

**Source Protection Committee Meeting Minutes
Meeting Number SPC-07/09**

Ballantrae Golf & Country Club
1 The Master's South, Ballantrae, ON L4A 1M2.
Recreation Centre Rooms Eastern and Centre
Thursday August 27, 2009 – 2:00pm – 5:00pm

MEMBERS:

Lynn Dollin, Chair

Municipal

Herb Proudley
John Boucher
David Marquis
Clayton Cameron
Erin Mahoney
Rick Newlove
Stan Wells

Economic / Development

Colin Elliott
John Hemsted
Colin Nisbet
David Ketcheson
Gerry Brouwer
David Ritchie

Public Sector

Dianne Corrigan
Tom Kurtz
Larry Slomka
Stephanie Hobbs
Bob Duncanson
Fred Ruf
Alex Millar

First Nations

Fred Jahn

Liaisons

Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit – Ted Devine
Nottawasaga Valley Source Protection Authority – Wayne Wilson
Ministry of the Environment (MOE) - Maeve McHugh

Staff

Don Goodyear
Megan Price

Shelly Cuddy
Angela Bishop

Ben Longstaff

Regrets

Chris Galway

Guests

His Worship Mayor Wayne Emmerson of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
Ken Cousineau, Executive Director, Canadian Golf Superintendents Association
Lucy Burke, City of Kawartha Lakes
Kelsey Cronk, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA)
Katie Howson, LSRCA
David Nisbet, St. Andrews Valley Golf Club
Andrew Hardy, Pheasant Run Golf Club

Vince Kishimoto, National Golf Course Owners Association Canada
Paul White, The Briars Golf Club
Craig Evans, St Andrews Valley Golf Course

I. WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

Source Protection Committee (SPC) Chair, Lynn Dollin, asked His Worship Mayor Wayne Emmerson of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, to address the SPC meeting. Mayor Emmerson thanked the SPC for the opportunity to address the Committee and welcomed the group to the Township and particularly to the Ballantrae subdivision which is proud of its environmental efforts. SPC Chair Lynn Dollin thanked Mayor Emmerson for his welcome and comments.

SPC Chair Lynn Dollin also welcomed other staff members and guests.

II. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None made for the record of this meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: John Hemsted

Seconded by: Gerry Brouwer

Additional agenda item to include an update on the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan.

RESOLVED: THAT the agenda for the August 27, 2009 meeting of the Source Protection Committee be approved as amended.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Source Protection Committee

Moved by: Rick Newlove

Seconded by: David Marquis

RESOLVED: THAT the minutes of the June 2009 meeting of the Source Protection Committee be approved.

CARRIED BY CONCENSUS

b) Communications Working Group

Moved by: Fred Ruf

Seconded by: Gerry Brouwer

RESOLVED: THAT the minutes of the July 8, 2009 meeting of the Communications Working Group be received for information and the recommendations contained within the minutes be approved.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

c) Municipal Working Group

Moved by: Clayton Cameron

Seconded by: Herb Proudley

RESOLVED: THAT the minutes of the July 29, 2009 meeting of the Municipal Working Group be received for information and the recommendations contained within the minutes be approved.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

d) Technical Working Group

Moved by: Fred Ruf

Seconded by: John Hemsted

Technical Working Group Chair Larry Slomka advised the SPC that the remaining Tier 1 water budget reports and initial Tier 2 water budget reports are currently being peer reviewed. Clarification was requested on the letter received from the Ministry of the Environment concerning the use of alternative methods. Don Goodyear advised the SPC that York Region had opted to use an existing groundwater flow model to estimate the vulnerability of wellhead protection areas by a means that was different (and more conservative) than those the Ministry had listed in the technical rules, and was considered to be equivalent by the Director..

RESOLVED: THAT the minutes of the August 11, 2009 meeting of the Technical Working Group be received for information and the recommendations contained within the minutes be approved.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

e) Planning Working Group

RESOLVED: THAT the minutes of the August 14, 2009 meeting of the Planning Working Group be received for information and the recommendations contained within the minutes be approved.

Moved by: Colin Nisbet

Seconded by: Erin Mahoney

Don Goodyear provided the group with an update on the first meeting of the Planning Working Group (PWG) and advised that the group represented the region well, containing, along with SPC members, municipal planning experts from a mixture of rural and urban areas and from all four watersheds. The SPC was also advised that, as indicated in the Terms of Reference, a request for quotations for a planning consultant / facilitator to lead the group had been issued. The firm recommended by staff, Planning Solutions Inc., was endorsed by the planning working group.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

f) SPC Chairs Meeting

RESOLVED: THAT the minutes of the June 1 and June 2, 2009 SPC Chairs meeting be received for information

Moved by: David Marquis

Seconded by: Erin Mahoney

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Activities of the Chair & Committee

John Hemsted attended the Simcoe County and Durham Federation of Agriculture meetings and provided a Source Protection update.

