

Source Protection Committee Meeting Minutes
Meeting Number SPC-08/09
Township of Amaranth Town Hall
Amaranth, ON L9W 2Z3
Thursday September 24, 2009 – 2:00pm – 5:00pm

MEMBERS:

Lynn Dollin, Chair

Municipal

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

Economic / Development

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

Public Sector

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

First Nations

Fred Jahn

Liaisons

Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit - Karen Wierzbicki
Severn Sound Environmental Association – Keith Sherman
Ministry of the Environment (MOE) - Maeve McHugh

Staff

Don Goodyear
Megan Price

Shelly Cuddy
Angela Bishop

Ben Longstaff

Regrets

Rick Newlove

Dave Ritchie

Fred Ruf

Guests

Karen Wianecki, Planning Solutions Inc
Kristen Lepine, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
Tamara Kondrachova, Regional Municipality of York

I. WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

Chair Lynn Dollin welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None made for the purpose of this meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: David Marquis

Seconded by: John Hemsted

RESOLVED: THAT the agenda for the September 24, 2009, meeting of the Source Protection Committee be approved as presented.

CARRIED

IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) Source Protection Committee

Moved by: Fred Jahn

Seconded by: Gerry Brouwer

Suggested changes:

- Stephanie Hobb's advised that the missing title from last month's activity was "Rain Water Capture and Usage".
- Colin Elliott with Dave Ritchie attended the Durham Federation of Agriculture following the last SPC meeting of August.

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

CARRIED

(b) Planning Working Group

Moved by: Colin Elliott

Seconded by: Alex Millar

In response to questions, Don Goodyear advised the meeting that the aim of the scenarios listed in the minutes for consideration were to facilitate discussion of planning options, and not intended to represent a comprehensive list of threat scenarios or to rank or prioritize threat scenarios.

The issue of nitrogen release from domestic septic pits was raised. It was agreed that it should be passed to the Technical Working Group (TWG), for discussion.

Action 1:	Report on domestic septic nitrogen levels to be forwarded for review and sent to the Ministry of the Environment representative if required.
Responsibility:	Colin Elliott and Don Goodyear

RESOLVED: THAT the draft minutes of September 10, 2009, meeting of the Planning Working Group be received for information

CARRIED

(c) Technical Working Group

Moved by: Colin Elliott

Seconded by: Stephanie Hobbs

As a result of the August 2008 proposed changes to the Technical Rules, the TWG recommended to the Source Protection Committee (SPC) that the "Species at risk" element be removed from the Assessment Report.

RESOLVED: THAT the draft minutes of September 8, 2009, meeting of the Technical Working Group be received for information and the recommendation to remove the species at risk section be removed pending approval of the proposed Technical Rules changes, and the remaining recommendations contained within the minutes be approved.

CARRIED

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Activities of the Chair & Committee

Don Goodyear announced that Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority had won the international watershed management award, the 'Thiess Riverprize'. The committee congratulated the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority on the award.

SPC Chair Lynn Dollin thanked Colin Nisbet for helping to organise the August 2009 Source Protection Committee (SPC) meeting at Ballantrae Golf and Country Club.

Chair Lynn Dollin congratulated Clayton Cameron, Fred Jahn, David Ketcheson, Dave Marquis and Stan Wells for their work on the panel at the Municipal Workshop on September 17, 2009 at Casino Rama. Additional congratulations were extended to David Ketcheson for coordinating the presentation at the Municipal Workshop.

John Hemsted provided a presentation on the status of the SPC to the Durham Federation of Agriculture

Keith Sherman, Colin Elliott and Stephanie Hobbs attended a, "Well Aware", session on care of private wells.

SPC Chair Lynn Dollin and Don Goodyear, Manager, Source Protection Planning attended a Chairs and Project Managers meeting in Kingston. Chair Dollin attended a breakfast meeting with Minister Gerretsen, at which the Minister expressed his appreciation to Source Protection Committee's for the considerable work completed across Ontario.

VI. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations scheduled for this meeting.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

(a) Pits and Quarries in Ontario

Chris Galway of Lafarge Canada Inc. provided a presentation on Pits and Quarries in Ontario, aggregate extraction and Source Water Protection

Moved by: John Hemsted

Seconded by: Bob Duncanson

RESOLVED: THAT the presentation provided by Chris Galway of Lafarge Canada Inc. on Pits and Quarries in Ontario, aggregate extraction and Source Water Protection be received for information.

