

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES – MEETING #52

MEETING: SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

DATE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2012

TIME: 9:34 A.M.

LOCATION: GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION, 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, Lou D’Alessandro, Bruce Davidson, Robert Emerson, Kathie Hughes, Mark Kraemer, Brent Lanktree, Les MacKinnon, Les Nichols, Dale Thompson, Bill Twaddle, Mitch Twolan

Others Present: Don Smith, Project Manager, Drinking Water Source Protection (DWSP)
Nancy Guest, Recording Secretary, DWSP

Also in Attendance: John Cottrill, CAO, Grey Sauble Conservation
Betsy Stewart, Councillor, Northern Bruce Peninsula
David Ellingwood, Program Supervisor, DWSP
Brian Luinstra, Hydrogeologist, DWSP
Emily Vandermeulen, GIS/Database Specialist, DWSP
Elly Ward, Communications Specialist, DWSP

Regrets: Carolyn Day, Ken Furlong, Carolyn Parker

1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion No.
SPC-12-202

Moved by Les Nichols
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-12-203

Moved by Mitch Twolan
Seconded by Bruce Davidson

THAT the Minutes of the July 27, 2012 Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Submission of the Proposed Source Protection Plan

The Project Manager gave a verbal report respecting the submission of the Proposed Source Protection Plan (PSPP) and advised that the Plan was sent to the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) on August 8, 2012, prior to the deadline of August 20, 2012 and acknowledgment of receipt was received from the MOE. To date, there have been no comments or questions from the MOE.

Great Lakes Protection Act

The comments respecting the Great Lakes Protection Act were submitted to the MOE on behalf of the Source Protection Committee (SPC). The comments submitted reflected those set out in Report 7a of the July 27, 2012 SPC meeting.

5. Correspondence

Letter from MOE dated August 24, 2012 confirming receipt of the PSPP was **noted and filed**.

Congratulatory card from the Source Protection Programs Branch of the MOE respecting completion of the PSPP was **noted and filed**.

Kathie Hughes arrived at 9:40 a.m.

Letter from MOE Minister Bradley to the Town of Minto dated July 12, 2012 was **noted and filed**.

Email from the MOE announcing Ling Mark as the new Director of the Source Protection Programs Branch was **noted and filed**.

6. Reports

Administration Report

The Project Manager reviewed Report 6a and advised that the PSPP was posted on the waterprotection.ca website for viewing. The Project Manager also reported on a meeting held in Ripley between Drinking Water Source Protection (DWSP) staff and various interests respecting the location of a cattle shelter within the well head protection area-A (WHPA-A) and how that shelter may be affected by Source Protection Plan policies. The Project Manager advised that the biennial tour hosted by Grey Sauble Conservation and Saugeen Conservation was well-attended by numerous conservation authority members from across Ontario. The Project Manager gave a

presentation at Well #5 in the Walkerton area illustrating the motivation behind the Drinking Water Source Protection Program.

Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program

The Program Supervisor reviewed Report 6b and advised that there have been thirty-six applications approved to date under the Early Response phase of the Stewardship Program respecting among other things, septic systems, manure storage, grazing, et cetera. Three more applications will be reviewed at the October 5, 2012 meeting of the Technical Review Committee. Many projects have been paid out and others are nearing completion. There is approximately \$70,000 remaining to be allocated and the program ends December 31, 2012. There have been no announcements from the MOE respecting additional funding and staff will discuss methods of soliciting more applications to use up existing funds. The Committee discussed the possibility of advising the MOE that landowners were unable to utilize the program due to a bad farming year and may be more receptive to funding if the program is extended.

Communications

The Communications Specialist reviewed Report 6c and advised that DWSP is a participant in the inaugural “Experience Green” event being held at West Hill Secondary School on November 2nd through 4th. The annual Water Festival held in Chesley, although short on volunteers, was well-attended again this year.

