

## SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

### MINUTES – MEETING #58

**MEETING:** SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

**DATE:** FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2014

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

**LOCATION:** GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION, OWEN SOUND

### 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, Ken Furlong, Kathie Hughes, Brent Lanktree, Les MacKinnon, Les Nichols, Dale Thompson, Bill Twaddle

**Others Present:** Teresa McLellan, Ex-officio, Ministry of the Environment (MOE)  
Robert Reid, Ex-officio member, Grey-Bruce Health Unit  
David Ellingwood, Project Manager, Drinking Water Source Protection (DWSP)  
Nancy Guest, Recording Secretary, DWSP

**Regrets:** Carolyn Day, Robert Emerson, Mark Kraemer, Carolyn Parker, Mitch Twolan

**Also in Attendance:** Wayne Brohman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Saugeen Valley Conservation (SVCA)  
John Cottrill, CAO, Grey Sauble Conservation (GSCA)  
Bill Jones, CAO, Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula (NBP)  
Betsy Stewart, Councillor, NBP  
Emily Vandermeulen, Program Supervisor, DWSP  
Alex Milanetti, GIS/Database Specialist, DWSP  
Karen Gillan, Communications Specialist, DWSP  
Francis Chua, Jeroen Thompson, Emily Johnston & Caroline Scott, Bruce Power  
Heather Lovely, MOE Owen Sound Office  
Lisa Thompson, MPP Huron-Bruce  
Kyle Davis, Risk Management Official Wellington County  
Rob Shave, Southampton

The Chair introduced and welcomed the delegation from Bruce Power, Bill Jones, Teresa McLellan, Wayne Brohman and Rob Shave, all in attendance at the beginning of the meeting.

**1. 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.

**2. Adoption of Minutes**

**Motion No.  
SPC-14-211**

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

**THAT the Minutes of the June 21, 2013 Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.**

**Carried**

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion No.  
SPC-14-212**

**Moved by Kathie Hughes  
Seconded by Brent Lanktree**

**THAT the Agenda of the October 4, 2013 meeting be adopted as distributed.**

**Carried**

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

**Motion No.  
SPC-14-213**

**Moved by Bill Twaddle  
Seconded by Dale Thompson**

**THAT the Minutes of the October 4, 2013 Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.**

**Carried**

**5. Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion No.  
SPC-14-214**

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

**THAT the Agenda of the March 28, 2014 be adopted as distributed.**

**Carried**

## 6. Tritium Presentation

A delegation from Bruce Power including Francis Chua (Manager, Environment & Sustainability, Environmental Group), Jeroen Thompson (University Research Manager) and Emily Johnston (Senior Technical Officer of Sustainability & External Environmental Affairs) gave a presentation to the Committee respecting tritium in drinking water and sources of tritium at Bruce Power.

**The Committee recessed from 11:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.**

## 7. Matters Arising from the Minutes

### Review Timelines for Source Protection Plan Report 7a

The Project Manager reviewed Report 7a and advised that, when final comments are received from the MOE respecting the Proposed Source Protection Plan policies, the Source Protection Committee (SPC) and the Working Groups will review and discuss the comments and determine what course to take. Updates to the Assessment Report and Proposed Source Protection Plan will be circulated for public consultation. Comments will be considered with revisions made, if necessary, and then the Proposed Source Protection Plan will be re-submitted to the MOE.

## 8. Correspondence

Letter to the Minister of the Environment Bradley from the Chairs of Ontario's 19 Source Protection Committees, as well as Conservation Ontario, dated March 4, 2014 respecting ongoing support for the Drinking Water Source Protection program was **noted and filed**.

Letter from Minister Bradley to the Source Protection Committee Chairs dated March 13, 2014 respecting continued support was **noted and filed**.

## 9. Reports

### Administration Report 9a

The Project Manager reviewed Report 9a and advised that funding for the Program has been extended through to the end of March 2015. The funding allows for completion of on-going technical work, revisions and updates to the Assessment Report and Proposed Source Protection Plan, together with public consultation and re-submission to MOE, staffing, administration, Committee work, and assisting municipalities with preparations for implementation of the Source Protection Plan.

