



MINUTES

Source Protection Committee Meeting No. SPC-05/2012
 Meeting No. 4
 Kempenfelt Conference Centre, Innisfil, ON
 Thursday, May 24, 2012 : 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

MEMBERS:

Lynn Dollin, Chair

Municipal

Clayton Cameron
 Herb Proudley
 John Boucher
 Rick Newlove
 Stan Wells
 Wendy Kemp

Economic/Development

Colin Elliott
 Colin Nisbet
 David Ketcheson
 David Ritchie
 John Hemsted

Public Sector

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

First Nations

Fred Jahn

Liaisons

Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority – SPA - Wayne Wilson
 Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit – Karen Wierzbicki/Ted Devine
 Ministry of the Environment – Neil Gervais

Staff

Mike Walters	Susan Jagminas	Katie Howson
Ben Longstaff	Angela Bishop, minutes	

Guests

Keith Sherman, Severn Sound Environmental Association
 Justin Hawkins, Skelton Brumwell & Associates
 Ryan Post, Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

Regrets

Chris Galway	Gerry Brouwer	Richard Forward
Fred Ruf		

I. WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

Welcome from Chair Dollin, and thanks to Richard Forward and staff at the City of Barrie for organising the tour of the Water Treatment Plant prior to this meeting.

Action Item 1	Letter of thanks to Richard Forward and staff for organising the tour of the Water Treatment Plan for SPC Members
Responsibility	Staff

II. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No pecuniary interests declared for the record of this meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Tabled correspondence for Agenda Item 1 (k), Correspondence from Minister Jim Bradley, Ministry of the Environment to Chair Dollin, South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee, dated May 15, 2012, concerning the implementation costs of the drinking water source protection plans.

Change to Agenda Item 4. Staff Report No. SPC-2012-05-03, last paragraph a, (Recommendation), replace 'to postpone' to 'not'. It was brought to the groups attention prior to discussion that an error had occurred in final formatting concerning the recommendation.

Moved by: Rick Newlove

Seconded by: Fred Jahn

RESOLVED: THAT the amended agenda for the May 24, 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 March 22, 2012, meeting of the Source Protection Committee (SPC).

Moved by: John Hemsted

Seconded by: John Boucher

**RESOLVED: THAT the minutes of the March 22, 2012, meeting of the Source Protection Committee be approved as printed and circulated
AND FURTHER that Action Item 2 (That a presentation be provided to the SPC on Section 88 Property Entry powers and RMO and RMI under Part IV Powers of the Clean Water Act) of the December 22, 2011, meeting minutes of the Source Protection Committee be carried forward to the Agenda of the Source Protection Committee of July 26, 2012.**

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

(b) SPC Communications Working Group

Included is a copy of the draft minutes of the SPC Communications Working Group, dated May 9, 2012.

Susan Jagminas advised that the group had discussed the formal consultation process, which will be addressed in a later presentation today. It was agreed that no further Communications Working Group (CWG) meetings are needed in the immediate future and further meetings will be as required. The group also discussed the proposed letter to land owners affected by a change in vulnerability score, to be addressed at Staff Report No. SPC-2012-05-04. The proposed implementation guide was discussed at length by the group and their future role therein. Larry Slomka further added concerns discussed at the meeting on better communication with the public, referencing a video on a public website (referenced in the CWG minutes) on how to better raise public interest.

Moved by: Rick Newlove

Resolved by: Clayton Cameron

RESOLVED: **THAT the minutes of the May 9, 2012, meeting of the SPC Communications 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 attended the Simcoe County Chief Administrative Officers meeting and presented on implementation options for consideration. Requests have subsequently been received for further presentations to other councils. Chair expressed thanks to Rick Newlove for the invitation and to help raise municipal awareness.
- Tom Kurtz attended the Ontario Onsite Waste Water Annual Conference & Exhibition. The group was advised that there has been a vast improvement in the technology, efficiency, capital cost, and maintenance of on site septic system methods. The presentations covered the provincial emphasis of land owner responsibility rather than provincial responsibility. Chair thanked Tom Kurtz for attending on behalf of the SPC.
- Fred Jahn attended the First Nations Water Symposium 2012. The group was advised that there are 134 First Nation's in Ontario, with three levels of legislation, but no federal programs addressing the issue of source water protection. A good presentation was provided by John Stager, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of the Environment (MOE), advising that 99.9% of municipal water is within prescribed limits and that the Source Water Protection (SWP) process is receiving international recognition. However 39% of First Nations' water is recognised as high risk and that the Ministry is

open to dialogue to improve this situation. Chair Dollin thanked Fred Jahn for his input.

- Chair Dollin advised that municipal systems under 5000 users, will be eligible for provincial funding, and at the Chair and Project Managers meeting Minister Bradley was encouraged to include implementation and stewardship funding.

