



SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES – MEETING #35

MEETING: SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

DATE: FEBRUARY 25, 2011

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

LOCATION: GREY COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OWEN SOUND, ON

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mike Traynor called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

In Attendance: Chair, Mike Traynor
David Biesenthal, Bruce Davidson, Robert Emerson, Ken Furlong, Kathie Hughes, Mark Kraemer, Brent Lanktree, Les MacKinnon, Les Nichols, Carolyn Parker, Dale Thompson, Bill Twaddle

Others Present: Teresa McLellan, Ex-officio, Ministry of the Environment (MOE)
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: David Ellingwood, Program Supervisor, DWSP
Brian Luinstra, Hydrogeologist, DWSP
Sara Pickard, Water Quality Technician, DWSP
Steady den Haan, Communications Specialist, DWSP
Elly Ward, Outreach Specialist, DWSP
Emily Vandermeulen, GIS Specialist, DWSP
Thorsten Arnold, Technical Supervisor, DWSP
Member of the Press
John Ritchie, MOE, Owen Sound Office
Allison Kershaw, MOE, Owen Sound Office
Bob Hart, Grey Bruce Health Unit
Members of the Public

Regrets: Lou D'Alessandro
Carolyn Day
Mitch Twolan

The Chair introduced and welcomed Bob Hart of Grey Bruce District Health Unit, Tom Jenks, Kirk Scott of CKNX Radio, and John Ritchie and Allison Kershaw of the Owen Sound Office of the MOE.

1. Adoption of Agenda

**Motion No.
SPC-11-135**

**Moved by Brent Lanktree
Seconded by Robert Emerson**

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-11-136**

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

THAT the Minutes of the January 28, 2011 Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Tritiated Deuterium

At the January 28, 2011 meeting of the SPC, DWSP Staff was directed to clarify if and how activities and circumstances related to this local threat might be added as a drinking water threat. The Technical Supervisor gave a powerpoint presentation to provide background information and outline the process by which land-use activities related to this local threat could be included as a threat. A discussion followed respecting the regulations and protocols that are currently in place. A request was made for more information.

Dead Stock

The Technical Supervisor reviewed Report 4b. On the previous direction of the Source Protection Committee to investigate the inclusion of pathogens related to dead farm animals as a contaminant of concern, the report outlined the process by which land-use activities related to the handling and disposal of dead stock could be considered a threat. A discussion followed respecting the *Nutrient Management Act* and Source Protection policy. This issue will be referred to the Agriculture & Rural Working Group for discussion before being brought back to the SPC.

The Committee recessed from 10:40 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.

Transportation Corridors

At the January 28, 2011 SPC meeting, clarification was requested with regards to Transportation Corridors as an activity that poses a threat to drinking water sources. In response to this request, the Technical Supervisor reviewed Report 4c which provided the background on threats related to transportation corridors.

Transformers

Hydrogeologist Brian Luinstra advised that he has contacted Ontario Power Generation (OPG) and Westario Power who advised that all substations no longer contain polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). Smaller transformers may still contain PCBs but no information is available unless the transformer is tested. Transformers are being replaced with units not containing PCBs. There are PCB storage facilities near Walkerton and Rockford.

5. Correspondence

No correspondence had been received.

6. Reports

Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program

The Chair acknowledged that this report was available for review prior to the meeting and asked for questions from the floor.

Communications

The Chair acknowledged that this report was available for review prior to the meeting and asked for questions from the floor.

Technical Report

The Chair acknowledged that this report was available for review prior to the meeting and asked for questions from the floor.

7. New Business

Policy Development Process

The Project Manager reviewed Report 7a and advised that, to facilitate the policy development process, smaller discussion groups are being formed which will include SPC members knowledgeable about the threats being discussed and DWSP Staff, who will work on drafting a

preliminary policy. This draft policy will be discussed with the Working Groups and a report presented at each SPC meeting for discussion.

Septic: Draft Policy

The Program Supervisor reviewed Report 7b and the preliminary policy drafted by the focus group. A discussion followed respecting the draft policy particulars.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

DNAPL: Draft Policy

The Program Supervisor gave a presentation on the draft policy for the handling and storage of dense non-aqueous phase liquids (DNAPL) and advised that the Planning Officials Working Group had previously reviewed the draft document. A discussion followed respecting the draft policy particulars.

Kathie Hughes arrived at 1:30 p.m.

Agricultural Source Material: Policy Direction

The Project Manager advised that the SPC has information from previous meetings respecting Agricultural Source Material (ASMs). A small discussion group will be formed to discuss what items are appropriate to address in the draft policy. A report on this subject will be presented at the April 29th meeting of the SPC.

Non-Agricultural Source Material: Background Information

The Communications Specialist gave a presentation respecting Non-Agricultural Source Material (NASMs) and a discussion followed respecting various items in the report.

Risk Management Officials Proposal

The Project Manager reviewed Report 7c, explaining Risk Management officials. Municipalities will be responsible for implementation of risk management planning. It is timely for municipalities to discuss the possible sharing of the RMO's responsibilities.

**Motion No.
SPC-11-137**

**Moved by Les Nichols
Seconded by Dave Biesenthal**

THAT the Risk Management Officials Proposal report presented as Report 7c at the Source Protection Committee meeting on February 25, 2011 be immediately circulated to all municipal councils with the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region for their consideration and comments;

AND THAT the Report 7c be circulated as an open discussion document without the “RECOMMENDATION” text included.

Carried

8. Other Business

SPC member, Les MacKinnon, noted a provincial report on Agent Orange and was interested in receiving more information and whether it might constitute a potential threat.

There was no other business.

9. Confirmation of Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next Committee meeting will be held on Friday, March 25, 2011 at the P&H Centre in Hanover, Ontario.

There being no further business, Les Nichols made a motion to adjourn at 2:50 p.m.

Mike Traynor
Chair

Nancy Guest
Recording Secretary