



South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region

MINUTES

Source Protection Committee Meeting No. SPC-01/2013

Meeting No. 2

Monte Carlo Inn Barrie Suites, Barrie, ON

Thursday, November 28, 2013: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

MEMBERS:			
Lynn Dollin, Chair			
<u>Municipal</u>	<u>Economic/Development</u>	<u>Public Sector</u>	<u>First Nations</u>
Herb Proudley	David Ritchie	Bob Duncanson	Fred Jahn
John Boucher	John Hemsted	Larry Slomka	
Rick Newlove	Colin Nisbet	Tom Kurtz	
Stan Wells	Colin Elliott	Fred Ruf	
Clayton Cameron	Chris Galway	Stephanie Hobbs	
Wendy Kemp			
Liaisons			
Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit – Brenda Armstrong (on Ted Devine’s behalf)			
Severn Sound Environmental Association SPA – Keith Sherman			
Ministry of the Environment – John Westlake			
Guests			
Sherry Diemert			
Heather Gardiner	Stacey Baker		
Staff			
Ryan Post	Ben Longstaff	Katie Howson	Irena Kontrec
Susan Jagminas	Maria Picotti	Jessica Burns, minutes	Scott Drewette
Regrets			
Gerry Brouwer	Richard Forward	Alex Millar	
Dianne Corrigan	Dave Ketcheson		

I. WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and introduced John Westlake, from the MOE, in attendance in place of Neil Gervais (on leave of absence). She also welcomed Stacey Baker and Heather Gardiner from the MOE and Brenda Armstrong, SMDHU, in attendance on behalf of Ted Devine. The Chair also introduced two new LSRCA staff: Irena Kontrec, SWP & Subwatershed Planning Assistant and Scott Drewette, SWP Technical Assistant. A round table was done.

II. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No pecuniary interests declared for the record of this meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA



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There was one recommended amendment to the agenda:

Presenter Change – Item f, the scenario run through will be presented by Katie Howson and Irena Kontrec, instead of Katie Howson and Ben Longstaff.

Moved by: John Hemsted

Seconded by: Rick Newlove

RESOLVED: THAT the agenda for the November 28, 2013 meeting of the Source Protection Committee be approved as amended.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) Source Protection Committee

Included is a copy of the draft minutes from the May 30, 2013, meeting of the Source Protection Committee (SPC).

Moved by: Rick Newlove

Seconded by: Clayton Cameron

RESOLVED: THAT the minutes of the May 30, 2013 meeting of the Source Protection Committee be approved as printed and circulated.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

(b) Technical Working Group – April 23, 2013 Minutes

Included is a copy of the draft minutes of the Technical Working Group meeting of April 23, 2013, for approval.

There was one recommended amendment:

1. **Draft Correction** – Given that the April 23, 2013 TWG draft minutes were presented and approved at the last TWG meeting on October 21, 2013 the water mark “DRAFT” should be removed.

Moved by: Fred Ruf

Seconded by: John Boucher

RESOLVED: THAT the minutes of the April 23, 2013 meeting of the Technical Working Group be approved as amended.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

(c) Technical Working Group

Included is a copy of the draft minutes for the Technical Working Group meeting of October 21, 2013.

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There was one recommended amendment:

1. **Typo** – Under **Other Business** there is a necessary change to the minutes. The word “Georgina” on pg. 30 is to be changed to “Rama”.

Moved by: Rick Newlove

Seconded by: John Hemsted

RESOLVED: THAT the minutes of the October 21, 2013 meeting of the Technical Working Group be received for information.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Activities of the Chair & Committee

Fred Jahn expressed his pleasure that the EBR posting is moving forward and he is waiting for feedback.

(b) Agricultural Sector Update to the SPC

Some members of the Agricultural Sector attended a variety of events/meetings at which a number of policy issues were dealt with. It appears that municipalities will no longer be permitted to put a well close to an animal unit; this rule will be included in engineering instructions. This was noted as an encouraging development.

There was an Agricultural Representatives committee meeting November 7, 2013 at which they provided feedback to Threats Verification staff regarding proper agricultural community etiquette.

VI. DELEGATIONS

None for the record of this meeting.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

(a) Chair Updates

Lynn Dollin gave a briefing of important updates.

The main item to address is the series of comments received back from the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) on the proposed Source Protection Plan (SPP). It was emphasized that we were the 2nd last region to submit our SPP, and we have already received



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comments. This speaks to the quality of the plan submitted, and the work of staff and the Committee.

