

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES – MEETING #87

MEETING: SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

DATE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2021

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

LOCATION: VIA WEB/EX VIRTUAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Chair pro tem, Dick Hibma, called the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m.

In Attendance: Chair, Bill Twaddle (at 1:40 p.m.)
Stan Eby, John Fruin, Dick Hibma, Dennis Kefalas, Angela Newman, Les Nichols, Dan Orr, Tara Saab, Gord Timmerman, Mitch Twolan

Others Present: Mary Gooding, 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: Emily Vandermeulen, Wellington County Risk Management
Karen Gillan, Communications Specialist, DWSP

Regrets: Robert Emerson, Jim Uram

1. Adoption of Agenda

It was noted that the minutes of the previous meeting cited in the Agenda should be changed from March 26, 2021 to July 23, 2021 and the Agenda was so amended.

**Motion No.
SPC-21-320**

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

THAT the Agenda be adopted as amended.

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-21-321**

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

THAT the Minutes of the July 23, 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 Erin Harkins dated August 4, 2021 respecting the Technical Review was **noted and filed.**

Copy of Report from Kyle Davis, Risk Management Official, to Wellington North Council respecting updates to the Saugeen Valley Source Protection Plan and Assessment Report was **noted and filed.**

Copy of Report from Kyle Davis, Risk Management Official, to Town of Minto Council respecting updates to the Saugeen Valley Source Protection Plan and Assessment Report was **noted and filed.**

Congratulations were conveyed to SPC member, Stan Eby, respecting his induction into the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame. What an honour for our esteemed member.

6. Reports

Administration Report 6a

The Project Manager reviewed Report 6a and advised that, respecting public consultation related to the Source Protection Plan (SPP) amendments, letters were sent to affected landowners and consultation moved forward to public consultation. Several articles were printed in local newspapers respecting source water, which raised public awareness. A webinar was presented on November 21, 2021 to municipal staff, neighbouring Risk Management Offices and MECP staff with a few dozen participants.

The budget is on trend for the fiscal year and new funding request templates received from the Ministry for the next two years, rather than one year, as in the past.

The proposed well in Chesley is currently going through an environmental assessment and the resulting technical work should provide some good information for Source Water. A threats assessment will be required and the results will be included in a Source Protection Plan in 2022, as will Scott's Point in the Municipality of Kincardine.

Source Water staff met with the Lake Rosalind Residents' Association respecting the condition of the lake. The Association is undertaking its own research by engaging a master's student and including water sampling to address issues and concerns. Saugeen Conservation provided helpful technical information regarding possible options to reduce potential impacts to Lake Rosalind and Marl Lake.

Communications Report 6b

The Communications Specialist reviewed Report 6b and advised Conservation Ontario launched a summer/fall social media campaign supporting public awareness of the program. The Grey Bruce Children's Water Festival was virtual in 2021 due to the covid pandemic and materials were distributed to the various participating schools. The Festival Committee is seeking committee members, including a volunteer treasurer. Data was processed respecting consultation and there were 235 hits on the Source Water website.

7. New Business

Source Protection Plan Pre-Consultation Report 7a

The Project Manager reviewed the Source Protection Plan Pre-Consultation Report 7a and advised that written comments received from the MECP and the County of Wellington supported the proposed amendments. On December 3, 2021, the MECP approved the technical rules that, up until that date, were unconfirmed relating to the amendments. The amended Source Protection Plan will be amended to reflect the approved technical rules. From the comments received from Wellington County, it will be a matter of finding the right balance under the Risk Management Plan. General policies were broadened to include all land uses in order to capture more scenarios, rather than less. Salt management should be a matter of standard practise amongst salt management contractors and no training will be required. Conservation authorities will be added to include responsibility for education and outreach provided it is a core or mandated responsibility of the Ministry.

**Motion No.
SPC-21-322**

**Moved by Angela Newman
Seconded by Dennis Kefalas**

THAT: the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee receives this Report for information and supports noted changes to the Source Protection Plan to address comments received;

AND FURTHER: THAT the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee directs staff to submit proposed changes to the respective Source Protection Authorities for consideration prior to submission to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, pending approval of the amended Director's Technical Rules.

Carried

Lake Rosalind Surface Water Quality Report 7b

The Project Manager advised that Lake Rosalind, to the north-east of the Hanover Airport, and within the Municipality of Brockton, is an old quarry fed by natural springs and vulnerable to nutrient loading. Several wells supply landowners in close proximity, as well as water drawn directly from the Lake by other landowners. A wellhead protection area (WHPA) exists around the wells, and there has been coliform bacteria from surrounding fields and existing septic systems found in the lake water.

The Lake Rosalind Water Quality Committee is a subcommittee of the Lake Rosalind Residents' Association and has been monitoring water samples taken from the lake. The Committee has been encouraging best management practices and septic inspections, and the community is interested in how Drinking Water Source Protection could impact the drinking water sources. Under the *Clean Water Act*, this cluster could be added to the Terms of Reference and there are a number of steps required to have a private, not municipally-owned, drinking water source declared a system under the Program. This process could take several years and might not proceed with the support of the municipality and/or the Ministry. Alternatives to this process could be education and outreach, septic inspections, and working with the landowners and farmers. Reviewing vulnerability scores could result in the elevation to significant threats which would then be subject to applicable Source Protection Plan policies. There are implications if the Source Protection is amended with respect to the Lakes Rosalind and Marl. Discussions will continue with the municipality, landowners, Saugeen Conservation, and the Ministry respecting the options of dealing with septic threats and the Source Protection Committee will be apprised.

**Motion No.
SPC-21-323**

**Moved by Dick Hibma
Seconded by John Fruin**

THAT: the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee receives this Report for information and directs Staff to provide a Report to the Saugeen Valley Source Protection Authority;

AND FURTHER: THAT Staff is directed to continue discussions with the Municipality of Brockton, the Lake Rosalind Residents Association and the residents surrounding Lake Rosalind/Marl Lake regarding the possibility of future Source Protection Plan amendments.

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, March 25, 2022** at 1:00 p.m. at a venue to be determined.

There being no further business, Gord Timmerman made a motion to adjourn at 2:45 p.m.



Bill Twaddle
Chair



Nancy Guest
Recording Secretary