



## SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

### MINUTES – MEETING #45

**MEETING:** SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

**DATE:** JANUARY 27, 2012

**TIME:** 9:30 A.M.

**LOCATION:** ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION 383, 86 RIVER STREET, TARA ON

#### CALL TO ORDER

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

**In Attendance:** Chair, Mike Traynor  
Lou D'Alessandro, Bruce Davidson, Carolyn Day, Robert Emerson, Ken Furlong, Kathie Hughes, Mark Kraemer, Brent Lanktree, Les MacKinnon, Les Nichols, Dale Thompson

**Others Present:** Jennifer Arthur, acting 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:** Jim Coffey, CAO, Saugeen Conservation  
David Ellingwood, Program Supervisor, DWSP  
Brian Luinstra, Hydrogeologist, DWSP  
Thorsten Arnold, Technical Supervisor, DWSP  
Sara Pickard, Water Quality Technician, DWSP  
Karen Gillan, Communications Specialist, DWSP  
Emily Vandermeulen, GIS/Database Specialist, DWSP  
Allison Kershaw, MOE, Owen Sound Office  
Shayne Finlay, MOE, Owen Sound Office  
Peter Steinacker, Arran-Elderslie Councillor

**Regrets:** David Biesenthal, Carolyn Parker, Bill Twaddle, Mitch Twolan  
Teresa McLellan, Ex-officio, (MOE)

The Chair introduced and welcomed Mr. Peter Steinacker, Councillor, , for the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, Tara Ward, who extended his greetings to the Committee from his Municipality, which includes the communities of Tara, Paisley and Chesley as well as the former Arran and Elderslie Townships. He expressed his appreciation for the work being done by the Source Protection Committee (SPC) and wished the Committee good luck in its endeavours.

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion No.  
SPC-12-170**

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

**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-12-171**

**Moved by Lou D'Alessandro  
Seconded by Ken Furlong**

**THAT the Minutes of the December 16, 2011 Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.**

**Carried**

Kathie Hughes arrived at 9:45 a.m.

**4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program Media Release**

The Project Manager reviewed the media release respecting the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Early Response program and answered questions from the floor.

**5. Correspondence**

Letter from Arran-Elderslie dated December 14, 2011 respecting a presentation to Council by DWSP was **noted and filed**.

Copy of letter from Quinte Source Protection Region (SPR) dated December 16, 2011 respecting implementation costs was **noted and filed**.

Letter from Toronto Region Conservation Authority dated January 12, 2012 respecting septic systems investigations was **noted and filed**.

Letter from Penetangore Regional Economic Development Corporation dated January 23, 2012 respecting its natural gas project was discussion. The Committee agreed that it did not wish to endorse any particular project.

Letter from the Cataraqui Source Protection Area dated January 26, 2012 respecting implementation funding was discussed. As a result of this letter and the aforementioned Quinte letter, the Committee agreed that a similar letter be sent to the Director of the Source Protection Programs Branch of the MOE on behalf of this SPC.

Robert Emerson arrived at 10:05 a.m.

## **6. Reports**

### Administration Report

The Project Manager reviewed Report 6a and advised that the approval of the Assessment Reports for all three Source Protection Areas (SPA) has been posted by the MOE on the Environmental Registry Ontario. An excerpt of the approvals was included as a hand-out at this meeting. The approved Assessment Reports will be posted on the waterprotection.ca website imminently. The Hydrogeologist answered questions respecting information contained in the Assessment Report.

### Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program

The Project Manager reviewed Report 6b and advised that applications have not exceeded available funding.

### Communications

The Communications Specialist reviewed Report 6c and advised that the Project Manager had given an interview respecting the source water protection program, which appeared in the Owen Sound Sun Times. Attendance at the DWSP booth at Farmers Week in Elmwood was discussed.

**The Committee took a break from 10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.**

## **7. New Business**

### Source Protection Plan Consultation Schedule

The Project Manager reviewed Report 7a and advised that although the original plan was to submit the Source Protection Plan (SPP) in late July 2012, comments are still being received, some quite extensive. Moving public consultation to April 2012 and submitting the SPP in early August 2012 was discussed. The Committee agreed that if receipt of new and significant

comments from implementing agencies is delayed to late February, approval of the Draft Proposed Source Protection Plan by the Source Protection Committee may not be possible until mid- to late March, delaying the commencement of public consultation to early April. Meeting the final submission deadline of August 20, 2012 would still be possible if this occurs. The Committee agreed with this proposal and Staff will consult with the Chair concerning the need for an additional Source Protection Committee meeting and advise Committee members as early as possible.

#### Source Protection Plan Pre-Consultation Report

The Project Manager reviewed the revised version of Report 7b, which included two additional letters of comments, and advised that comments in their entirety would be reviewed at the next SPC meeting.

Mark Kraemer excused himself from the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Some overall themes contained in the comments were discussed including the consolidation of policies, the removal of land use policies not related to land uses, a reduction in the extent of incentive policies, and the need for naming implementing agencies for incentive policies. The Committee agreed to simplify the SPP and discuss the changes at the next SPC meeting.

#### Draft Proposed Source Protection Plan Outline

The Program Supervisor reviewed Report 7c, including the SPP Table of Contents, and advised that some components included in the SPP are required by legislation. There was a discussion respecting future work of the SPC and the Project Manager confirmed that future work is legislated and there is a long-term commitment to maintain clean water.

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

#### Source Protection Plan Explanatory Document Outline

The Program Supervisor reviewed Report 7d, including the Table of Contents, and advised that the Explanatory Document is a companion document to the Source Protection Plan and complements the other tools. SPC members and Staff had suggestions respecting the content of the Explanatory Document which will be taken into consideration in its preparation.

### **8. Other Business**

SPC member, Lou D'Alessandro, circulated some fact sheets respecting fluoride and nitrate and offered to provide fact sheets on other chemicals, as requested.

Hydrogeologist Brian Luinstra said he would investigate further respecting Walkerton nitrates, as Health Canada may be lowering the drinking water quality standards from 10 mg./litre to 5 mg./litre.

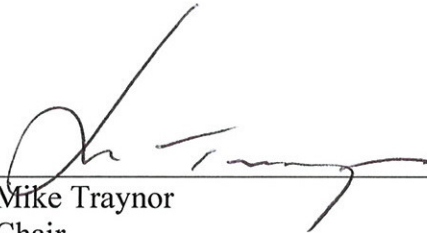
SPC member, Les MacKinnon, asked about burying used nuclear rods within wellhead protection areas; and gravel for the roads used in the building of wind turbines.

There was no other business.

**9. Confirmation of Next Meeting and Adjournment**

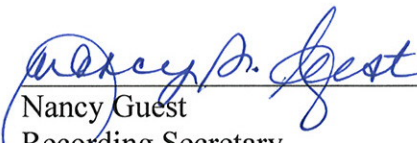
The next Source Protection Committee meeting will be held on Friday, February 24, 2012 at the Grey County Council Chambers in Owen Sound, Ontario.

There being no further business, Dale Thompson made a motion to adjourn at 1:25 p.m.



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Mike Traynor  
Chair



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Nancy Guest  
Recording Secretary