CARRIED

VIII. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

The following agenda items were identified:

Agenda Item 2 - Planning Working Group, Staff Report No. 2009-09-02-SPC

Agenda Item 3 - Transportation of Fuel Along Highway 400, Staff Report No. 2009-09-03-SPC

IX. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Agenda Item 1 – Communications Update, Staff Report No. 2009-09-01-SPC

Moved by: Dianne Corrigan

Seconded by: John Hemsted

RESOLVED: THAT Agenda Item 1, Communications Update, Staff Report No. 2009-09-01-SPC listed as not requiring separate discussion be adopted and staff be authorised to take action to implement.

CARRIED

**X. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION
Planning Working Group**

Staff Report No. 2009-09-02-SPC regarding the Provincial Discussion Paper on Requirements for the Content and Preparation of Source Protection Plans.

Don Goodyear introduced Karen Wianecki, of Planning Solutions Inc., as the facilitator and planning expert that is leading the planning working group. Don Goodyear and Karen Wianecki summarized the process followed by the planning working group to solicit input on the Discussion Paper on Requirements for the Content and Preparation of Source Protection Plans.

The draft letter of comment on the discussion paper was considered, and the following additional items were requested to be included;

- Clarifying the difference in intent between traditional risk assessment and the process envisioned for risk management plans under the Source Protection Program (risk reduction efforts as opposed to risk assessment and management),
- Clarifying that the SPC concurred with the use of existing provincial instruments to address significant threats, provided those instruments were appropriate and sufficient to reduce the threat,
- Referencing the option brought forward by one of the planning working group members, which was the use of a risk management 'master plan' as a means to increase efficiency, and potentially address cumulative impacts,
- Confirming that the land use prohibition tool provided under the Clean Water Act not be restricted in any way in the forthcoming regulation, and
- Referencing emerging contaminants (e.g. pharmaceuticals) as being absent from the table of Drinking Water Threats.

Moved by: Gerry Brouwer

Seconded by: Herb Proudley

RESOLVED: THAT Staff Report No. 2009-09-02-SPC regarding the Provincial Discussion Paper on Requirements for the Content and Preparation of Source Protection Plans be received for information.

AND FURTHER: THAT a copy of the revised response letter be submitted on behalf of the SPC to the Ministry of the Environment and copied to SPC members.

CARRIED

Transportation of Fuel

Staff Report No. 2009-09-03-SPC regarding the Transportation of Fuel as a potential significant threat along Highway 400.

Moved by: Herb Proudley

Seconded by: Larry Slomka

The SPC was advised that it is permissible to include transportation activities as local threats. The process for doing so requires the SPC to request through the MOE liaison the inclusion of a specific circumstance (e.g. the transportation of fuel across a bridge through an IPZ 1).

The merits of including a single circumstance at one location were discussed (initiating the process and building some experience) as were the challenges (many such circumstances exist across the region, all of which cannot be assessed for the initial assessment report. Should one vulnerable area be treated differently than the remainder?).

RESOLVED: THAT Agenda Item 3, Staff Report No. 2009-09-03-SPC regarding transportation of fuel as a potential significant threat be received for information

AND THAT: The Committee identifies transportation on fuel on Highway 400 an activity that may be a drinking water threat to Rope Subdivision and Victoria Harbour SW intakes, and therefore requests staff to seek Directors approval for addition of this local threat.

MOTION DEFEATED

In place of requesting the inclusion of a local threat, staff were directed to proceed with the technical assessment of transportation corridor impacts (through on-going projects), and to engage the emergency management / first responders as a sector in communications efforts.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Lynn Dollin advised members that meeting schedule for the 2010 SPC meetings would be discussed at the October 22, 2009, SPC meeting.

Action 2:	Arrange presentation from Ministry of the Environment on update of the Lake Simcoe Act
Responsibility:	Don Goodyear

SPC Members were asked to let staff know of their interest in attending the
Latornell Conservation Symposium

XII. CLOSED SESSION

None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

5:00pm