

MINUTES

Source Protection Committee Meeting No. SPC-09/08
Georgina Ice Palace
90 Wexford Drive, Keswick
Thursday, September 25th, 2008 – 10 am to 12 pm

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Lynn Dollin, Chair | Source Protection Committee |
| Colin Elliott | Agricultural Sector Representative |
| John Hemsted | Agricultural Sector Representative |
| David Ritchie | Agricultural Sector Representative |
| Colin Nisbet | Economic / Development Sector Representative |
| Gerry Brouwer | Industrial / Commercial Sector Representative |
| David Ketcheson | Industrial / Commercial Sector Representative |
| John Boucher | Municipal Sector Representative, Town of Penetanguishene |
| Clayton Cameron | Municipal Sector Representative, Township of Severn |
| David Marquis | Municipal Sector Representative, Durham Region |
| Erin Mahoney | Municipal Sector Representative, York Region |
| Rick Newlove | Municipal Sector Representative, Simcoe County |
| Stan Wells | Municipal Sector Representative, Town of Wasaga Beach |
| Dianne Corrigan | Public Sector Representative |
| Bob Duncanson | Public Sector Representative |
| Stephanie Hobbs | Public Sector Representative |
| Tom Kurtz | Public Sector Representative |
| Alex Millar | Public Sector Representative |
| Larry Slomka | Public Sector Representative |

LIAISONS:

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| Bernie Mayer | Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit. |
| Kate Turner | Ministry of the Environment |
| Keith Sherman | Severn Sound Source Protection Authority |

REGRETS:

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| Chris Galway | Aggregate Representative |
| Brian Milligan | Municipal Sector Representative, Town of Midland |
| Fred Jahn | First Nations Representative, Rama Mnjikaning First Nation |
| Fred Ruf | Public Sector Representative |

GUESTS PRESENT:

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| Rob Catarino | Skelton Brumwell |
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SOUTH GEORGIAN BAY LAKE SIMCOE REGION STAFF PRESENT:

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| Don Goodyear | Manager, Source Protection Planning |
| Susan Jagminas | Communications Specialist, Source Protection Planning |
| Andrea Torok | Project Coordinator, Source Protection Planning |
| Gina Casey | LSRCA |

I. WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

Chair Dollin welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None made for the record of this meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

An article was referenced regarding the ban of bottled water. It was suggested this be placed on the October meeting agenda.

Moved by: R. Newlove Seconded by: D. Corrigan

RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the September 25th, 2008 meeting of the Source Protection Committee be approved as amended to include an activities update from the Chair.

CARRIED

IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) Source Protection Committee

Moved by: L. Slomka Seconded by: J. Hemsted

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the August 14th, 2008 meeting of the Source Protection Committee be approved as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

(b) Municipal Working Group

It was requested that the attendance list for this meeting be revised to reflect Ilmar Simanovski was in attendance.

Colin Elliot requested clarification regarding current Planners preparing the Plan.

Don Goodyear responded that the intent is for the Working Group to deal with a series of recommendations which will then be presented to the SPC for further discussion. The expectation is to utilize the expertise around the watershed region and to work collectively.

Colin expressed his displeasure with this process.

Alex Miller reminded the SPC that they are approaching their one year anniversary and indicated it would be beneficial to have a PowerPoint presentation that can be used to inform councils and residents of the Committees' work and progress to date.

Susan Jagminas responded that she is currently working on uploading a presentation to the SWP website that will have a voice overlay. Susan further advised that the Communications Working Group is working on a presentation for use with all municipal councils.

Moved by: R. Newlove

Seconded by: C. Cameron

RESOLVED THAT the draft minutes of the September 9th, 2008 meeting of the Municipal Working Group be received for information as amended to reflect Ilmar Simanovski in attendance.

CARRIED

(c) Communications Working Group

Moved by: J. Hemsted

Seconded by: C. Elliot

RESOLVED THAT the draft minutes of the September 10th, 2008 meeting of the Communications Working Group be received for information.

CARRIED

(d) Technical Working Group

Larry Slomka, Chair, Technical Working Group noted a correction to page 2, Item II(d), indicating that Dave Ketcheson did leave the discussion however it should be noted as a perceived conflict as opposed to a conflict . The minutes will be corrected as such.

Colin Elliot opened a discussion regarding Class 1 Water Taking Permits and inquired as to how this will be dealt with.

