Regrets: Lou D'Alessandro
Brent Lanktree

The Chair announced that this day was the second anniversary of the assemblage of the Source Protection Committee and we could all celebrate two years of hard work.

The Chair introduced and welcomed Mr. Bill Goetz, Warden of Bruce County, Mr. Ron Burrell, Drinking Water Inspector for the Owen Sound Office of the MOE, and Mr. Jim Coffey, General Manager and Secretary-Treasurer.

Warden Goetz extended his greetings to the Committee from the County and wished the Committee good luck in its endeavours.

1. Adoption of Agenda

**Motion No.
SPC-09-86**

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

THAT the Agenda be adopted as amended.

Carried

2. Declaration of Pecuniary or Conflict of Interest

Committee 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-09-87**

**Moved by Carolyn Day
Seconded by Bruce Davidson**

THAT the Minutes of the October 30, 2009 Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Municipal Grouping #4 SPC Representative

The Project Manager advised that the Management Committee will make a recommendation to the Lead Source Protection Authority at its next meeting being held on December 10, 2009 and the new Municipal Group 4 Representative may be appointed by the next SPC meeting.

Terms of Reference Update Report 4a

The Project Manager reviewed Report 4a and advised that a letter has been written to the four MPPs whose constituencies are included in the Source Protection Region.

The Communications Specialist presented a unique Community Profile of Brockton identifying various features of the area.

5. Correspondence

Letter from Ian Smith to Saugeen First Nation dated October 30, 2009 respecting provincial programs and funding was **noted and filed**.

Letter from Ian Smith to Nawash First Nation dated October 30, 2009 respecting provincial programs and funding was **noted and filed**.

Letter from Quinte Source Protection to Ian Smith dated November 5, 2009 respecting Bruce Davidson was **noted and filed**.

Letter of resignation from Brad McRoberts dated November 25, 2009 was **noted and filed**.

Letter of resignation from Sandy Gott dated November 25, 2009 was **noted and filed**.

A discussion followed respecting quorum and the Committee was advised that quorum constitutes two-thirds (10) of all possible Committee members (15). Members were asked to consider appointing a proxy if they are unable to attend a meeting. The procedure for appointing a proxy can be found in the SPC Rules of Procedure.

6. Reports

Administration Report 6a

The Project Manager reviewed Report 6a and advised that Grey Sauble Conservation has appointed a new Chief Administrative Officer, John Cottrill. Mr. Cottrill comes from the Ministry of Natural Resources in Peterborough, Ontario and is well-known to Conservation Authority employees.

Due to a date conflict for some people with the original “Unplugged” event, a Planner’s Unplugged Day was held on Tuesday, November 24, 2009. The half-day workshop was held at the Grey Sauble Conservation Administration Building and was attended by planning staff from both Saugeen Conservation and the Grey Sauble Conservation.

An Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food (OMAF) member is planning to speak about the Environmental Farm Plan to the Source Protection Committee at its February 26, 2010 regular meeting in Keady, Ontario. The working groups will be invited to attend this meeting.

Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program Report 6b

The Outreach Specialist reviewed Report 6b and advised that 69 applications have been received as of this meeting date. Since the Source Protection Committee meeting of October 30 2009, \$33,546.14 has been disbursed to landowners for completed projects. To date, \$222,822.00 has

been allocated, of which \$149,761.21 has been disbursed; leaving \$16,484.00 remaining to be allocated. The next Review Committee meeting is set for December 8, 2009 where additional applications will be evaluated. Existing funds will be completely exhausted if these applications are approved. Site visits continue for pre- and post-inspections.

The program has submitted a business case to the Ministry of the Environment requesting additional Early Actions funding. A decision concerning this funding is expected in December 2009. Since current funding has been exhausted, all new inquiring landowners are being informed that a decision is pending regarding additional funding.

Staff will be participating in Farmers Week, speaking on Crop Day and Beef Day and will occupy a booth with information, as well as participate in the programs.

Mark Kraemer arrived at 10:50 a.m.

The Committee took a break from 10:50 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.

Communications Report 6c

The Communications Specialist reviewed Report 6c and advised that pre-consultation sessions respecting the Assessment Report held in Grey Highlands and South Bruce in November 2009 were attended by interested and informed landowners. The prescribed consultation sessions will be held in March and April, 2010. A presentation was given to the Diners Club in Teeswater, Ontario on November 12, 2009. The Communications Specialist thanked the Committee for its support. The website statistics are shown in the report and hits appear to increase after radio ads are aired.

