

DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION

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South
Georgian Bay
Lake Simcoe
Source Protection
Region

Minutes

Source Protection Committee Meeting No. SPC-01/01
Holiday Inn Hotel
20 Fairview Road, Barrie, ON,
Thursday January 28, 2010 at 2:00pm – 5:00pm

MEMBERS:

Lynn Dollin, Chair

Municipal

Herb Proudley
Rick Newlove
David Marquis
Clayton Cameron
John Boucher

Economic / Development

Colin Elliott
Colin Nisbet
David Ketcheson
Gerry Brouwer
John Hemsted

Public Sector

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

First Nations

Fred Jahn

Liaisons

Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit – Karen Wierzbicki
Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority – Wayne Wilson
Ministry of the Environment (MOE) - Maeve McHugh

Staff

Don Goodyear Megan Price Angela Bishop

Guests

Debbie Scanlon- Ministry of the Environment
Wendy Kemp – York Region
Ian Watson – Skelton Brumwell & Associates

Regrets

Stan Wells David Ritchie Alex Millar
Chris Galway Erin Mahoney
Jennifer Arthur

WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

Chair Dollin welcomed everyone to the meeting including Debbie Scanlon of the Ministry of the Environment (MOE).

I. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None were made for the record of this meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: John Hemsted

Seconded by: Herb Proudley

The Chair advised that the presentation on current municipal planning systems in Ontario by Jennifer Arthur, from the MOE, would be deferred to a later meeting.

The Chair advised that the presentation by Don Goodyear, concerning the Assessment Report Update, would be deferred to a later meeting.

The Chair advised that Debbie Scanlon of the MOE would be presenting on the draft regulation amendment proposal describing Source Protection Plan development.

RESOLVED: **THAT the amended agenda for the, January 28, 2010, meeting of the Source Protection Committee be approved as presented.**

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) Source Protection Committee

Included is a draft copy of the minutes from the December 17, 2009, meeting of the Source Protection Committee (SPC).

Moved by: Rick Newlove

Seconded by: Fred Ruf

Suggested changes:

Removal of unnecessary resolution at Agenda Item 8

RESOLVED: **THAT the amended minutes of the December 17, 2009, meeting of the Source Protection Committee be approved.**

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

(b) Technical Working Group

Included is a copy of the draft minutes of the January 12, 2010 Technical Working Group.

Moved by: Dianne Corrigan

Seconded by: Stephanie Hobbs

Technical Working Group (TWG) Chair Slomka advised that these minutes had been approved at the TWG meeting on January 26, 2010. The meeting had dealt with the status of the Assessment Report, and delays experienced in receiving consultants reports, although every effort is being made to present reports in a timely manner. It is anticipated that the TWG may have to approach the SPC with a recommendation to pursue an extension on the Assessment Reports.

Further, at the last TWG meeting on January 26, 2010, the TWG Chair put forward a motion for David Ketcheson to re-join the TWG to increase the group's knowledge base, as there are no longer reasons for perceived conflicts of interest. That motion was carried.

The TWG Chair was asked if the proposed presentation of geothermal wells could be provided to the whole SPC and not just the TWG.

Action 1:	Arrange presentation on Geothermal Wells to SPC at a future date to be determined.
Responsibility:	Staff

Chair Dollin confirmed that the TWG is working very hard reviewing the extensive technical material being compiled for the Assessment Reports, and congratulated the TWG for their continued efforts.

RESOLVED: **THAT the minutes of January 12, 2010, meeting of the Technical Working Group be received for information and the recommendations contained within the minutes be approved. AND FURTHER: THAT David Ketcheson become a member of the Technical Working Group with immediate effect.**

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

(c) Communications Working Group

Included is a copy of the draft minutes of January 6, 2010, Communications Working Group.

Moved by: David Marquis

Seconded by: Clayton Cameron

Megan Price informed the SPC that the Communications Working Group (CWG) had agreed on the retention of a facilitator to assist at the public consultation meetings.

The proposed third threat letter, to low and moderate threats, will not be sent out given the extent of potential recipients, and associated cost. In lieu of these letters, a brochure, undergoing final proofing, will be included in local papers. Care of placement within the papers was emphasised by the SPC, to distinguish the brochure from the flyers that do not receive much attention.

Requests to the Ontario government to incorporate their logo on the envelope to recipients of the "risk letters" has been rejected.

