

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES – MEETING #92

MEETING: SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

DATE: FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2023

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

LOCATION: GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION & VIRTUAL VIA WEB/EX

CALL TO ORDER

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

In Attendance: Chair, Carl Kuhnke
 John Fruin, Harley Greenfield, Amy Harrison, Dick Hibma, Les Nichols,
 Dan Orr, John Rodgers, Gord Timmerman

Virtual Attendance: Andrew Barton, Hugh Simpson,

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

Also in Attendance: Karen Gillan, Program Supervisor & Communications Specialist, DWSP
 Tim Lanthier, CAO, Grey Sauble Conservation
 Erik Downing, Acting General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Saugeen
 Conservation
 Ian Eriksen, Manager of Engineering Services, GSCA

Regrets: Mitch Twolan
 Troy Pelletier

The Chair introduced and welcomed new members to the Source Protection Committee, Amy Harrison as the new Environmental Representative, and Hugh Simpson and John Rodgers as the new Agricultural Representatives. The other Source Protection Committee (SPC) members and DWSP Staff introduced themselves, as well as Tim Lanthier, Erik Downing and Ian Eriksen.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion No.
SPC-23-250

Moved by Dick Hibma
Seconded by Hugh Simpson

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. Member Harley Greenfield disclosed a potential conflict related to correspondence received. No disclosures of pecuniary interest were expressed at this time.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Motion No.
SPC-23-251

Moved by Les Nichols
Seconded by Amy Harrison

THAT the Minutes of the March 31, 2023 Source Protection Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.

Carried

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

The Project Manager advised that Staff is working on amendments to the Source Protection Plan (SPP) for the s.34 submission package.

5. Correspondence

Email dated May 28, 2023 from Amanda Greenfield respecting the Trans Canada Energy pumping station (Meaford) was **noted and filed**. The Project Manager advised that the pumping station is outside the purview of Drinking Water Source Protection because it lies outside the Intake Protection Zone (IPZ) and involves a military base under federal jurisdiction. There is the potential for impacts to the IPZ and this matter may be revisited when more information is available.

6. Reports

Administration Report 6a

The Project Manager reviewed Report 6a and advised that the initial version of the *Safe Drinking Water for First Nations Act* was repealed by the federal government in 2022 and there is a commitment to develop new First Nations drinking water and wastewater legislation in consultation with First Nations.

Well Updates

Chesley:

The Project Manager advised that a new test well was drilled in Chesley and results from a pump test will determine if this well is viable and will lead to further groundwater analysis and modeling.

Minto Pines:

A replacement well has been drilled and a groundwater analysis is being awaited, which may shift the location of the WHPA.

Kimberley-Amik-Talisman:

There are not currently any details respecting the proposed resort south of the Kimberley-Amik-Talisman well, but a group known as the Protecting Talisman Lands Association have engaged with DWSP Staff and several experts respecting the impact of a development in this location given the karst topography. Due to the lack of conclusive evidence respecting the karst impact on the well, DWSP would recommend an additional study as part of any development proposal.

**Motion No.
SPC-23-252**

**Moved by Harley Greenfield
Seconded by Amy Harrison**

THAT: the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee receives Administration Report 6a for information.

Carried

Communications Report 6b

Children's Water Festival:

The Communications Planner reviewed Report 6b and advised the Children's Water Festival was held in person for the first time since before the pandemic and was attended by 1,620 Grade 4 students from 38 schools in Grey and Bruce Counties involved in 43 different activities. The activities were supervised by conservation authority staff, high school students and staff from other organizations. The organizing committee would welcome volunteer municipal water operators and related staff, as well as SPC members. Please contact Karen Gillan at k.gillan@waterprotection.ca for more information respecting volunteering.

First Responders Training Guide:

An updated First Responders Training Guide was distributed to Fire Chiefs and Emergency Management Coordinators across the Region, which can be utilized for future training.

**Motion No.
SPC-23-253**

**Moved by John Fruin
Seconded by Amy Harrison**

THAT: the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee receives Communications Report 6b for information.

Carried

7. New Business

Meaford Fire Report 7a

The Project Manager reviewed Report 7a and advised that, on May 25, 2023, a massive fire destroyed an auto repair shop on Highway 26 in close proximity to the Meaford drinking water plant and intake. The municipality quickly shut down the Meaford water intake due to concerns from contaminated water runoff. After four sets of expedited water samples were collected over a 72-hour period, and in cooperation with the MECP, the Ministry of Health, Grey Bruce Public Health, the municipality and Source Protection Risk Management Staff, the do-not-consume advisory was lifted. There was no Source Protection Risk Management Plan for this property as fuel storage on the property did not exceed the threshold that would require a Risk Management Plan.

Some lessons learned and opportunities for improvement in response to this event were for Source Protection staff to revisit the “Training Guide for Fire Fighters” with updated information on key actions fire departments can take when responding to a fire such as this within a vulnerable source protection area. A copy of the updated Guide was issued to all Fire Chiefs/Community Emergency Management Coordinators across the Region.

**Motion No.
SPC-23-254**

**Moved by Harley Greenfield
Seconded by Gord Timmerman**

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

Carried

Salt Management Plan Templates Report 7b

The Project Manager reviewed Report 7b and advised that the salt management plan templates and measures for municipalities and operators are included in the updated amendments to the Source Protection Plan with a goal to establish a level playing field for the Counties, municipalities and

private contractors who apply salt to roads and parking lots. Risk Management measures for salt application, handling and storage were included in this report.

Motion No.
SPC-23-255

Moved by Les Nichols
Seconded by Amy Harrison

THAT: the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee receives Salt Management Plans Template Report 7b for information.

Carried

Scott's Point Wellhead Protection Area Report 7c

The Project Manager reviewed Report 7c and advised that the base mapping had been received from the consultants with all previous maps updated and attached to this report. The updated maps will be part of the s.34 submission. Currently, the new well is not properly centred within the 10-metre radius and adjustments will be made prior to submission to correct this, as well as any typos.

Motion No.
SPC-23-256

Moved by Dick Hibma
Seconded by John Rodgers

THAT: the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee receives Scott Point WHPA Report 7c for information and approves updated Scott's Point Wellhead Protection Area mapping and minor amendments to labelling, as discussed, to be included in future Section 34 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, November 24, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Grey Sauble Conservation and virtually.

There being no further business, Gord Timmerman made a motion to adjourn at 3:00 p.m.

Carl Kuhnke
Chair

Nancy Guest
Recording Secretary