Technical Report 6d

The Hydrogeologist reviewed Report 6d and advised that feedback and comments are welcome respecting the draft chapters of the Assessment Report. Comments should be sent to Staff as soon as possible. The Tier 2 Water Budget should be complete before the consultation sessions. Chapter 4 of the Assessment Report will be presented at the December 11, 2009 SPC meeting. There will be additions to Chapter 6 "Limitations" which may be reviewed in December 2009 or January 2010. New data is being processed respecting the Walkerton redelineation of the wellhead protection area which may change the area.

The maps for Chapters 2 and 3 are complete and maps for Chapter 4 of the Assessment Report are in the process of being completed. The South-Western Ontario Orthophotography Project (SWOOP) map provided with the report represents the number of participating partners in the area.

Planning Officials Working Group

The Chair of this working group, SPC member Mitch Twolan, reviewed Report 6d and discussed the community of Whitechurch (part of the Maitland Valley Source Protection Area) where the

mandatory septic inspection program revealed systems in need of replacement. If there are issues, there is funding available to correct them and it is important to get this message out.

Agricultural & Rural Working Group

The Vice-Chair of this working group, SPC member Robert Emerson, reviewed Report 6e and asked if the Program Supervisor would be available to give presentations to agricultural groups. A request was made to send SPC agenda packages and adopted minutes to the working groups. The issue of tritium in this area was discussed and the Hydrogeologist advised that the issue of making tritium a contaminant of concern has been discussed. The threats table would have to be amended as relates to surface water. If this threat is approved by the SPC, it is sent to the Minister for consideration. If approved by the Minister, it is then set as a threat. This is a lengthy process which could take 12 months and may not be mentioned in the current Assessment Report. Other Source Protection Committees are considering tritium as a threat issue.

**Motion No.
SPC-09-88**

**Moved by Robert Emerson
Seconded by Carolyn Day**

THAT the Source Protection Committee consider the tritium in drinking water issue and prepare a report.

Carried

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:15 a.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

Brad McRoberts excused himself from the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

The Outreach Specialist and the Education Specialist introduced the “SPC Mug Club” to encourage less waste at SPC meetings. Everyone who brings their own drinking container to an SPC meeting will be entered into a draw for a gift certificate at each meeting.

Dr. David Biesenthal excused himself from the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

7. New Business

Ripples of Change

The Education Specialist introduced Barry Randall, coordinator of Ripples of Change, and Braden Weltz, a student at Walkerton District Secondary School, involved in Ripples of Change. Ripples of Change is one of five Youth Advisory Committees under the Ripple Effect Ontario developed by the United Nations of Canada. It engages youth in water-related issues and research in local and global water issues and topics. Braden gave an overview of the group and encouraged the SPC to partner with them in raising awareness in water issues. Regional coordinators can be contacted at: randall@wightman.ca (519-881-1392) and [kalenametalfe@hotmail.com](mailto:kalenametcalfe@hotmail.com) (289-260-7215).

Assessment Report Water Quantity Stress Assessment

The Hydrogeologist reviewed Chapter 3: Water Quantity Stress Assessment and advised that the Tier 2 Water Budget will be included in this chapter as soon as it becomes available. This chapter is in very draft form and comments are welcome, including editing comments. This chapter will be upgraded until it goes to consultation. Suggestions were made to compose the Assessment Report in an understandable form.

7. Other Business

Conferences

Committee member Carolyn Day advised the Committee respecting her attendance at the A. D. Latornell Environmental Symposium and the Water Guardians Workshop.

Committee member Les MacKinnon suggested Source Water get involved in the Ontario Building Officials Association conference being held in Town of the Blue Mountains in October, 2010.

8. Confirmation of Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next Committee meeting will be held on Friday, December 11, 2009 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Grey Sauble Conservation Administration Offices at 237897 Inglis Falls Road, Owen Sound, Ontario. Following that, there is a regularly scheduled Committee meeting on Friday, December 18, 2009 also at the Grey Sauble Conservation Administration Offices from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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

Mike Traynor
Chair

Nancy Guest
Recording Secretary