



SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES – MEETING #6

MEETING: Source Protection Committee

DATE: Tuesday, June 24, 2008

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Meaford Hall, Meaford ON

Chair Mike Traynor called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. The Chair welcomed the visitors to the meeting, including the Beaver Valley Ratepayers Association. Emily Vandermeulen, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Database Specialist, and Matt Hurley, Water Quality Technician Assistant, were introduced as new members of the Source Protection staff.

Chair: Mike Traynor

In Attendance: Bill Twaddle, Mitch Twolan, Dale Thompson, Brad McRoberts, Sandy Gott, Carolyn Day, Les Nichols, Lou D'Alessandro, Robert Emerson, Howard Greig, Bruce Davidson, Brent Lanktree, Les MacKinnon, David Biesenthal

Absent: Mark Kraemer

Others Present: Jennifer Arthur, Ex-officio member, Ministry of the Environment
Bob Graham, Ex-officio member, Grey Bruce Health Unit
Don Smith, Project Manager, Source Protection
Nancy Guest, Recording Secretary, Source Protection

Also in Attendance: David Ellingwood, Communications Specialist, Source Protection
Brian Luinstra, Hydrogeologist, Source Protection
Sara Pickard, Water Quality Technician, Source Protection
Matt Hurley, Water Quality Technician Assistant, Source Protection
Emily Vandermeulen, GIS/Database Technician, Source Protection
Steady Cook, Outreach Specialist, Source Protection
Karen Gillan, Education Specialist, Source Protection
Members of the Beaver Valley Ratepayers Association
Members of the public

1. Adoption of Agenda

**Motion No.
SPC-08-29**

**Moved by Carolyn Day
Seconded by Les Nichols**

THAT the Agenda be adopted as amended.

Carried

2. Declaration of Pecuniary or Conflict of Interest

No person declared a conflict of interest relative to any item on the Agenda at this time.

3. Adoption of Minutes

A request was made to change the acronym “E.B.R.” contained in Motion No. SPC-08-27 of the May 20, 2008 Source Protection Committee (SPC) meeting, on page 7 to: “the Ministry of the Environment Environmental Bill of Rights website”.

**Motion No.
SPC-08-30**

**Moved by Bruce Davidson
Seconded by Mitch Twolan**

THAT the Minutes of the May 20, 2008 Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as amended.

Carried

Dr. David Biesenthal arrived.

Delegation

Ernie Glozier of the Beaver Valley Ratepayers Association introduced one of their Directors, Tom Armstrong, who made a presentation to the Source Protection Committee respecting the addition of an area of the Beaver Valley known as Bowles Bluff to the Terms of Reference. A questions and answers session followed and several suggestions were made by Committee members as to the options available. If further information or communication is required with the Association, they may be contacted through Tom Armstrong at thomson.armstrong@sympatico.ca. Source Protection Committee members contact information is available on the Source Protection website at www.waterprotection.ca.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Meeting Schedule

On the suggestion of the Chair at the May 20, 2008 meeting of the SPC, a Proposed 2008-2009 SPC Meeting Schedule was prepared setting out the dates and tentative locations of the SPC

meetings each month until June 2009. Except for the July 25, 2008 meeting at the Bruce County Council Chambers, the locations of all other meetings have yet to be confirmed.

**Motion No.
SPC-08-31**

**Moved by Les Nichols
Seconded by Bill Twaddle**

THAT the Source Protection Committee approves the attached schedule as distributed.

Carried

Terms of Reference

The Project Manager reviewed Report 4b respecting the Terms of Reference and advised that there was a low turnout at the 3 public meetings held June 17th, 18th and 19th, 2008 but comments have been received. The public commenting period ends June 27, 2008 and it is unlikely that an extra SPC meeting will be necessary in July, 2008. The Project Manager confirmed that everything is on track and the original schedule is being met.

The Project Manager advised that the term “compensation” in the Terms of Reference may not be received favourably by the Ministry of the Environment (MOE). It was suggested that the SPC may wish to consider alternate wording such as “financial instruments”. After a lengthy discussion, it appeared to be the consensus that the term “compensation” or “fair compensation” is the preferred wording.

