

## SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

### MINUTES – MEETING #84

**MEETING: SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

**DATE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2020**

**TIME: 1:15 P.M.**

**LOCATION: VIDEO CONFERENCE VIA WEBEX**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair called the meeting to order at 1:23 p.m.

**In Attendance:** Chair, Bill Twaddle  
Bruce Davidson, Stan Eby, Dick Hibma, Angela Newman, Les Nichols,  
Tara Saab, Gord Timmerman, Jim Uram

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

**Also in Attendance:** Jennifer Stephens, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Saugeen Conservation  
Karen Gillan, Communications Specialist, DWSP  
Dan Orr, Appointed SPC member effective January 1, 2021  
Donna Clarkson, RMI, Ausable-Bayfield Source Water  
Emily Vandermeulen, RMI, Wellington County Source Water

**Regrets:** Dennis Kefalas, Robert Emerson, John Fruin, Mitch Twolan

The Chair introduced and welcomed Dan Orr, Olga Yudina, Donna Clarkson and Emily Vandermeulen.

#### **1. Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion No.  
SPC-20-306**

**Moved by Stan Eby  
Seconded by Dick Hibma**

**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-20-307

Moved by Bruce Davidson  
Seconded by Jim Uram

**THAT the Minutes of the July 24, 2020 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 from Wilson Associates Consulting Hydrogeologists dated October 17, 2020 respecting the Blair's Grove municipal water supply was **noted and filed**.

## 6. Reports

### Administration Report 6a

The Project Manager reviewed Administration Report 6a and advised that several Source Protection Committee members' terms have changed according to regulations. Bruce Davidson, who has served as the Public and Environmental sector since the beginning of the Committee, is retiring on December 31, 2020 and Dan Orr will replace him on the Committee effective January 1, 2021. Long-time agricultural sector representative, Robert Emerson, will remain on the Committee for one more term.

The Director's Technical Rule Changes Update was reviewed and the Project Manager advised that proposed changes are being considered in consultation with key stakeholders.

Source Protection Plan amendments are moving forward with an intended completion date of March 2021. Consultation with relevant stakeholders is required and plans are underway to complete consultation accordingly, with possible delays considering the pandemic.

The Blair's Grove Well 2 in Huron-Kinloss has collapsed and a replacement well in the same aquifer with the same groundwater impacts is being considered as an alternate. Amendments to the Source Protection Plan under s.36 of the *Clean Water Act*, 2006 will include a delineation of the new well.

There has been no formal request from the Ministry for the 2021/2022 Workplan/Budget as of this meeting, but it is anticipated shortly. It is expected that a similar amount of time will be required from Staff respecting implementation.

### Communications Report 6b

The Communications Specialist reviewed the Consultation Summary table in the Communications Report 6b and advised that information may be posted on the website where interested parties can submit comments and receive replies. This information will be presented to the Source Protection Committee for discussion. Postings on Facebook and Twitter are also being considered as a means of communication during the pandemic.

## **7. Presentation**

Olga Yudina, Ex-officio, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, gave a presentation respecting the 2019 Annual Progress Reporting Summary including changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act*, and new guidance respecting private systems. More complete information dedicated to conservation authorities can be found at [ca.office@ontario.ca](mailto:ca.office@ontario.ca). Many changes affecting conservation authorities are proposed in the Ontario omnibus Bill 108 *More Homes, More Choice Act 2019*, which has not yet been proclaimed.

Up to this date, the focus has been on the safety of municipal water systems, and private systems have been provided information. New Guidance documents respecting the protection of private water systems have been reviewed by various Source Water project managers and source protection authorities, as well as the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and a number of municipalities. This feedback will be considered by the Spring of 2021 and the Source Protection Committee will be kept informed.

The 2019 Annual Progress Report will be submitted by February 1, 2021 and reviewed by the Ministry by May 1, 2021.

## **8. New Business**

### Liquid Hydrocarbon Pipeline Threat Report 8a

The Project Manager reviewed Liquid Hydrocarbon Pipeline Threat Report 8a and advised that a risk assessment was conducted for potential threats, but only as it relates to the transmission of liquid hydrocarbons. There is a provision for exemption respecting this threat if is unlikely in the future and based on the information disclosed by the assessments and the probability of a future threat being unlikely, an exemption will be requested and the information included in the Explanatory Document.

