

## **SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES – MEETING #86**

**MEETING: SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

**DATE: JULY 23, 2021**

**TIME: 1:00 P.M.**

**LOCATION: VIRTUAL MEETING VIA WEBEX**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

**In Attendance:** Chair, Bill Twaddle  
Stan Eby, John Fruin, Dennis Kefalas, 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:** Tim Lanthier, CAO, Grey Sauble Conservation  
Jennifer Stephens, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Saugeen Conservation  
Peggy Van Mierlo-West, CAO, Northern Bruce Peninsula  
Karen Gillan, Communications Specialist, DWSP  
Kyle Davis, Risk Management Official, Wellington Source Water Protection  
Danielle Walker, Wellington Source Water Protection

**Regrets:** Robert Emerson, Dick Hibma, Dan Orr, Mitch Twolan

The Chair introduced and welcomed Grey Sauble Conservation CAO, Tim Lanthier, Saugeen Conservation General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Jennifer Stephens, Northern Bruce Peninsula CAO, Peggy Van Mierlo-West, Kyle Davis, Risk Management Official and Danielle Walker, both of Wellington Source Water Protection.

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

**Motion No.  
SPC-21-316**

**Moved by Les Nichols  
Seconded by Tara Saab**

**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-21-317

Moved by John Fruin  
Seconded by Dennis Kefalas

**THAT the Minutes of the March 26, 2021 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 the Township of Frontenac to the Honourable Doug Ford and the Honourable Jeff Yurek dated June 7, 2021 respecting a resolution passed with respect to private wells was **noted and filed**.

Letter from the Municipality of Port Colborne to The Honourable Doug Ford dated May 21, 2021 respecting a resolution passed with respect to private wells was **noted and filed**.

Letter from the Municipality of Fort Erie to The Honourable Doug Ford dated April 27, 2021 respecting a resolution passed with respect to private wells was **noted and filed**.

Letter from the Municipality of Niagara-on-the-Lake to the Town of Fort Erie dated May 21, 2021 supporting the aforementioned resolution passed by Fort Erie was **noted and filed**.

## 6. Reports

### Administration Report 6a

The Project Manager reviewed Administration Report 6a and advised that, as part of the Source Protection Plan Pre-Consultation process, a Notice was issued to all municipalities, provincial agencies and key stakeholder groups on June 14, 2021 with a deadline for receiving comments of July 30, 2021. Meetings with municipal Public Works, Operations and Planning staff were scheduled and completed, which included discussions respecting salt management threats and fuel storage and handling threats in Georgian Bluffs.

## Communications Report 6b

The Communications Specialist reviewed Communications Report 6b and advised that to date, the response to the Source Protection Plan (SPP) amendment to the salt policy changes has been positive with an understanding that the requirements for salt management plans is becoming a generally accepted best management practice. Virtual meetings held with municipal staff seem to have been well-received and an effective way to seek comments/input during this stage of consultation.

With the extension of provincial restrictions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, it was determined that pre-consultation efforts needed to be delayed to allow time to reach key stakeholder groups. As a result, the adjusted communications schedule going forward is as follows:

1. review comments from MECP staff and update documents (March/April 2021);
2. pre-consultation with stakeholders/landowner letters (June-July 2021);
3. public consultation for the required 35 days as per legislation (August-September 2021);
4. Source Protection Committee (SPC) review and consideration of comments from all consultation activities (October-November 2021); and,
5. final edits to documents and submission (late fall 2021/early 2022).

Conservation Ontario continues to support public awareness by supplying social media material for weekly use addressing spring runoff, spring cleaning, real estate, pet waste, and summer activities implemented through Facebook and Twitter.

The Grey Bruce Children's Water Festival will be held virtually this year from June to September at [www.waterfestival.ca](http://www.waterfestival.ca) with learning kits being supplied to all eligible students. More information about the Festival can be found at the above website.

## **7. New Business**

### Provincial Program Update Report 7a

The Project Manager reviewed Provincial Program Update Report 7a and advised that in June 2019, the *More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019* amended the *Conservation Authorities Act* to identify the categories of mandatory programs and services which conservation authorities are required to provide, where applicable, in their specific jurisdictions. These programs and services were amended to include conservation authority duties, functions and responsibilities as a source protection authority under the *Clean Water Act, 2006* and are set out in this Report.

**Motion No.  
SPC-21-318**

**Moved by Dennis Kefalas  
Seconded by Tara Saab**

**THAT: the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee receives Report 7a for information.**

**Carried**

Source Protection Plan Pre-Consultation Updates Report 7b

The Project Manager reviewed Source Protection Plan Pre-Consultation Updates Report 7b and advised that the environmental impact and cost of salt management threats are being reviewed, as well as public safety standards. Progress can be made with best management practices and positive feedback from municipalities has been received on the proposed policy changes. Bruce County is discussing salt threats with its municipalities and in general, municipalities seem to be receptive. Private salt distribution contractors are being contacted to discuss the matter of salt threats. Salt management threats in this Region only apply to highly vulnerable areas around wellhead protection areas or intake protection zones.

Requests have been received to extend the pre-consultation deadline to August 30, 2021 to allow for comments and feedback. Given that consultation timelines to proceed to the next step of Public Consultation is tentatively scheduled for September 2021, this request is reasonable and appropriate to get good feedback and support before proceeding.

There are only a few properties affected near the East Linton events-based area and Staff will have individual discussions with affected parties. Letters will be mailed in the near future in this regard.

There are a number of beaver dams that periodically block the flow of water in the downstream channel from Ruhl Lake, which supplies Hanover with approximately 50% of its drinking water. The dams were affecting the berms around the Lake that protect it from run-off from surrounding farm properties and the Risk Management Official attended the site to ensure that risk management measures were still in place and being adhered to.

**Motion No.  
SPC-21-319**

**Moved by Dennis Kefalas  
Seconded by John Fruin**

**THAT: the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee receives this Report for information and supports extending the Pre-Consultation comment period to August 30, 2021; and**

**FURTHER: THAT the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee supports moving to the Public Consultation phase, pending a review/response of all comments received during the Pre-Consultation phase.**

**Carried**


**8. Other Business**

There was no other business.

**9. Confirmation of Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The next Committee meeting will be held on Friday, November 26, 2021 at 1:15 p.m. Venue to be determined.

There being no further business, Tara Saab made a motion to adjourn at 2:35 p.m.

  
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Bill Twaddle  
Chair

  
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Nancy Guest  
Recording Secretary