

MINUTES

Source Protection Committee Meeting No. SPC-07/2012
Meeting No. 4

The Regional Municipality of York, Administrative Office, Newmarket, ON
Thursday, July 26, 2012 : 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

MEMBERS:

Lynn Dollin, Chair

Municipal

Clayton Cameron
Herb Proudley
John Boucher
Wendy Kemp

Economic/Development

Colin Elliott
David Ketcheson
David Ritchie
Gerry Brouwer
John Hemsted

Public Sector

Alex Millar
Fred Ruf
Larry Slomka
Stephanie Hobbs
Tom Kurtz

First Nations

Fred Jahn

Liaisons

Severn Sound Environmental Association – SPA – Keith Sherman
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit –Ted Devine
Ministry of the Environment – Neil Gervais

Staff

Mike Walters Susan Jagminas Katie Howson Shelly Cuddy
Angela Bishop, minutes

Regrets

Bob Duncanson Chris Galway Colin Nisbet Dianne Corrigan
Ryan Post Richard Forward Rick Newlove Stan Wells

Guests

Wayne Wilson, Nottwasaga Valley Conservation Authority
Anne Guiot, Skelton Brumwell & Associates

I. WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanking York Region and Wendy Kemp and staff for the use of the venue.

II. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared for the record of this meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: John Hemsted

Seconded by: John Boucher

RESOLVED: THAT the agenda for the July 26, 2012, 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 May 24, 2012, meeting of the Source Protection Committee (SPC).

Chair advised the group that all action items have been completed.

Moved by: Alex Millar

Seconded by: Wendy Kemp

RESOLVED: THAT the minutes of the May 24, 2012, meeting of the Source Protection Committee be approved as printed and circulated.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

(b) SPC Technical Working Group

Technical Working Group (TWG) Chair Larry Slomka advised on the TWG meeting of July 17, 2012, where presentations and updates were received. The group was advised that the TWG had given careful consideration to the Melancthon Township request, resulting in Agenda Item 3. Staff Report SPC-2012-07-03.

The group further discussed the logistics of new municipal wells or their closure, before new Assessment Reports are complete, and were advised by the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) Liaison, that this is currently under review by the department.

Chair Slomka advised that the TWG also discussed the new legislation concerning vertical closed loop geothermal systems, which are under review by the MOE.

Moved by: Tom Kurtz

Seconded by: John Hemsted

RESOLVED: THAT the minutes of the July 17, 2012, meeting of the SPC Technical Working Group be received for information and the recommendations contained with the minutes be approved.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

(c) ODWSP Early Response Review Committee

ODWSP Early Response Review Committee (ERRC) Chair Alex Millar spoke to the group on the conference call meeting of May 31, 2012, and referred members to advice concerning Horseshoe Island. Also enquiries were made to the MOE on the feasibility of unused funds in other source protection areas, being redirected to this region, because of the high uptake but this has been rejected by the department. Question was raised by SPC member on the origin of the Nitrate Information sheet released by the ODWSP.

Action 1	Obtain copies of Nitrate Information sheet and circulate to SPC Members.
Responsibility	Staff

Moved by: Fred Ruf

Seconded by: Colin Elliott

RESOLVED: **THAT the minutes of the May 31, 2012, ODWSP Early Response Review Committee be received for information and the recommendations contained with the minutes be approved.**

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

(d) SPC Municipal Working Group

Municipal Working Group Acting Chair, Clayton Cameron advised that the meeting minutes of June 7, 2012 covered the issues discussed, including the working groups, and the proposed Implementation Guide, and associated workshops.

Moved by: Wendy Kemp

Seconded by: Larry Slomka

RESOLVED: **THAT the minutes of the June 7, 2012, meeting of the SPC Municipal Working Group be received for information and the recommendations contained with the minutes be approved.**

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Activities of the Chair & Committee

- Chair Dollin advised that all Source Protection Authority meetings for this region have been attended by Chair and staff, along with source protection plan meetings of neighbouring regions including CTC.

(b) Agricultural Sector Update to the SPC

- Agricultural representatives advised of a full and productive meeting with OMAFRA and discussed the limitations of their mandate.

- Dave Ritchie advised of a new dairy farm where 80% of the water used is recycled.
- Chair Dollin extended thanks for the opportunity to attend the federal agricultural ministers meeting with this region's agricultural representatives.

VI. DELEGATIONS

No delegations recorded for the record of this meeting.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

(a) Ministry of Environment Update

Neil Gervais, MOE Liaison and the group discussed at length on issues raised for their information.