Don Goodyear responded that the SPC will be very much involved in the process and that the Source Protection Plan could contain recommendations on how to manage water quantity. The SPC will have the opportunity to discuss water issues and how best to deal with them. This will flow from the assessment report and plan.

Don further advised that the recommendations contained in the Source Protection Plan must be used to make decisions. Decisions can be more restrictive however they cannot be less restrictive than what is in the Plan. The SPC will definitely have a role in the water quantity/taking issue which will be influenced through the Plan.

Action: Chair Dollin suggested that the MOE Liaison representative could look into have a water expert at a future meeting to assist with these discussions.

Moved by: S. Wells

Seconded by: R. Newlove

RESOLVED THAT the draft minutes of the September 11th, 2008 meeting of the Technical Working Group be received for information.

(e) Administrative Staff Team

Moved by: D. Marquis

Seconded by: E. Mahoney

RESOLVED THAT the draft minutes of the September 16th, 2008 meeting of the Administrative Staff Team be received for information.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Activities of the Committee & Chair

Chair Dollin reported that:

- she attended and presented at the Elmvale Water Festival;
- she participated on a Director's Teleconference and will provide more details later in this meeting;
- she attended and presented at the Environmental First Symposium advising that this was a great event and congratulated Erin Mahoney on its success;
- SPC Member Colin Elliot did an excellent job representing both the SPC and the agricultural community at the Nottawasaga SPA meeting;
- Nottawasaga SPA is the first of the three Authority's to approve the Terms of Reference document. There were no changes however the terms of their approval includes that as the comment period is not closed should they receive comments they will be dealt with as required.

- Keith Sherman advised that the Severn Sound SPA will be holding a special meeting in the next two weeks in order to receive and deal with comments received in response to the TOR.

- Erin Mahoney advised that a meeting with local municipalities will be held to receive comments and feedback regarding the TOR document.

- Don Goodyear advised that he attended a meeting of the Wasaga Beach Chamber of Commerce and made a presentation. In order to reach various businesses and industry, it is the intent to target Chambers of Commerce to inform them of the source protection program and to receive their questions/comments.

VI. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations scheduled for this meeting.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations scheduled for this meeting.

VIII. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 1 and 2 were identified for discussion.

IX. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

X. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

1. Correspondence

- (a) Letter dated August 7th, 2008 from the National Farmers Union re: the issues of compensation for farm losses

- (b) Included in the agenda was a letter dated August 22nd, 2008 letter from the City of Kawartha Lakes re: correspondence from the Ontario Federation of Agriculture on the *Clean Water Act*.

Colin Elliot advised that he is pleased that the City of Kawartha Lakes Council is considering this issue seriously and asked that the correspondence be circulated to other SPC's.

Chair Dollin referenced the resolution which indicates the correspondence has been circulated.

Don Goodyear advised that municipalities will have to conform their Official Plans with the Source Protection Plan specifically in relation to the significant threats policy.

Kate Turner, MOE Liaison, directed the Committee Members to Section 39 of the *Clean Water Act* which addresses this.

John Hemsted put the following motion forward for the consideration of the SPC Members:

Moved by: J. Hemsted

Seconded by: G. Brouwer

RESOLVED THAT the correspondence dated August 22, 2008, from the City of Kawartha Lakes re: correspondence from the Ontario Federation of Agriculture on the *Clean Water Act*, be made part to the Terms of Reference document.

CARRIED

Chair Dollin requested comments on this motion.

Stan Wells noted that there is some confusion with the correspondence in terms of the sequence of events and further identified that the resolutions contained within the correspondence are two years old.

Chair Dollin requested a vote on the motion:

4 in favour

14 opposed

Motion denied.

Moved by: G. Brouwer

Seconded by: S. Wells

RESOLVED THAT the correspondence listed in the September 25th, 2008 agenda as items 1 (a) through (b) be received for information.

2. Communications Update

Larry Slomka spoke to the process for issuing media releases and indicated that, as a representative of the public sector, he believes it is important that the public be kept informed of the work of the SPC and of the reports being issued. Currently there appears to be some concerns around water systems that are under stress and information such as this needs to be shared publicly. Larry and Dianne Corrigan have worked collaboratively on a Press Release in this regard. A draft was included with the agenda and the final document was tabled at the meeting for consideration of the SPC.