The Implementation Funding announcement was a good development for many small municipalities.

The EBR posting for the Rama Drinking Water System inclusion into the Act, is also a very good news story.

Ben and Lynn have been giving deputations at municipalities that are less prepared for implementation, in order to support work momentum. These deputations were completed prior to the MOE’s funding announcement so it is felt that the funding will serve to reinforce the reality and pressing nature of implementation preparedness.

Ben and Lynn also attended the Chairs and Project Managers meeting at the beginning of November 2013. Sherry Diemert presented and some new chairs were introduced. The primary focus of the event was to discuss, and move forward on what can be done to get municipalities ready for implementation, and the desire to keep policy development at a local level.

Moved by: Larry Slomka

Seconded by: Fred Jahn

RESOLVED: THAT the updates provided by the Chair be received for information.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

(b) Source Protection Plan (SPP) & Updated Assessment Report (UAR) Update

Ben Longstaff provided a brief update on the progress and review of the next steps on the SPP and UAR. Scott Drewette, Keith Sherman and Ryan Post spoke to the status of Threats Verification in their respective areas.

Discussion occurred as to what else can be done to prepare municipalities for implementation. An RMO Working Group was noted to have been suggested. It was agreed that this would be a beneficial development.

Action Item 1	Work to develop an RMO Working Group.
Responsibility	Staff

In terms of the Source Protection Municipal Implementation Funding, it was clarified that as long as municipalities are doing the activities identified as eligible, they are able to receive the funding. Municipalities must report back on what they spend the monies on and the money must be spent only on what is deemed eligible. Additional funds are offered to those municipalities that collaborate; up to \$15K is available. It was pointed out that some municipalities are already in a position of collaboration and if not, simple actions can result in receipt of these incentive funds. This message should be clearly communicated to

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municipalities. Staff are working to use the provision of this funding as a motivating factor and will certainly emphasize the notion of collaboration and doing simple things to gain the financial benefit.

It was noted that some municipalities under SSEA are struggling to determine what is eligible and ineligible due to inaccessibility of the Question and Answers Page on the MOE website. It is possible that while answers to questions are updated that this may be causing some technical difficulties on the website.

Action Item 2	Verify the technical status of the MOE fact sheet and inform the group.
Responsibility	John Westlake

It was further noted that currently there is no incentive package offered for Stewardship. However, John Westlake from the MOE explained that, if available, this would come from a separate funding pool; there is a lot of funding discussion going on currently regarding the renewal of Stewardship funding.

Whether implementation funding will be offered to First Nations was discussed. MOE will look into this issue and report back to the SPC.

Action Item 3	Follow up on whether Source Protection Implementation Funding will be offered to First Nations and will inform the SPC.
Responsibility	John Westlake

Some concern was raised around how the base funding was established. It was noted that the formula for small and rural municipalities is a similar formula used for infrastructure funding.

To simplify the annual reporting process pre-SPP approval, staff will be developing a reporting template.

Action Item 4	The pre-SPP approval RMO reporting template will be provided to the SPC.
Responsibility	Staff

The Timeline for submission of the SPP and UAR was discussed. It was agreed that the chosen timeline Ben presented would need additional discussion with the MOE to ensure it works with their timelines. Staff will engage with the MOE to ensure the timelines are understood and accepted by all.

Action Item 5	Staff and the MOE to engage in discussions regarding SPP and UAR timelines.
Responsibility	Ben Longstaff

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Moved by: Colin Nisbet

Seconded by: Herb Proudley

RESOLVED: THAT a copy of the presentation from Ben Longstaff regarding the SPP and UAR update on progress and review of next steps be received for information.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

(c) Source Protection Plan (SPP) Policies – Review of Feedback from the Ministry of the Environment (MOE)

Katie Howson provided a briefing on the feedback from the MOE on the SPP policies and proposed responses from the Planning and Policy Working Group.

It was noted that the surveys in Module 2 of the Implementation Guide will be updated because of additional small threats (p, q, r, s, t, u).

Action Item 6	Update the Implementation Guide.
Responsibility	Katie Howson

Discussion occurred around the primary driver behind the SPP and the comments received from MOE. It was clarified that the MOE are looking to find out if municipalities are in agreement with what is proposed; their intent is not to direct the decisions of committees. The MOE is only making recommended changes; the decision of the final proposed policy is left to the Committee.

