



SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES – MEETING #80

MEETING: SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE
DATE: FRIDAY, JULY 26, 2019
TIME: 1:00 P.M.
LOCATION: SAUGEEN VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
CALL TO ORDER

Chair called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

In Attendance: Chair, Bill Twaddle
Bruce Davidson, Stan Eby, Robert Emerson, John Fruin, Dick Hibma,
Angela Newman, Tara Saab, Gord Timmerman, Jim Uram

Others Present: Olga Yudina, Ex-officio, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and
Parks (MECP)
Angela Newman, Ex-officio member, Grey-Bruce Health Unit
Carl Seider, Project Manager, Drinking Water Source Protection (DWSP)
Nancy Guest, Recording Secretary, DWSP

Also in Attendance: Wayne Brohman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Saugeen Conservation
Karen Gillan, Communications Specialist, DWSP
Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Government & Consumer Services
Becky Smith, Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO)
Dr. Erik Kremer, NWMO
Paul Wettlaufer, Grey County Federation of Agriculture

Regrets: Dennis Kefalas, Les Nichols, Mitch Twolan

Proxy Appointed By: Les Nichols

The Chair introduced and welcomed the Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Government and Consumer Services, and her assistant, Steven Travele, as well as Becky Smith and Dr. Erik Kremer, of NWMO, Paul Wettlaufer, of the Grey County Federation of Agriculture, and Emily Vandermeulen of the Wellington County Source Protection office.

The Hon. Lisa Thompson spoke briefly about the impact of the Walkerton water tragedy and the importance of the Source Water program in Ontario and continued support for the program. Ms. Thompson advised that there has been a lot of learning that has come from the Source Water sector in Ontario, and the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks will be visiting this area in the near future to view the expertise first-hand.

1. Adoption of Agenda

**Motion No.
SPC-19-289**

**Moved by Bruce Davidson
Seconded by Robert Emerson**

THAT the Agenda be adopted as distributed.

Carried

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary or Conflict of Interest

Source Protection Committee (SPC) 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-19-290**

**Moved by Dick Hibma
Seconded by Jim Uram**

THAT the Minutes of the March 29, 2019 Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

No matters arose from the previous minutes.

5. Correspondence

Letter to Municipal Clerks & Councils dated May 24, 2019 respecting Bill 108 was **noted and filed**.

6. Delegation

Becky Smith of the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) introduced Dr. Erik Kremer who spoke to the group about the research being done respecting the plan for used nuclear fuel and advised that the mission of NWMO is “to develop and implement collaboratively with Canadians, a management approach for the long-term care of Canada’s used nuclear fuel that is socially acceptable, technically sound, environmentally responsible, and economically feasible.”

We were advised of the current sites being used to store used nuclear fuel and the possible sites for long-term storage. More information is available at www.nwmo.ca.

7. Reports

Administration Report 7a

The Project Manager reviewed Report 7a and spoke about the meeting with the Township of Huron-Kinloss and the Municipality of South Bruce and their involvement with the NWMO site selection process.

The Project Manager also advised that Bruce Power has provided a copy of the Annual Environmental Protection Report, which identifies the 2018 annual average for tritium in Kincardine at 5 Bq/L and in Southampton at 9.9 Bq/L. The Provincial limit for tritium in drinking water is an annual average of 7,000 Bq/L, and Bruce Power has made a commitment to maintain tritium concentrations to a much lower limit of less than 100 Bq/L at all municipal water supply plants.

The Chair of the Committee, the Project Manager and staff have been meeting with various municipal staff members to provide updates and offer support respecting implementation of the Source Protection Plan policies.

Communications Report 7b

The Communications Specialist reviewed Report 7b and advised that the first Annual Report respecting the implementation of the Source Protection Plan policies was submitted to the Province on May 1, 2019 and can be found at home.waterprotection.ca under the Publications tab.

The Children's Water Festival held at the Chesley Community Centre for Grade 4 and 5 students in Grey and Bruce Counties was a success. There was an excellent group of high school student volunteers to staff the various activities and assist the attendees. Volunteers of any age are always welcome, particularly with expertise in the agricultural community.

A "Taking Care of Your Drinking Water: A Guide for Members of Municipal Councils" is available at a link on the Source Water website at home.waterprotection.ca under the "About Our Region" tab. This is a guide for municipal councillors to assist them in understanding their responsibilities under the *Safe Drinking Water Act*, 2002 and provide them with information on how Ontario's drinking water is safeguarded.

The Proposed Consultation Activity Schedule was reviewed respecting Section 36 updates, starting with consultations with municipalities to review the Source Protection Plan policies, followed by discussions with the MECP to review areas that may need to be addressed. The Source Protection Committee will review the possible updates prior to consultation meetings with impacted municipalities and key stakeholders. The draft workplan would then be reviewed for approval by the Source Protection Committee and Source Protection Authorities and submitted for public consultation prior to submission to the Minister for review and approval by November 30, 2019.

8. New Business

Proposed *Conservation Authorities Act* Amendments Report 8a

The Project Manager reviewed Report 8a and advised that Bill 108 was enacted by the Provincial government on June 6, 2019 with changes made to the *Conservation Authorities Act* which have direct implications to the source water program. A positive aspect is that source protection program services have been embedded into the core program of conservation authorities; however, the question still remains as to financial responsibility and municipalities may be required to cover mandatory program requirements. A small percentage of an increase in the municipal levy is being considered, if necessary.

Section 36 Draft Workplan Review Report 8b

The Project Manager reviewed the Section 36 draft Workplan updates (amendments to the Source Protection Plan) set out in Report 8b and discussions followed respecting which issues should be included in the Workplan. A consensus was reached regarding the proposed Source Protection Plan review and update table. A draft Workplan will be presented to the Source Protection Committee at its next meeting prior to submission to the MECP November 30, 2019.

**Motion No.
SPC-19-291**

**Moved by John Fruin
Seconded by Gord Timmerman**

THAT the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee endorses the draft list of proposed Source Protection Plan amendments to be included in the draft Section 36 Workplan for the purposes of broader consultation with key stakeholders, including the addition of the East Linton intake related to fuel storage.

Carried

Other Business

There was no other business.

9. Confirmation of Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next Committee meeting will be held on **Friday, October 25, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.** at the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority at 237897 Inglis Falls Road, RR4, Owen Sound, Ontario.

There being no further business, Angela Newman made a motion to adjourn at 3:40 p.m.



Bill Twaddle
Chair



Nancy Guest
Recording Secretary