



SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES – MEETING #31

MEETING: SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2010

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: SOUTHAMPTON TOWN HALL

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, Ken Furlong, Kathie Hughes, Mark Kraemer, Brent Lanktree, Les MacKinnon, Les Nichols, Carolyn Parker, Dale Thompson, Bill Twaddle, Mitch Twolan

Others Present: Robert Reid, Ex-officio member, Grey-Bruce Health Unit
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
John Cottrill, CAO, Grey Sauble Conservation
David Ellingwood, Program Supervisor, DWSP
Brian Luinstra, Hydrogeologist, DWSP
Thorsten Arnold, Technical Supervisor, DWSP
Sara Pickard, Water Quality Technician, DWSP
Elly Ward, Outreach Specialist, DWSP
Emily Vandermeulen, GIS Specialist, DWSP
John Ritchie, MOE, Owen Sound Office
Laurel Hopkins, Trent University Student

The Chair introduced and welcomed Mr. Mike Smith, Mayor of the Town of Saugeen Shores and Warden of Bruce County, Mr. Bob Hart, Grey Bruce Health Unit, Mr. Tom Boyle, Councillor for the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula, and John Ritchie of the Owen Sound Office of the Ministry of the Environment (MOE).

1. Adoption of Agenda

**Motion No.
SPC-10-126**

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

THAT the Agenda be adopted as distributed.

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-10-127**

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

THAT the Minutes of the September 24, 2010 Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

Mayor Smith extended his greetings to the Committee from his Municipality, which includes the communities of Port Elgin, Southampton and Burgoyne, as well as the former Township of Saugeen. He expressed his appreciation for the work being done by the Committee and wished the Committee good luck in its endeavours.

The Program Supervisor presented a Community Profile of the Town of Saugeen Shores showing the Intake Protection Zones (IPZ) in the municipality and the various levels of threats and vulnerability scoring associated with the IPZs located in the municipality.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Updated Assessment Report Workplan

The Project Manager reviewed Report 4a and advised that the report provides information on how this Region plans to address the limitations outlined in Chapter 7 of the Assessment Report documents. These limitations include the items where data was received too late to be included in the Assessment Reports, and items where data gaps existed. Tritium will be included in the Updated Assessment Report. The Updated Assessment Report is to be completed by June 2011.

5. Correspondence

Memo from Ian Smith dated October 6, 2010 respecting On-site sewage (septic) systems was noted and filed.

Letter from Ian Smith dated October 7, 2010 respecting the Source Protection Planning Bulletin: Notice When Plan Preparation Begins was **noted and filed**.

Thank you card from Karen Gillan received October 14, 2010 was **noted and filed**.

The Committee took a break from 10:05 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.

6. Reports

Administration Report

The Project Manager reviewed Report 6a and advised that Saugeen Conservation plans to move to its new location in Formosa, Ontario by the end of November. Comments are anticipated from the MOE respecting the Proposed Assessment Report and the Updated Assessment Report Workplan. The Source Protection Plan Advisory Committee is working on bulletins which can be accessed across the province. There is a link available on the Conservation Ontario website. Of the five land securement applications the SPC approved, four were submitted and the applicants are awaiting approval from the MOE. The application for Early Response funding has been submitted to the MOE. An application for Special Projects was also submitted. The Planning Officials Working Group is hosting an information meeting for all planners in the Region on November 25, 2010 at the Grey Sauble Conservation offices.

Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program

The Outreach Specialist reviewed Report 6b and advised that she and the Communications Specialist attended a tourism seminar in Port Elgin recently titled “Marketing in a New Age” and learned many new strategies for promoting the Source Water program. The Early Actions program has received 125 applications in total, two of which were not considered because they were received after all funding was allocated. Currently, 26 projects remain unpaid, 2 of which are on the waiting list. Of those projects, 15 are completed and 11 have not yet begun.

Robert Emerson arrived at 10:30 a.m.