**Motion No.  
SPC-20-308**

**Moved by: Tara Saab  
Seconded by: Jim Uram**

**THAT: Liquid Hydrocarbon Pipeline Threat Report 8a be accepted for information and discussion purposes; and further,**

**THAT the appropriate changes will be made to the assessment reports, with a reasonable rationale provided in the explanatory document as to why significant threat policies associated with hydrocarbon pipelines will not be included.**

**Carried**

East Linton Events-Based Area Source Protection Plan Amendments Report 8b

The Project Manager reviewed East Linton Events-Based Area Source Protection Plan Amendments Report 8b and compared the changes in the previous Ontario Drinking Water Standards to the change from 0.005 mg/L to 0.001 mg/L and found very little difference relating to modeling of the East Linton events-based area (EBA). Twenty-five spill locations were modeled and results were similar to the original work as compared to the Owen Sound EBA. The proposed technical work has been submitted to the Ministry for review along with the draft East Linton EBA delineation.

**Motion No.  
SPC-20-309**

**Moved by: Bruce Davidson  
Seconded by: Angela Newman**

**THAT: the Source Protection Committee for the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region approves the draft policies relating to the proposed amendments to the Source Protection Plan noted in this Report 8b pending the implementation of any changes agreed to by the Source Protection Committee during its meeting on November 27, 2020; and further,**

**THAT Staff be directed to continue with consultation activities as required by O.Reg. 287/07.**

**Carried**

Ruhl Lake Intake E.Coli Threats Report 8c

The Project Manager reviewed Ruhl Lake Intake E.Coli Threats\_Report 8c and advised that potential transport pathways or drainage flows were investigated as potential sources of e.coli in the lake. Berms protect the lake from agricultural run-off; the lake is restricted to the public; and there appears to be no other visible connection that would adversely impact the lake. Increasing numbers of waterfowl, including Canada geese, have been noted, and other source water regions that have identified waterfowl as a possible contaminant were considered; however, their policies did not seem applicable in these circumstances. No specialised DNA testing is available in Canada for this matter and it is unlikely that agricultural policies in the Source Protection Plan would result

in any changes in e.coli levels. Ongoing monitoring of this matter will be conducted and the Committee kept apprised.

**Motion No.:**  
**SPC-20-310**

**Moved by: Les Nichols**  
**Seconded by: Angela Newman**

**THAT: The Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee receives Report 8c for information and that Staff continue to monitor the effectiveness of policies associated with Ruhl Lake for consideration of future amendments.**

**Carried**

#### Salt Application & Storage Threats Report 8d

The Project Manager reviewed Salt Application & Storage Threats Report 8d and advised that policies are based on a draft of the Director's Technical Rule amendments that are subject to change pending Ministry approval. It is the Committee's wish to limit the impact on small residential properties and concentrate on salt management plans for municipal and provincial roads. It would not be necessary to institute a prohibition policy since a risk management plan would allow for contact and agreement with the respective landowners. The suggested policy wording was reviewed and it was agreed that there would be an exemption for eight parking spaces on residential properties and properties that contain four residential units or fewer.

**Motion No.:**  
**SPC-20-311**

**Moved by: Jim Uram**  
**Seconded by: Stan Eby**

**THAT: the Source Protection Committee for the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region approve the draft policies relating to the proposed amendments noted in Report 8d of the November 27, 2020 meeting pending the implementation of any changes agreed to by the Source Protection Committee; and further,**

**THAT Drinking Water Source Protection Staff be directed to continue with Source Protection Plan consultation activities as required by O.Reg. 287/07.**

**Carried**

#### **9. Other Business**

The Chair thanked SPC member, Bruce Davidson for his significant contribution to the Source Protection Committee since 2007 and his overall dedication and passion for the cause of clean, safe water and the education of upcoming generations. His commitment has made the work of the Committee real and meaningful.

There was no other business.

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

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The next Committee meeting will be held on Friday, March 26, 2021 with the venue to be determined.

There being no further business, Dick Hibma made a motion to adjourn at 3:24 pm.



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Bill Twaddle  
Chair



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Nancy Guest  
Recording Secretary