Colin Elliott and Dave Ritchie attended the Simcoe County Milk Producers and, Durham Federation of Agriculture meetings

Lynn Dollin, Dave Ritchie and Colin Elliott attended the Elmvale Water Festival

Stephanie Hobbs attended a workshop regarding water re-use

Ted Devine attended a training session with the Ministry of the Environment, for SPC health unit liaisons, explaining roles & responsibilities.

VI. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations scheduled for this meeting.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

(a) Golf Course Management

Ken Cousineau, Executive Director, Canadian Golf Superintendents Association provided a presentation on golf course management, including discussion of water use and water conservation, issues related to the permit to take water process, and the use of chemicals in golf course maintenance.

Ken Cousineau agreed to forward to Shelly Cuddy further available information concerning golf course water usage and permits to take water.

SPC Chair Lynn Dollin thanked Mr. Cousineau for the presentation

Moved by: Colin Elliott

Seconded by: Fred Ruf

RESOLVED: THAT the presentation provided by Ken Cousineau, Executive Director, Canadian Golf Superintendents Association on existing golf course management water use and water conservation policy, water use by golf courses including quantity and source of supply, issues related to the permit to take water process and water related IPM issues be received for information.

CARRIDED BY CONCENSUS

VIII. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

The following agenda items were identified:

Agenda Item 1 (d), Correspondence from Colin Elliott, SPC member

Agenda Item 2 Communications Update, Staff Report No. 2009-08-02-SPC

Agenda Item 3 Planning Working Group, Staff Report No. 209-08-03-SPC

IX. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Agenda Items 1 (a), 1(b), 1(c), were identified.

Moved by: Colin Nisbet

Seconded by: Dianne Corrigan

RESOLVED: THAT Agenda items listed as not requiring separate discussion be adopted and staff be authorised to take action to implement.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

X. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

a) Agenda Item 1(d) Correspondence

Moved by: Stan Wells

Seconded by: Tom Kurtz

A concern regarding SPC communications regarding Site 41 and the position taken to date was discussed relative to concerns raised in correspondence from Colin Elliot.

The majority of the committee members agreed with the key messaging that had been circulated by the Chair regarding Site 41, and concurred that proper protocol had been flowed as per our rules of procedure.

RESOLVED: THAT Agenda Item 1 (d) Correspondence from SPC Member Colin Elliott, that Technical Working Group respond to the communication and that the correspondence be received by the Source Protection Committee for information.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

b) Agenda Item 2, Communications Update

Moved by: Clayton Cameron

Seconded by: Bob Duncanson

SPC Chair Dollin thanked Megan Price for the inclusion of information from Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority and Severn Sound Environmental Association. Maeve McHugh advised the group that the Ministry of the Environment have hired an additional liaison that is bilingual, and therefore able to assist with providing information in both official languages where required.

RESOLVED THAT Agenda Item 2 Staff Report No. 2009-08-02-SPC describing media and other communications activities surrounding Source Water Protection for the period ending July 31, 2009 be received for information.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

c) Agenda Item 3. Planning Working Group

Moved by: Herb Proudley

Seconded by: Gerry Brouwer

There was a question raised as to whether the Planning Working Group should be comprised of technical staff and not just planners in order to fully consider policy

options to address technical issues of threats and vulnerability. It was acknowledged that technical expertise would be required, and that the group would be supported by technical staff from the region as required.

RESOLVED: THAT Agenda Item 2 Staff Report No. 2009-08-03-SPC regarding the formation, composition and direction of the Planning Working Group to support the Source Protection Committee throughout the formation of the Source Protection Plan be received for information.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

SPC Chair Lynn Dollin advised the group that former member Robert Grimm passed away and extended the SPC's condolences to his family.

SPC Chair Lynn Dollin advised the meeting that the Nottawasaga Valley Source Protection Authority will be held on September 11, 2009 at 12:30pm.

An EBR posting of amendments to the Directors Technical Rules is under review by staff, who will advise the TWG of any implications. It is not expected to affect the time lines for the submission date of the Assessment Report based on the initial review.

Chair Dollin advised that comments for the Drinking Water Stewardship review are due on Friday, August 28, 2009, which is one week following receipt of the information. Maeve McHugh was asked to request additional time to digest and comment on postings in future.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

None declared at this meeting.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Stan Wells at 4:05 pm