Communications

The Program Supervisor reviewed Report 6c and advised that the Chair will be a speaker at the upcoming Environmental Awards Dinner at the P&H Centre in Hanover on November 4, 2010. The Drinking Water Source Protection program is partnering with Grey Sauble Conservation, Saugeen Conservation and Maitland Valley Conservation to showcase the Watershed Adventure exhibit at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto from November 5th to November 14th. This exhibit was originally displayed at the Teeswater International Plowing Match in 2008 and was shared with the Conservation Authorities in the Elgin County area during the International Plowing Match held near St. Thomas in September 2010, at which time, we were invited to participate at the Royal Winter Fair.

Industrial & Commercial SPC Representatives Workshop Report

Source Protection Committee member, Mark Kraemer, reviewed Report 6d and led a discussion respecting the workshop he attended with Industrial and Commercial SPC representatives from various SPCs in Listowel, Ontario respecting the environmental “greening” of companies and industries.

Teresa McLellan arrived at 10:50 a.m.

7. New Business

Early Actions Projects Presentation

The Outreach Specialist gave a PowerPoint presentation showing before and after pictures of projects that have been funded by the Early Actions program. A variety of success stories for different types of projects were illustrated including pollution prevention, well decommissioning, septic system upgrades and run-off and erosion.

Source Protection Plan Policy Development Workshops

The Project Manager reviewed Report 7a and advised that the workshop facilitated by Kayak Consulting to develop a decision-making process with respect to Source Protection Plan (SPP) policy was a success. This workshop resulted in a report summarizing the process agreed upon at the training, a copy of which was delivered to each SPC member. The report covered the best methods of communicating with the public. It was noted that page 10 of the report could be modified based on training received from the MOE workshop in London. The Project Manager advised that the Kayak report should be considered as one of the tools available to the SPC during policy development. Changes can be made as required.

**Motion No.
SPC-10-128**

**Moved by Les MacKinnon
Seconded by Carolyn Day**

THAT the Source Protection Committee accepts the Summary Report received on October 18, 2010 from Kayak Consulting of St. Mary’s, Ontario concerning the September 30, 2010 Source Protection Committee workshop on Source Protection Plan Policy Development.

Carried

8. Other Business

SPC member, Les MacKinnon, noted an article in a recent issue of the Owen Sound Sun Times respecting the Owen Sound sewage treatment plant; as well as an article in Ontario Farmer respecting undocumented landfill sites.

SPC member, Mitch Twolan noted that tiny plastic resin pellets have been washing up on the shore of Lake Huron and asked the MOE for action.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

7. New Business

Source Protection Plan Timelines

The Project Manager reviewed Report 7b, including the chart attached setting out the timeline estimated to address each threat in the Proposed Assessment Report. A discussion took place concerning the location of SPC meetings.

Source Protection Plan Policy Database Development

The GIS/Database Specialist gave a PowerPoint presentation respecting the development of a database that will aid users in determining what policies apply to a particular property. The Database Specialist asked that feedback be phoned or emailed to her respecting who the end users might be or any other comments that may be helpful in developing the database.

Source Protection Plan Policy Threats Discussion

The Project Manager introduced the threat category of septic systems and advised that the SPC was in the background information stage of policy development for septics.

Robert Reid, Public Health Inspector for the Grey Bruce Health Unit, gave a PowerPoint presentation respecting the role of the Health Unit inspecting septic systems.

The Technical Supervisor gave a PowerPoint presentation respecting the septic threats listed in the Proposed Assessment Report.

The Program Supervisor gave a PowerPoint presentation respecting the various tools available to the SPC when developing policies with regard to septic system threats to drinking water.

8. Other Business

There was no other business.

9. Confirmation of Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next Committee meeting will be held on Friday, November 26, 2010 at the Walkerton Clean Water Centre at 20 Ontario Road, Walkerton, Ontario.

There being no further business, Dale Thompson made a motion to adjourn at 3:05 p.m.

Mike Traynor
Chair

Nancy Guest
Recording Secretary