RESOLVED: **THAT the draft minutes of January 6, 2010, meeting of the Communications Working Group be received for information and the recommendations contained within the minutes be approved.**

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Activities of the Chair & Committee

Bob Duncanson attended the Canadian Advisory Panel to the bi-national negotiations of Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement meeting in January, 2010. Some members are advocating for the panel to link into the work of the SPC's.

John Hemsted presented at the Agriculture Information Days, in January 2010. Keith Sherman also presented at the Agriculture Information Days in January 2010.

Colin Nisbet attended the National Golf Course Owners Association this month where both Chair Dollin and Don Goodyear presented.

Dave Ritchie attended a presentation by the MOE on proposed changes to composting regulations, reported on by Colin Elliott.

Colin Elliot attended a meeting of the Ontario Cattlemen's Association, two major themes were compensation and continual project funding via federal, provincial and municipal government.

Chair Dollin and Don Goodyear attended the two day meeting in January, 2010 for the SPC Chairs and project managers. Discussions included the new regulation on Source Protection Plans. Megan Price also presented to the group on the local plans to consult on the Assessment Report.

The Chair also advised that the research conducted by Gemma Boag, who received a good response form different SPC's, was presented. Similarly another research project being conducted by Hugh Simpson may lead to contacts with SPC's in the near future.

MOE Liaison Maeve McHugh, has agreed to present regular MOE updates to the SPC.

The possibility of hosting other SPC representatives at South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe SPC meetings is being explored.

VI. DELEGATIONS

None for the record of this meeting.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

(a) Municipal Planning

Existing tools available to municipalities to make planning and policy decisions, an overview of the planning system in Ontario and what Source Protection Committee's can be doing to prepare to enter the Source Protection Planning, planning phase.

RECOMMENDED: THAT the presentation from Jennifer Arthur of the Ministry of the Environment on current municipal planning systems in Ontario be received for information.

AGENDA ITEM DEFERED

- b) Assessment Report Update
Presentation from Don Goodyear regarding the process being followed to evaluate potential risks to drinking water supplies.

RECOMMENDED: THAT the presentation from Don Goodyear, Manager, Source Water Protection on the Assessment Report Update be received for information.

AGENDA ITEM DEFERED

- (c) Tabled Presentation - Source Protection Plans
Source Protection Plans Developed Under the Clean Water Act – Draft Regulation Amendments Proposal, by Debbie Scanlon of Ministry of the Environment.

Moved by: Larry Slomka

Seconded by: Bob Duncanson

The SPC was provided a very comprehensive presentation concerning EBR #010-8766, developed under the Clean Water Act (CWA) to protect existing and future sources of drinking water, and whose policies will affect activities, land use and planning in vulnerable areas. The current status of regulations and tools was outlined. It was hoped by an SPC member that public health representatives be involved in the consultation process. The SPC consultation date for this region is March 10, 2010, in Toronto. Responses to the proposed EBR #010-8766 are required by March 26, 2010.

In discussion, SPC members were advised that where an activity is deemed to be a significant threat, the land retains the significant threat badge. The activity will be reviewed, monitored and efforts to lower the threat will be implemented, however the plot will be referred to as a mitigated significant threat.

Every SPC will draw its own policies in protecting sources of municipal water, reflective of local circumstances and individual cases, which can be amended, dependent on changes in activity and threats as successive Assessment Reports are developed, as well as the effectiveness of initial plan policies.

Included in the proposal are mandatory and optional policies. Non-compliance is enforceable by law to the Crown level, although the aim is to educate and encourage compliance.

Issues of concern outside the purview of the SPC can be included in the Assessment Report.

Action 2:	Discussion of EBR #010-8766 for next Source Protection Committee meeting, February 23, 2010.
Responsibility:	Staff
Action 3:	Discussion of EBR #010-8766 for Planning Working Group meeting, February 17, 2010.
Responsibility:	Staff

RESOLVED: **THAT the presentation by Debbie Scanlon of the Ministry of the Environment on EBR #010-8766 be received for information.**

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

VIII. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Agenda Item 2 (b) was identified.

IX. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Agenda Items 1(a) and 2 were identified.

Moved by: Larry Slomka

Seconded by Clayton Cameron

RESOLVED: **THAT the recommendations respecting items not requiring separate discussion be approved, and staff be authorized to take all necessary actions to effect those recommendations.**

X. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Agenda Item 1(b)

AGENDA ITEM DEFERRED

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair requested that new name tags and name plates be issued with larger and clearer fonts for SPC members.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

None declared at this meeting.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment proposed by Herb Proudley, meeting closed adjourned 4:47pm.