Stewardship Fund (Early Actions) Technical Review Committee

The motion introduced at the May 20, 2008 SPC meeting respecting SPC representation on the Early Actions Funding Program Technical Review Committee was re-introduced with quorum.

**Motion No.
SPC-08-32**

**Moved by Mitch Twolan
Seconded by Robert Emerson**

THAT the Source Protection Committee recommends Brent Lanktree, of the Source Protection Committee, to represent the Committee on the Early Actions Funding Program Technical Review Committee and that this recommended Committee member be proposed to the Management Committee for endorsement.

Carried

5. Correspondence

Copy of letter dated June 6, 2008 received from The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss respecting the Draft Proposed Terms of Reference was **noted and filed**.

Copy of letter dated June 9, 2008 received from The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton respecting the Marl Lake well was **noted and filed**.

Copy of letter dated June 11, 2008 received from The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton respecting the Marl Lake wells was **noted and filed**.

Copy of letter dated June 11, 2008 received from The County of Bruce respecting pesticide spraying in the Municipality of Brockton was **noted and filed**.

Copy of email dated June 11, 2008 received from Town of The Blue Mountains respecting a resolution passed by The Nation Municipality was **noted and filed**.

**Motion No.
SPC-08-33**

**Moved by Howard Greig
Seconded by David Biesenthal**

THAT the Source Protection Committee supports Motion #396-2008 of The Nation Municipality dated June 9, 2008 respecting compensation.

Carried

Copy of email dated March 17, 2008 received from Heather Ryan respecting a Report prepared by The Raisin-South Nation Source Protection Region respecting compensation was **noted and filed**.

Copy of letter dated June 19, 2008 received from The County of Bruce Planning & Economic Development Department respecting the Draft Terms of Reference was **noted and filed**.

Copy of email dated June 19, 2008 received from The Municipality of South Bruce respecting the Draft Proposed Terms of Reference was **noted and filed**.

Copy of email dated June 19, 2008 received from The Municipality of Brockton Environmental Advisory Committee respecting the Draft Proposed Terms of Reference was **noted and filed**.

Copy of letter dated June 19, 2008 received from Town of The Blue Mountains respecting the Draft Terms of Reference and cluster wells was **noted and filed**. A request was made for a more detailed report on this matter from staff at the next meeting.

Copy of letter dated June 19, 2008 received from Township of Georgian Bluffs respecting the Draft Terms of Reference was **noted and filed**. A request was made for the definition of “except for private communal wells” in item 4 of this letter.

6. Reports

Program Report

The Project Manager reviewed the Source Protection Program Report #6a which covers various projects being undertaken on an on-going basis. SPC member, Dale Thompson invited everyone to the Groundwater Protection and the Private Well Open House on Saturday, July 5, 2008 at the Rotary Hall in Lion’s Head ON organized by the Bruce Peninsula Environment Group in

association with the Early Actions program. It was noted that volunteers are welcome for the Children's Water Festival being held in Chesley ON from September 30 to October 3, 2008 and anyone interested in volunteering should contact David Ellingwood.

7. New Business

Director's Rules and Consultation Sessions

The Project Manager advised that the Director's Rules have just recently been released and are available for viewing on the MOE Environmental Bill of Rights website (EBR) for a 45-day review period ending August 4, 2008. The SPC will be provided with the link to the EBR and were asked to review the Rules and forward any comments to the Project Manager prior to the next SPC meeting on July 25, 2008. The Rules and comments will be discussed at the next SPC meeting and forwarded to the MOE prior to the August 4, 2008 deadline. The Project Manager advised that the Summary Document is a good synopsis of the Director's Rules. There was a request that a copy of the Summary Document be provided to the SPC members.

8. Other Business

Minister of the Environment Meeting Report

SPC member, Bruce Davidson advised that he attended a meeting with the Minister of the Environment Gerretsen on June 19, 2008 and reported the substance of this meeting to the SPC. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

7. New Business

Klaus Schmitke and Neil McLean of Conestoga-Rovers & Associates gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Groundwater Technical Studies being done for Drinking Water Source Protection.