Larry advised that the concept was discussed at both the Communications Working Group and the Technical Working Group and received their support. They are now looking for the support of the SPC.

Susan Jagminas drafted the policy on the process for issuing Source Protection Reports which was tabled for comments.

Request made to add, under Process, *that Committee Members or staff can initiate a request for a media release.*

Moved by: R. Newlove

Seconded by: B. Duncanson

**RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 2008-09-01-SPC describing media and other communications activities surrounding Source Water Protection for August 2008 be received for information; and
FURTHER THAT the Process for Issuing Source Water Protection Reports be approved as amended to include under Process that "Committee Members or staff can initiate a request for a media release."**

CARRIED

Moved by: L. Slomka

Seconded by: D. Corrigan

**WHEREAS the SPC has accepted the report on the Tier 1 South Lake Simcoe Watershed; and
WHEREAS it is within the mandate of the SPC to communicate to the public and our agency partners the results of completed studies; and
WHEREAS the Tier 1 Study has indicated sub-watershed that have indications of water quantity stresses; and
WHEREAS a draft Press Release has been reviewed by the communications and Technical Working Groups and there has been general support for the purpose and intent of the draft press release;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SPC authorizes the release of a Press Release similar to the draft, to the local media within the area served by the SGBLS SPC. The timing to be determined by Chair Lynn Dollin and Project Manager, Don Goodyear, however, barring unforeseen circumstances, the release to be prior to the SPC meeting in October; and
FURTHER THAT partner municipalities and agencies be given at least 48 hours advance notice of the release.**

CARRIED

The Committee thanked Larry and Diane for bringing this issue forward and for their continued commitment.

OTHER BUSINESS

(a) **Media**

Gerry Brouwer advised that he contacted the local media to advise of the SPC Member's tour of the two plants following this meeting in order to generate their interest to attend and get information in the local newspapers.

Chair Dollin suggested it would be a good idea to prepare media notices in advance of our meetings/activities for submission in local newspapers as well as to have a process in place regarding advising the local media of the SPC meetings and activities.

Action: Susan Jagminas to prepare media notices of the meeting and tours for submission in local newspapers.

Action: Communications Working Group to discuss preferred process for advising local media of the SPC meetings and activities.

(b) **2009 Meeting Dates**

Meetings will be held on the fourth Thursday of each month throughout 2009 with the exception of December. These meetings will be held from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

A meeting will be scheduled for December 17, 2009. If not required it will be cancelled.

Meetings during the winter months will be kept central.

(c) **Training Dates**

Chair Dollin advised she received an email from MOE regarding the workshops for the assessment reports. Currently the tentative dates are identified at December 3-4-5, 2008. SPC members are required to attend on one date only and based on previous discussions with this Committee, December 5th has been requested.

Don advised that if the SPC Members cannot attend on the specified date, there will be options to attend at other locations.

More information will be forthcoming as it is made available.

(d) **SPC Member Resignation**

Chair Dollin read an email received from Brian Mulligan, in which he advised he will be resigning from the SPC as he has resigned from the Town of Midland.

The SPC Members suggested that a letter be sent from Chair Dollin on behalf of the SPC thanking Brian for his work on the Committee.

Action: Chair Dollin to send a letter to Brian Mulligan thanking him for his work on the SPC.

(e) **Duplication of Efforts**

Gerry Brouwer brought forward the issue on the Maskinonge River being on the "critical list" and studies/work efforts being done by the MOE appears to be a duplication of the work being done by the SPC.

Kate Turner and Gerry will discuss this further.

Chair Dollin reminded members of a letter that was sent to MOE expressing concerns regarding duplication and overlap of efforts between the SPC and the LSPA. MOE will provide the SPC with a presentation regarding same at the October meeting.

XII CLOSED SESSION

Moved by: D. Marquis

Seconded by: J. Hemsted

RESOLVED THAT the Source Protection Committee move to Closed Session to discuss confidential personnel matters.

CARRIED

Moved by: E. Mahoney

Seconded by: D. Marquis

RESOLVED THAT the Source Protection Committee rise from Closed Session.

CARRIED

XIII ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by S. Hobbs at 12:20 p.m.

Summary of action items:

Action: Place article regarding banning bottled water on the October meeting agenda.

Action: Chair Dollin suggested that the MOE Liaison representative could look into have a water expert at a future meeting to assist with these discussions.

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