



SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting No. 01/09

Holiday Inn, Barrie

20 Fairview Road, Barrie, ON

Thursday, January 22, 2009 – 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

MEMBERS:

Lynn Dollin, Chair

Municipal

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

Economic / Development

Colin Elliott
Chris Galway
Colin Nisbet
David Ritchie
John Hemsted
Gerry Brouwer

Public Sector

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

Liaisons

Health Unit - Ted Devine

MOE - Kate Turner

SPA – Keith Sherman

Guests Present

Bruce Davidson, Concerned Walkerton Citizens
Shannon Stephens, Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
Phil Davies, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
Anne Guiot, Skelton Brumwell
Pam Lamba, MOE
Clarke Kirkland, MOE
Karen Wierzbicki, Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit

Regrets

David Ketcheson
Rick Newlove
Bob Duncanson

Staff

Don Goodyear

Susan Jagminas

Angela Bishop

I. WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

Chair Lynn Dollin welcomed members and guests to the meeting, and acknowledged Kate Turner, who has been appointed as permanent MOE liaison to the Source Protection Committee.

II. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None made for the record of this meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved: Alex Millar

Seconded by: Larry Slomka

RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the January 22, 2009 meeting of the Source Protection Committee be approved as amended to reflect the correction of the name from Bruce Walkerton to Bruce Davidson at page 2.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Committee members provided the following suggested amendments to the minutes:

- Correction of typographical errors;
 - from Fred Ref to Fred Ruf on page 13, and
 - contaminates to contaminants at page 12.

A review of action items resulted in;

- A carry forward of the request to circulate the notes of SPC members who attended the Latornell Conservation Symposium to the February meeting,
- The suggestion to invite Dr. Heathcote to present to the SPC in 2009 being carried forward, and
- A report that the video recording of the Barrie City Council deputation made by Chair Dollin has been obtained and is available on the members only section of the website.

Moved: Herb Proudley

Seconded by: Fred Ruf

RECOMMENDED: THAT the minutes of the November 27, 2008 meeting of the Source Protection Committee be approved as amended.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Activities of the Chair & Committee

Technical Working Group Chair Larry Slomka advised the Source Protection Committee that a presentation was made on January 13, 2009, regarding the status of projects in 2008 and a work plan for 2009 by Don Goodyear. In addition a schematic of the Source Protection Program governance model was requested,

which will be presented to the Technical Working Group meeting on February 10, 2009.

John Hemsted advised the SPC meeting that he gave presentations at the North Simcoe Soil and Crop Improvement Association at their Annual General Meeting on December 5, 2008 and to the Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture, on January 8, 2009. Observations from the meeting were that there was disappointment that the Source Protection Program will not explicitly address Site 41.

The Ag Info Days events were attended by Fred Ruf and Larry Slomka on January 14, 2009, Alex Millar and Dianne Corrigan on January 15, 2009, David Marquis, Colin Elliot and John Hemsted on January 16, 2009. Observations from the event were that interest from attendees fluctuated throughout the days, that significantly more program discussions were initiated when the agricultural committee members were present, and that the topics of interest were the stewardship grants and Site 41.

Stephanie Hobbs made a presentation to a community group she belongs to in Midland, and reported interest and questions regarding the Source Protection Program and Site 41

Chair Dollin advised that she had attended the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority's annual general meeting, where a new Chair, Walter Benotto, and Vice-Chair, Joan Sutherland, were elected.

Chair Dollin also attended the Severn Sound Source Protection Authority meeting to present an update regarding the committee's progress.

On January 20 there was a Partnership Information Exchange Session with the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ministry of the Environment, where several presentations were given by Chair Dollin and staff to provide an overview of financial, administrative and technical status. Representatives from each Source Protection Authority were present and participated in the discussions throughout the day. Positive feedback was received from both ministries on the work of the partnership and management.

V. DELEGATIONS

There are no delegations scheduled for this meeting.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

(a) Walkerton - The Cost of Getting it Wrong.

Bruce Davidson – “An examination of the systemic breakdown leading the Walkerton tragedy”.

Mr. Davidson gave a thorough presentation on the events of the Walkerton tragedy, which drew attention to the economic, moral and social consequences of inappropriate water supply management. As a result of the contamination of the water supply to Walkerton, seven people died, and thousands became ill, some of whom will never recover. Mr. Davidson provided insights on the events leading up to the contamination of the water supply, and the on-going long-term effects of the tragedy.

Chair Dollin thanked Mr Davidson for his presentation, adding that it was a pertinent reminder of the Source Protection Committee's purpose and work.

Moved by: Fred Ruf

Seconded by: Erin Mahoney

RESOLVED THAT the presentation provided by Bruce Davidson, "Walkerton – The Cost of Getting it Wrong" be received for information.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

(b) Stewardship

Susan Jagminas provided a summary of the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program, including an overview of the existing program and local progress and challenges. Susan introduced the effort being initiated by the Ministry of the Environment to engage potential clients in a review of the program.

Pam Lamba and Clarke Kirkland, of the Ministry of the Environment (MOE), presented the details of the provincial plan to consult with landowners and business owners that may be affected by the Clean Water Act in an effort to improve the Stewardship Program. The MOE is asking for assistance from the Source Protection Committees across the province in consulting local stakeholders.

Discussion followed the presentation regarding the appropriate role of the Source Protection Committee in this consultation process.

Chair Dollin expressed a concern that results from any local consultation would be difficult to provide by the end of March, as requested by the MOE, and requested permission to submit the results of any local consultation efforts by April 30, 2009. Clarke Kirkland indicated that an April 30 submission was acceptable.

Mover: Colin Elliott

Seconded: John Hemsted

RECOMMENDED: THAT the presentation provided by Susan Jagminas and Clarke Kirkland regarding the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program be received for information; AND THAT staff develop a plan for local consultation with agricultural stakeholders, aggregate producers, business owners, and stewardship program staff for review at the February Source Protection Committee meeting.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

VII. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Items 1 and 2 were identified for discussion.

Action	Colin Elliott provided a copy of correspondence from Oxford County for discussion at the next meeting
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VIII. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Moved by: David Marquis

Seconded by: Tom Kurtz

RESOLVED THAT the following recommendations respecting the matters listed as “Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion” be adopted as submitted to the Source Protection Committee and staff be authorized to take all necessary action to implement those recommendations.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

1. Correspondence

RESOLVED THAT the correspondence listed in the January 22, 2009 agenda as items 1 (a) through (f) be received for information.

2. Communications Update

RESOLVED THAT Staff Report No. 2009-01-01-SPC describing media and other communications activities surrounding Source Water Protection for the period ending December 31, 2008 be received for information.

IX. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

No items identified requiring separate discussion

X. OTHER BUSINESS

The next Severn Sound Source Protection Authority meeting is on April 30, 2009. The meeting dates of all scheduled meetings are available on the program web site. Staff will consult with each Source Protection Authority to ensure that list is current and accurate.

XI. CLOSED SESSION

No items identified for Closed Session discussion.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm on a motion by Larry Slomka.