A further question was raised as to whether the MOE was going to address any inconsistency between plans in order to create a level playing field in terms of requirements and application of policies across municipalities. According to the MOE, this is a challenging issue. They are looking mostly at the impact on stakeholders and what feedback they are receiving from them. The initial intent of the MOE was to meet with municipalities regarding concerns with implementation ability; the municipal comments gathered were included on the review. Ultimately, this is a locally driven program that the MOE wants to ensure is reflected in the outcomes.

Moved by: Bob Duncanson

Seconded by: Larry Slomka

RESOLVED: THAT a copy of the presentation from Katie Howson regarding the feedback from the MOE on the SPP policies and proposed responses be received for information.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

(d) Incorporating Source Water Protection (SWP) into the Rama First Nation Land Use Planning Document

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Katie Howson gave a presentation on the incorporation of SWP into the Rama First Nation Land Use Planning document.

It was clarified that only the existing Threats on the reserve are being addressed at this time. The feedback and opinion of the SPC is desired on this topic before work is moved forward. Furthermore it was clarified that this would be a stand-alone plan for Rama First Nation, as they have taken it upon themselves to join in efforts for clean water.

It was clarified that in terms of large septic systems usually being designed to provincial standard, that this system is comparable in that sense, so there is no issue there.

Staff and the Committee were thanked for their efforts and support in this matter. This was highlighted as a good news story. This is only the 3rd First Nation in Ontario to request their system be incorporated into the Source Protection Planning process and the 1st to move forward with implementation on a reserve. This is an important accomplishment that should be promoted. It was suggested that the SPC add a supportive posting on the EBR for record with the MOE. The MOE supported this suggestion and noted it as an opportunity for the committee to take the lead. Deadline to comment is December 1, 2013

Action Item 7	Draft and post a supportive comment to put on EBR before the December 1, 2013 deadline.
Responsibility	Lynn Dollin & Susan Jagminas

Action Item 8	Provide Conservation Ontario the news of the Rama First Nation and SWP, as a good new story, for the annual report.
Responsibility	Ben Longstaff

Amendment to the below recommendation: It was agreed that the following be added to the initial recommendation: the SPC is to provide a supportive comment to the EBR for the Rama First Nation incorporation of Source Water Protection.

Moved by: John Hemsted

Seconded by: Rick Newlove

RESOLVED: THAT a copy of the presentation from Katie Howson regarding the incorporation of SWP into the Rama First Nation Land Use Planning document be received for information.
THAT the SPC posted a supportive comment on the EBR for the Rama First Nation incorporation of SWP into the Rama First Nation Land Use Planning.

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(e) Tier 3 Water Budget & Risk Management Measures Evaluation (RMME) Updates
Maria Picotti gave a presentation on the Tier 3 Water Budgets and continuing process for the RMME.



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Moved by: Larry Slomka

Seconded by: John Hemsted

RESOLVED: THAT a copy of the presentation from Maria Picotti regarding the Tier 3 Water Budgets and continuing process for the RMME be received for information.

CARRIED BY THE CONSENSUS

(f) Scenario Run Through

Irena Kontrec and Katie Howson led the Committee through a Mock Threats Scenario, as taken from one of the recent Implementation Workshops. The purpose of the Committee going through a scenario is so that they understand the level of effort needed to determine whether or not a threat exists. They were asked to bring back their answers to the next meeting for review.

Moved by: Larry Slomka

Seconded by: John Hemsted

RESOLVED: THAT the copy of the Mock Threat Scenario provided by Irena Kontrec and Katie Howson be received for information.

CARRIED BY THE CONSENSUS

VIII. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Item selected: VII PRESENTATION (c)

IX. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

The MOE reminded the SPC that once the SPP is approved, the Committee cycle of 3 years will begin. It was noted that this is not an attempt to change the makeup of the Committee, but to allow for the opportunity for members who wish to leave to be able to do so. Details about how this process will work are still being determined.

Moved by: Herb Proudley

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 be received for information.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

X. OTHER BUSINESS

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- Colin Elliot noted his motion about having the Technical Rules reviewed concerning livestock grazing and nutrient levels. A letter is to be submitted to the MOE requesting this consideration.
- Colin Elliot - Tomorrow is a meeting of WET from 11 to 2pm in Angus for anyone who lives by the water in that area re water's edge maintenance.

Action Item 9	Next SPC meeting date to be sent as a save the date.
Responsibility	Jessica Burns

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

XI. CLOSED SESSION

None for the record of this meeting.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting moved by Lynn Dollin at 4:43pm.