Municipal implementation funding and provincial grants were discussed and the Committee was advised that this funding must be spent by December 2015. Eligible activities include setting up Risk Management offices, creating a workable risk management system and developing templates that will enable the risk management official to perform their tasks in an efficient manner.

Municipalities are being advised of changes in the enumerated drinking water threats and what the workload may be. A survey was sent to landowners requesting information about fuel usage and it was determined from the responses that there were a minimal number of fuel oil tanks in wellhead protection areas (WHPA).

#### Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program Report 9b

The Project Manager reviewed Report 6b and advised that all of the funding available to this Source Protection Region was distributed to landowners in eligible WHPAs. Some applicants received partial funding for projects due to availability of funds. Requests continue to be made for ongoing funding for protection of WHPAs. The Technical Review Committee was thanked for its hard work in allocating all of the funding and Staff was commended for ensuring that eligible landowners were contacted and assisted with applications.

#### Communications Report 9c

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

A discussion followed respecting contact from landowners or potential landowners with regard to development and the Committee was advised that the Ministry is committed to assisting queries about properties in vulnerable areas.

#### Comments On Other Regions' Source Protection Plans Report 9d

The Project Manager reviewed the MOE comments to other Proposed Source Protection Plans contained in Report 9d and advised that discussions between the MOE and Source Protection Committees have resulted in better understanding and concessions on both sides.

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

### **10. New Business**

#### Proposed Source Protection Plan Initial Comments Report 10a

The Project Manager reviewed Report 10a, including the initial comments received from the MOE respecting the Proposed Source Protection Plan and discussions followed respecting gaps in policies and changes to policies and the Explanatory Document to accommodate the gaps. The Committee was in agreement with the responses to the comments as noted in Report 10a.

#### Policy Discussion: Water Quantity Threats

The Program Supervisor reviewed Report 10b and a PowerPoint presentation and advised that the affected area has not yet been delineated as consultants continue to research the issue. Water is being trucked in to supply the Lake Rosalind wells on occasion, and information for an area almost to Durham has been requested by the consultants. The Working Groups will be used to develop

policies which may include soft tools, risk management measures and education. The MOE would like to adopt a water budget model that can be used for future water quantity threats and will identify research opportunities to develop plans and actions.

#### Walkerton Monitoring Wells Study Results Report 10c

The Program Supervisor reviewed Report 10c and explained the various monitoring network wells in the Walkerton area. He advised that a meeting is being arranged with the MOE and other interested parties to discuss the results trends.

### **11. Other Business**

The Chair announced that SPC health sector member, Lou D'Alessandro has resigned from the Committee after moving to Huntsville. On behalf of the Committee, the Chair expressed appreciation to the dedication and knowledge Mr. D'Alessandro brought to the SPC during his tenure.

SPC municipal representative Les Nichols announced that he had recently been appointed to the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement Bi-National Annex 4 Agricultural Program Task Force to study phosphate levels in Lake Erie.

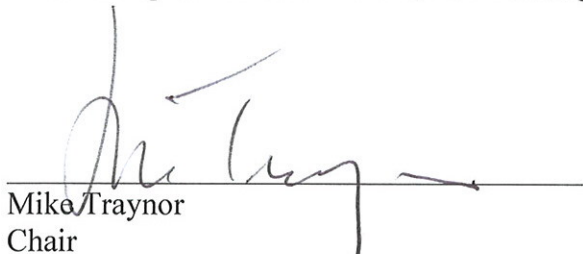
There was a discussion respecting the cost of defending policies and it was determined that this would be the responsibility of the implementing body.

There was no other business.

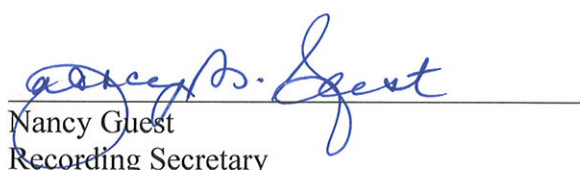
### **12. Confirmation of Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The next Committee meeting was tentatively scheduled for a half day on Friday, April 25, 2014 at the Saugeen Conservation Administration Centre in Formosa, Ontario.

There being no further business, Ken Furlong made a motion to adjourn at 3:45 p.m.



Mike Traynor  
Chair



Nancy Guest  
Recording Secretary