Action 2	Circulate to SPC members copy of presentation provided to Minister Bradley by staff member Susan Jagminas
Responsibility	Susan Jagminas

- Katie Howson advised that with Shelly Cuddy they attended technical training on Climate Change and Source Water Protection, where new technical models have been utilised to downscale to fit provincial groundwater and surface water models, which indicate potential changes by running scenarios

(b) Agricultural Sector Update to the SPC

- John Hemsted and the Agricultural representatives will be providing a presentation to CTC, thanks expressed to Chair for continuing support of the process.
- Agricultural representatives will be meeting with Ministry of the Environment, and Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs on May 28, 2012 with respect to the source protection process.

VI. DELEGATIONS

No delegations received for the record of this meeting.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

(a) Ministry of Environment Update

- The group was advised of the approval of the extension request, as per agenda item 1. (j) Correspondence
- The SPC's are requested to write policies to allow flexibility for the MOE to review their instruments, (prescribed and none prescribed). In response to questions on conflict resolution, the group was advised that the higher standard would apply. This source protection region's staff have frequent liaison with neighbouring source protection regions, and continue to attend neighbouring source protection plan meetings.
- The inclusion of Chippewas of Rama First Nation under the Clean Water Act is still in process. Response to enquiry from Christian Island First Nation is similarly outstanding.
- Bob Duncanson raised the initiatives for the Great lakes Protection Act and potential implication on source protection planning.

Action 3	Provide staff with list of which source protection regions received extension to timelines for Source Protection Plan submission.
Responsibility	Neil Gervais

Moved by: Bob Duncanson

Seconded by: John Hemsted

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

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

(b) and (d) Source Protection Plan Formal Consultation Update and Source Protection Plan Submission Update

Agenda Items (b) and (d) combined. Susan Jagminas presented the facilitator's report on the formal consultation advising that although the attendance was not as high as would have been preferred, public feedback on open house arrangements and technical input was very positive, and worked well for staff too. Key questions from the public were identified, primarily concerning responsibilities and finance, and extension of the prescribed 21 threats.

The group was also advised that the MOE have extended the submission date for the Source Protection Plan to October 22, 2012.

Action 4	Send out key dates to Source Protection Committee
Responsibility	Susan Jagminas

The group was advised of comments on further suggested potential threats in addition to the current prescribed 21 MOE technical threats. Thanks expressed by Chair to Susan Jagminas for the public consultation arrangements. The presentation also included the revised source protection plan milestone and submission dates.

Moved by: Colin Nisbet

Seconded by: Clayton Cameron

RESOLVED: **THAT the presentation from Susan Jagminas on the completion of the Formal Consultation and on the proposed revisions to schedule for submitting the Source Protection Plan be received for information.**

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

(c) Recording of Formal Comments

Katie Howson presented a summary of the comments received for the Formal Consultation process. The presentation captured the number of comments received so far, and key observations.

Moved by: Larry Slomka

Seconded by: David Ketcheson

RESOLVED: **THAT the presentation from Katie Howson on capturing the Formal Consultation comments and how further municipal comments are being captured be received for information.**

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

(e) Implementation Guide Update

Ben Longstaff presented on the Source Protection Plan (SPP), Implementation Guide, being developed to assist in implementation of the plan. The guide will be a collaborative effort with the other Source Protection regions, conservation partners within this watershed, and municipal staff, who have already expressed interest in the process. Conservation Ontario will work in a coordination capacity.

Workshops will be initially organised to develop the guide contents, common themes, targets and timelines. In response to questions the group was advised that the implementation guide ground work will be initiated without delay. It is envisioned that both the Municipal Working Group and the Communications Working Group will assist in the development of this product.

Moved by: Rick Newlove

Seconded by: John Hemsted

RESOLVED: **THAT the presentation from Ben Longstaff on SPP Implementation Guide be received for information.**

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

VIII. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Agenda Item identified as requiring separate discussion.

3. Transition Policies

IX. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Agenda Items identified as not requiring separate discussion

1. (a-j) Correspondence

2. Staff Report No. SPC 2012-05-05

4. Staff Report No. SPC-2012-05-03

5. Staff Report No. SPC-2012-5-5

Moved by: John Hemsted

Seconded by: Colin Nisbet

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 3. Transition Policies

Katie Howson presented on Staff Report No. SPC-2012-05-3 regarding transition polices in their current state, at which point the transition policies become effective, and for members to consider in advance of discussion, and decisions at the July 10, 2012 PPWG/SPC workshop.

Action 5	Produce a quick reference sheet of the impact of the transition policies with advantages and disadvantages available for SPC members.
Responsibility	Katie Howson and Susan Jagminas
Action 6	Post on website (www.ourwatershed.ca) the presentation for SPC members to review.
Responsibility	Susan Jagminas

Moved by: Colin Elliot

Seconded by: Larry Slomka

RESOLVED: **THAT Staff Report No. SPC-2012-05-03 regarding Transition Provisions and Timelines for Implementation be received for information**

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Source Protection Committee meeting for June 28, 2012 cancelled.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

No closed session for the record of this meeting.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn moved by Colin Nisbet at 4:30pm