Sandy Gott invited the SPC to tour her business, Ice River Springs, at Feversham ON following the SPC meeting in Markdale ON in April 2009 and noted that the SPC could also view the local wellhead at the same time.

The Project Manager advised that formation of the second proposed working group would be included in the agenda of the next SPC meeting.

9. Confirmation of Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 25, 2008 at the Bruce County Council Chambers at 30 Park Street, Walkerton ON.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Mike Traynor
Chair

Nancy Guest
Recording Secretary

PROPOSED 2008-2009 SPC MEETING SCHEDULE

MEETING DATE	MEETING LOCATION
Tuesday, June 24, 2008	Meaford Hall Meaford ON
Friday, July 25, 2008	Bruce County Council Chambers Walkerton ON
August, 2008	No Meeting
Friday, September 26, 2008	Mount Forest Legion Mount Forest ON
Friday, October 10, 2008	Tour of water-related facilities Locations to be determined
Friday, October 24, 2008	Wiaraton Propeller Club Wiaraton ON
Friday, November 28, 2008	Grey-Bruce Health Unit Offices Owen Sound ON
Friday, December 19, 2008	Christmas Meeting Owen Sound
Friday, January 23, 2009	Bruce County Council Chambers Walkerton ON
Friday, February 27, 2009	Grey County Council Chambers Owen Sound ON
Friday, March 27, 2009	The Plex Saugeen Shores ON
Friday, April 24, 2009	Markdale Community Centre Markdale, ON
Friday, May 22, 2009	Teeswater Community Centre Teeswater ON
Friday, June 26, 2009	Tara Community Centre Tara ON

*Subject to change

MOE Consultation Regarding Implementation of the Clean Water Act – Bruce Davidson

Attendees –

Informal meeting including the Minister of the Environment, the Deputy Minister and Staff representation from the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), Conservation Ontario, Great Lakes organizations, Drinking Water Regulators, Water Guardians, Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA), Source Protection Chairs, Project Managers and Members

Purpose –

To conduct frank informal discussions on challenges to the implementation of the *Clean Water Act* and provide recommendations to improve implementation of source water protection measures.

Issues Raised for Consideration –

- Sustainable and predictable funding for source protection implementation and appropriate remedial measures
- Source protection committee members must feel confident in both their abilities to protect drinking water in a comprehensive manner while adequately representing the concerns of their respective sectors
- Concurrent roll-out of information and funding for measure designed to protect those not covered by the *Clean Water Act* eg. private wells and potential clusters
- Clarification of methodology to be utilized in the assessment and designation of potential clusters
- Ongoing education and outreach to stakeholders regarding the consequences of contaminated water as well as government programs available to address a variety of remedial measures
- The need to address First Nations participation in the source protection planning and implementation process

Minister's suggestions –

- Percentage of funding for Early Actions could be increased in order to ensure higher uptake of the program
- Municipalities should not bear undue cost for the implementation of source protection measures
- Possibility of enhancing outreach and education measures to stakeholders
- Formal approach to First Nations to assist with participation and partnerships in the creation of source water protection plans and implementation
- Inclusion of climate change considerations to be incorporated into source protection plans
- Great Lakes issues regarding the interface of Great Lakes protection and watershed-based protection measures

- Database to be created in user-friendly form outlining all programs from various Provincial and Federal ministries and agencies which would be applicable to provide funding for source protection measures

Recommendations –

- In order to ensure the successful implementation of source water protection plans, MOE must be apprised of the true cost of implementation
- Increase funding percentage of Early Action programs
- Clarification of rules regarding assessment, designation and funding of clusters
- Continuation and enhancement of outreach measures to the general public and targeted stakeholder groups
- Enhance communication with agricultural representatives to comprehensively consult regarding potential impacts on agriculture including an explanation of how costs for remediation measures will be funded
- Clarification and explanation of measures being undertaken to successfully embrace First Nations as participants in the source protection Process

Report of Bruce Davidson given at Source Protection Committee meeting June 24, 2008