

MINUTES

Source Protection Committee Meeting No. SPC-08/2011
Meeting No. 8
Regional Municipality of York, Administrative Centre,
17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1
Thursday August 25, 2011 – 2:00pm – 5:00pm

MEMBERS:

Lynn Dollin, Chair

Municipal

Herb Proudley
Stan Wells
Wendy Kemp
Clayton Cameron
Rick Newlove
Richard Forward

Economic / Development

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

Public Sector

Fred Ruf
Larry Slomka
Bob Duncanson
Alex Millar
Tom Kurtz

First Nations

Fred Jahn

Liaisons

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

Staff

Don Goodyear
Angela Bishop, minutes

Susan Jagminas

Katie Howson

Guests

Karen Wianecki, Planning Solutions Inc.
Rob Gamache, City of Kawartha Lakes
Justin Hawkins, Skelton, Brumwell & Associates
Wayne Wilson Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

Regrets

Dianne Corrigan
Stephanie Hobbs
Chris Galway
John Boucher

I. WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

Chair Dollin welcomed everyone to the meeting, including Source Protection Committee (SPC) members, guests, presenters and liaisons

II. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None for the record of this meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Rick Newlove

Seconded by: Bob Duncanson

RESOLVED: **THAT the agenda for the August 25, 2011, meeting of the Source Protection Committee be approved as presented.**

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) Source Protection Committee

Included is a copy of the draft minutes from the July 28, 2011, meeting of the Source Protection Committee (SPC).

Suggested changes: Remove David Ketcheson as attending meeting.

Moved by: Rick Newlove

Seconded by: John Hemsted

RESOLVED: **THAT the amended minutes of the July 28, 2011, meeting of the Source Protection Committee be approved as printed and circulated.**

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

(b) Planning & Policy Working Group

Included is a copy of the draft minutes from the July 28, 2011, SPC Planning & Policy Working Group.

Planning & Policy Working Group (PPWG) Chair Bob Duncanson, advised that the group had discussed water quantity policies at their last meeting and provided direction as to the tools that are recommended for the Source Protection Plan. Questions were posed on the specifics of some of those policies. It was suggested the policies would be discussed in detail at the September workshop, and that any immediate concerns should be forwarded to staff.

Moved by: John Hemsted

Seconded by: Colin Nisbet

RECOMMENDED: **THAT the draft minutes of the July 28, 2011, meeting of the SPC Planning & Policy Working Group be received for information and the recommendations contained with the minutes be approved.**

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

(c) Technical Working Group

Included is a copy of the draft minutes from the August 9, 2011 SPC Technical Working Group.

Technical Working Group Chair, Larry Slomka advised that the group had reviewed the agenda items recorded in the minutes, and the group also raised new agenda items that were of concern to some members. It was acknowledged that some items maybe outside the scope of the SPC. It was agreed that the next meeting of the TWG scheduled for September 13 be cancelled.

Moved by: Fred Jahn

Seconded by: Colin Elliott

RESOLVED: **THAT the draft minutes of the August 9, 2011, meeting of the SPC Technical Working Group be received for information and the recommendations contained with the minutes be approved.**

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

(d) Communications Working Group

Included is a copy of the minutes from the May 18, 2011 meeting, SPC Communications Working Group.

Susan Jagminas discussed with the group the outcomes of the meeting which included pre-consultation, and municipal workshops as the main topics of discussion.

Moved by: Fred Ruff

Seconded by Clayton Cameron

RESOLVED: **THAT the draft minutes of the May 18, 2011, meeting of the SPC Communications Working Group be received for information and the recommendations contained with the minutes be approved.**

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Activities of the Chair & Committee

- Stan Wells advised that group that Chair Dollin had been elected to the Board of Directors of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. This news was warmly received by the group who extended their congratulations to Chair Dollin, who expressed appreciation for the responsibilities and response from the group.

- Bob Duncanson with Herb Proudly and Keith Sherman, advised that they had attended science meetings on the Great Lakes Basin which included some discussion of climate change implications.
- Bob Duncanson, with Fred Ruf, attended a CTC working group meeting focusing on the water quantity issues for the Orangeville area.

(b) Agricultural Sector Update to the SPC

- Don Goodyear advised that he had attended a meeting with the SPC's agricultural members and others concerning the Farm Water Protection Plan, and advised that there was a lot of agreement in the respective aims in protecting water, and expressed his appreciation for the initiative and hard work that this SPC's representatives have engaged in.
- Chair Dollin advised that she had attended an agricultural workshop on Source Protection policies and sustainable agriculture

VI. DELEGATIONS

None for the record of this meeting

VII. PRESENTATIONS

(a) Ministry of Environment Update

The group was advised that the notices for all three of the regions Assessment Reports (AR) is required for re-submission to the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) by August 30, 2011.

Heather Malcomson, Acting Director will continue in the Directorship until a successful candidate is identified, probably in late September 2011.