- Update covered the temporary replacement of Mary Anne Coveli, by Orna Salamon and processes for a permanent replacement.
- That the inclusion of the Rama First Nation is still in progress, and that the MOE are being hastened to ratify their inclusion, and also to progress responses to funding capacity for the inclusion of Christian Island (Beasusoleil) First Nation and Georgina Island First Nation. The slow progress was discussed by the group as a whole.
- The group was advised that a conference call has been arranged with land owners who have concerns with the Source Protection Plan (SPP) process, which will also include MOE staff, SPC Chair Dollin, and concerned staff. It is hoped that the call will prove productive for all participants. The question was raised if lessons could be learned in responding to public concerns. Thanks were given to the MOE for arranging the conference call.
- Advice was given concerning the release of funding 'Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund's', and which projects that could qualify for a grant.
- The upcoming Association of Municipalities of Ontario, conference is accepting some source protection delegations.
- That the MOE have released instruction on submission requirements for the Proposed Source Protection Plan.
- The issue of municipal council resolutions not being passed until after the proposed source protection plan (SPP) is submitted to the Minister (MOE) was raised during discussion.

Action 2	Action plan to address Council resolutions that are outstanding at the time the proposed source protection plan is submitted to the Minister (MOE).
Responsibility	Neil Gervais

Action 3	Forward to SPC members the link to the EBR on the Great Lakes, for SPC members to format comments. Response to be returned to staff by August 9, 2012. Inclusion in SPC agenda for August 23, 2012
Responsibility	Angela Bishop

Moved by: Larry Slomka

Seconded by: Colin Elliott

RESOLVED: **THAT the presentation from Neil Gervais, Ministry of the Environment be received for information.
AND FURTHER THAT the presentation from Neil Gervais, Ministry of the Environment be attached to the minutes of the July 26, SPC minutes
AND FURTHER THAT the SPC members provide to feed back to staff on the EBR concerning the Great Lakes strategy by August 9, 2012 and for staff to format comments consideration at the SPC meeting of August 23, 2012 for submission**

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

(b) Update on Source Protection Plan Progress

Susan Jagminas presented on the progress of the source protection plan, it was noted that the October SPC meeting date has to be determined to synchronise with the Source Protection Authority (SPA) meetings and subsequent submission to the Minister, MOE. The outcomes of the comments were reviewed and responses discussed, including the future role of the SPC and SPA's.

Action 4	Dates of upcoming SPC meetings to be confirmed to members and Liaisons
Responsibility	Staff

Moved by: John Hemsted

Seconded by: Gerry Brouwer

RESOLVED: **THAT the presentation from Susan Jagminas on the Source Protection Plan Progress be received for information.**

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

(c) Water Quantity and Other Policies

Katie Howson presented to the group on the water quantity policy for discussions. The group reviewed in depth the options available for each of the policies, taking

into account comments received from different sources, feasibility, and boundary harmonisation. The decisions made will be included in the Proposed Source Protection Plan and accounted for in the Explanatory Document.

Moved by: Stephanie Hobbs

Seconded by: Fred Ruf

RESOLVED: THAT the presentation from Katie Howson, on water quantity policy discussions be received for information.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

(d) Implementation Workshop Feedback

Presentation from Katie Howson, on the Implementation Guide and from Ryan Post, on Resourcing and Capacity.

Agenda Item deferred to SPC meeting of August 23, 2012

RECOMMENDED: THAT the presentation from Katie Howson, on the Implementation Guide and from Ryan Post, on Resourcing and Capacity be received for information.

DEFERRED

(e) Part IV Administration and Personnel

Presentation from Shelly Cuddy on Part IV Powers: administration and personnel.

Agenda Item deferred to SPC meeting of August 23, 2012

RECOMMENDED: THAT the presentation from Shelly Cuddy, on Part IV Powers: administration and personnel be received for information.

DEFERRED

VIII. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION(Pages 2-6)

Items for separate discussion:

- 1 (d) Correspondence
2. Communications Update - Deferred
3. Staff Report SPC 2012-07-03.

IX. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Agenda Items identified as not requiring separate discussion:

1. a – c, and e - m Correspondence

Moved by: Wendy Kemp

Seconded by: John Hemsted

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.**

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

X. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Agenda Item 1 (d) – Correspondence

Group advised that the issue of approval of SPP's will be addressed.

Moved by: Clayton Cameron

Seconded by: Fred Ruf

RESOLVED: **THAT the correspondence listed in the July 26, 2012, agenda as Item 1d, be received for information.**

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

Agenda Item 3 – Letter to Township of Melancthon

Staff Report No. SPC-2012-07-03 regarding Township of Melancthon Highly Vulnerable Aquifer Analysis

Some minor editing comments were suggested by the group which will be taken into account before final distribution.

Moved by: Stephanie Hobbs

Seconded by: John Hemsted

RESOLVED: **THAT Staff Report No. SPC-2012-07-03 seeking approval to send the Township of Melancthon a letter regarding their request to update the Highly Vulnerable Aquifer Analysis within the Assessment be approved with minor editorial changes**

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Approval of Newsletters

The approval process for newsletters was raised, and the group was advised that the content is checked by a number of staff within the source protection partnership for accuracy and content. The document in question was at the behest of the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program staff, not the SPC.

Action 5	Establish a process for the future review and distribution information sheets to the SPC.
Responsibility	Staff

XII. CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session recorded for the record of this meeting.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting moved by at Herb Proudley at 5:15 p m