Ongoing Technical Work

The Hydrogeologist reviewed Report 6d and advised that Bruce Power is working together with DWSP to provide data respecting the tritium issue and is building on a report issued by the local Health Unit in 1997. There is a Peer Review meeting scheduled respecting the Water Budget to determine if there are any water quantity threats. The Owen Sound harbour continues to be monitored and it is important to ensure any dredging does not affect the Owen Sound or Georgian Bluffs water supplies.

Lou D’Alessandro arrived at 10:30 a.m.

The Hydrogeologist advised that DWSP needs to be involved in the Owen Sound harbour issue and impacts on the intakes need to be considered. The updated Assessment Report will look at policies to address this issue.

Planning Officials Working Group

The Program Supervisor gave a verbal report respecting the recent meeting of the Planning Officials Working Group to review the draft Source Protection Plan Implementation Guide and advised that there were some good suggestions and written comments received that would be covered later in this meeting’s agenda.

The Committee took a break from 10:35 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.

7. New Business

Implementation Guide

The Communications Specialist reviewed Report 7a and advised that the Implementation Guide for the Source Protection Plan policies is currently in development and is a collaborative effort between Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region, South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region, Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Region, Sault Ste. Marie Source Protection Authority, Trent Conservation Coalition, Conservation Ontario, Regional Municipality of York, and the Ministry of the Environment. The Guide will be available to any municipality across the province for direction in implementing the SPP policies.

Implementation Information Plan

The Project Manager reviewed Report 7b and advised that there will be four components to assist municipalities in this Source Protection Region with implementing the Plan: an implementation newsletter; the Municipal Implementation Guide; Municipal Implementation Workshops; and presentations to municipal Councils, as requested. Two workshops are being planned for November 7th at the Bayshore Community Centre in Owen Sound and November 9th at the Walkerton Community Centre Auditorium in Walkerton.

Hazardous Waste Days

SPC member, Les MacKinnon, requested a discussion the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events scheduled in the County of Bruce and asked where the unacceptable waste listed in the advertisement should be delivered. SPC member, Bill Twaddle, advised that commercial and agricultural are obligated to recycle their waste through a commercial operator.

SPC Meeting Schedule

The Project Manager advised that the current budget covers the period to the end of December, 2012 and proposed bi-monthly Committee meetings until there is more information respecting funding. The SPC would be advised of any issues that arise in between meetings. The Committee was agreeable to this plan.

8. Other Business

SPC member, Dave Biesenthal, requested a report on the nitrate issue with respect to older water and the Project Manager advised that a report would be presented to the Committee on this matter.

SPC member, Robert Emerson, advised that the agricultural community may challenge wind turbine installation into fractured rock which may cause contamination.

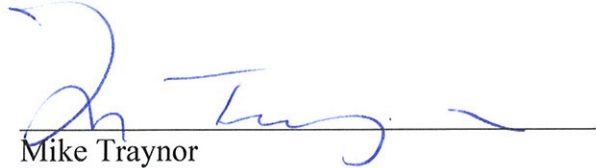
The Chair and Project Manager advised that the Project Manager will be leaving the DWSP program at the end of his current secondment and returning to employment with Saugeen Conservation effective January 1, 2013.

There was no other business.

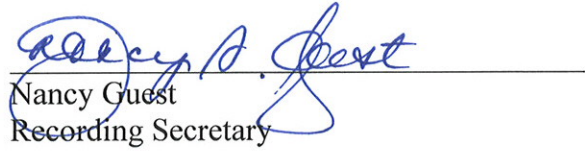
9. Confirmation of Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next Committee meeting will be held on Friday, November 30, 2012 at the Grey Sauble Conservation administration offices, 237897 Inglis Falls Road, RR4, Owen Sound, Ontario.

There being no further business, Mitch Twolan made a motion to adjourn at 12:15 p.m.



Mike Traynor
Chair



Nancy Guest
Recording Secretary