The Source Protection Planning Policy (SPPP) data base has completed its first round of testing, Project Managers (PM) and Chairs will be advised of updates and schedules at the September 19, 1011 Source Protection Planning Advisory Committee meeting. In response to questioning on the impact of the staff downsizing at the MOE and the impact on the AR reviews the group was advised that the department has experienced staff downsizing but it is anticipated that the AR will be reviewed on time.

Paul Heeney, Acting Director for Source Protection Planning Section released on July 29, 2011 memo with attachments to PM and Chairs information for municipalities concerning administering and enforcement of Part IV of the Clean Water Act.

Neil Gervais also responded to SPC and PPWG members' questions pertaining to training dates on Property Entry, and on TSSA, Part 4 powers of the Clean Water Act and grouping of similar policies.

Action Item1	Risk Management Catalogue to be made available when released, status of catalogue to be checked and SPC to be advised.
Responsibility	Neil Gervais

Moved by: Richard Forward

Seconded by: John Hemsted

RESOLVED: THAT the presentation from Neil Gervais of the Ministry of the Environment be received for information.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

(b) Source Protection Plan Overview

Don Goodyear presenting a summary of the Backgrounder Document (previously issued), and the preliminary drafts of the Source Protection Plan and Explanatory Document (to be provided at the meeting).

Don Goodyear informed the group that the CD tabled at the meeting contained two documents; the DRAFT Source Protection Plan and the Rationale document. Thanks were expressed to staff and SPC members for their input. The group was asked to review the documents at a high level, focussing on whether the policies had accurately captured their direction and/or if there were any gaps to fill. Comments are to be forwarded to staff no later than September 15, 2011.

Moved by: Alex Millar

Seconded by: Gerry Brouwer

RESOLVED: That the presentation on the Source Protection Plan Overview be received for information And further that SPC members reviewing the documentation will attract a one day per diem payment, if received by September 15, 2011.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

(c) Comparison of Approaches

Don Goodyear presenting a comparison of policy approaches being suggested locally and among neighbouring regions.

The group was advised that staff from CTC, Halton Hamilton and South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe were collaborating on the drafting of some sample policies in an effort to gain some consistency between the regions and assist one another. A table has been drafted of policy approaches by threat category, which demonstrated similarities of approach. It is planned that further collaboration between neighbouring regions will follow, and that pre-municipal consultation will highlight inconsistencies and allow staff and SPCs to resolve substantive differences.

Moved by: Larry Slomka

Seconded by: Stan Wells

RESOLVED: That the presentation of the Comparison of Approaches be received for information.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

(d) Format of Source Protection Plan

Karen Wianecki presenting on format options for the Source Protection Plan (threat-based organizations or tool, implementing body based organisations).

Karen Wianecki, Planning Solutions Inc, presented to the group on the format of the Source Protection Plan. It was emphasised that the SPP will require SPC endorsement. The process of the PPWG policy development has been on a threats based approach and required alignment with the 21 drinking water threats identified by the MOE, and then the consideration of the range of tools available, legal effect and practical implementation and other considerations such as economic impact.

Moved by: Bob Duncanson

Seconded by: Herb Proudley

RESOLVED: That the presentation of the format of the Source Water Protection Plan be received for information.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

(e) Amended Assessment Reports

Katie Howson presenting a summary of the changes made as a result of the provincial review.

The group was provided a detailed presentation on the AR Updates to the group, covering the status and progress of the different AR versions, a summary of the MOE official comments, including groundwater vulnerability methods and approach

Moved by: John Hemsted

Seconded by: Rick Newlove

RESOLVED: That the presentation on the Assessment Report changes be received for information.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

VIII. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION(Pages 2-6)
Agenda Item 3 – Municipal Pre–Consultation – Staff Report SPC-08-2011-03

IX. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Moved by: Tom Kurtz

Seconded by Rick Newlove.

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.**

Agenda Item 1 - Correspondence

RESOLVED: **THAT the correspondence listed in the August 25, 2011, agenda as Item 1a –g, be received for information.**

Agenda Item 2 – Communications

RESOLVED: **THAT Staff Report No. SPC-08/2011-02 describing media and other communications activities surrounding Source Water Protection for the period ending July 31, 2011, be received for information.**

X. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Agenda Item 3 – Municipal Pre–Consultation

Staff Report SPC-08-2011-03, regarding pre-consultation activities.

Susan Jagminas advised the group of the tentative dates of the municipal workshops that will be jointly hosted with neighbouring SPC's, and municipal workshops wholly within our watershed. The Communications Working Group have assisted with consultation letters that will shortly be sent out when all dates with neighbouring SPC's are completed. Some venues and dates for the workshops have yet to be determined and SPC members will be advised of the workshop dates. SPC members interested in attending the workshops are asked to advise staff as soon as possible on their availability. Chair Dollin expressed thanks to Susan Jagminas and her colleagues for coordinating their efforts.

Moved by: Clayton Cameron

Seconded by: Larry Slomka

RESOLVED: **THAT Staff Report No. SPC-08-2011-03 regarding pre consultation activities be received for information and FURTHER THAT the recommendations contained within it be approved.**

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

None for the record of this meeting.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

None for the record of this meeting.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair thanked everyone for their input and motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Herb Proudley at 4:20pm