



**South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region**

**MINUTES**

Source Protection Committee Meeting No. SPC-01/2015  
 Meeting No. 1  
 Monte Carlo Inn Barrie Suites, 81 Hart Dr., ON, Barrie, ON  
 Tuesday April 21, 2015: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**MEMBERS:**

Lynn Dollin, Chair

<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>Economic/Development</u></b>	<b><u>Public Sector</u></b>	<b><u>First Nations</u></b>
Herb Proudley	Colin Elliott	Bob Duncanson	
John Boucher	David Ketcheson	Fred Ruf	
Rick Newlove	David Ritchie	Larry Slomka	
Richard Forward	John Hemsted	Tom Kurtz	
		Stephanie Hobbs	

**Liaisons**

Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit – Brenda Armstrong  
 Severn Sound Environmental Association - SPA – Keith Sherman  
 Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change – Heather Gardiner

**Guests**

Scott Drewette, Barrie      Stew Patterson, Barrie

**Staff**

Ben Longstaff	Shelly Cuddy	Ryan Post
Katie Howson	Susan Jagminas	
Irena Kontrec	Jessica Burns, minutes	

**Regrets**

Colin Nisbet	Alex Millar	Dan Schilling	Clayton Cameron
Stan Wells	Dianne Corrigan	Gerry Brouwer	Wendy Kemp
Chris Galway			

***I. WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS***

All were welcomed to the meeting. Guests were introduced and thanked for attending. Proxy delegations were reviewed.

***II. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST***

No pecuniary interests were declared.



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**III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as printed and circulated.

Moved by: John Hemsted                      Seconded by: Bob Duncanson

RESOLVED:            THAT the agenda for the April 21, 2015 meeting of the Source Protection Committee be approved as presented.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

**IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by: Richard Forward                      Seconded by: Rick Newlove

RESOLVED:            THAT the minutes of the November 25, 2015 meeting of the Source Protection Committee, be approved.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(a) Activities of the Chair & Committee

Lynn gave a brief update. Staff hosted two Municipal Council Workshops in March 2015; one was held in Sharon and the other in Orillia. Although the attendance was greater at the Orillia workshop, both events were successful and well received. Staff were commended for their efforts.

(b) Agricultural Sector Update to the SPC

Dave Ritchie spoke briefly regarding some Agricultural Sector updates. Colin Elliott, John Hemsted, Dave Ritchie and Chair Dollin attended a meeting with the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Honorable Glen R. Murray, MPP. The Minister was receptive to the information provided and requested that the Agricultural SPC representatives work with him on hosting a Climate Change meeting.

The Provincial Agricultural Representatives meeting was held March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015. They reviewed how source protection plans were developed and Katie Howson and Chair Dollin presented information. The information was very well received; overall it was a good information sharing event.

Discussion occurred around Education and Outreach (E & O). Some concern was expressed around pending funding for the completion and success of larger



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initiatives and that Crop Advisors should be included as target audiences in the E & O process as well as commercial real estate agents.

**VI. DELEGATIONS**

None.

**VII. PRESENTATIONS**

(a) Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Update

Heather Gardiner, MOECC, provided some updates. The main focus remains on plan approval. Once all outstanding plans are approved the focus will shift to implementation and plan review. Heather clarified that the recent EBR posting refers to how the Ministry manages considerations and decisions regarding prescribed instruments across the Province. She gave a brief summary of the Operations and Legal Division review processes and noted that they are now looking at reviewing the non-legally binding policy approaches.

Discussion occurred around any noticed conflicts associated with Official Plan conformity amendments in regards to Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) considerations. According to Heather some municipalities are awaiting approved plan prior to completing conformity requirements. Some requests for standard wording have been received; however, standard wording will not be provided given the decrease in commitment it may cultivate as a result. The issue of standardized wording can be addressed through working group collaboration at the municipal level. It was noted that MMAH Planners understand when to flag an application for MOECC involvement and are gaining increased Source Water knowledge over time.

Moved by: Tom Kurtz

Seconded by: Fred Ruf

RESOLVED: THAT the MOECC update provided by from Heather Gardiner be received for information.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

(b) Source Protection Plan (SPP) and Assessment Report (AR) Updates

Ben clarified that now that the SPP has been approved, any request for amendment needs both the approval of the Source Protection Authority (SPA) and Source Protection Committee (SPC). Any opinions of the SPC in consideration of proposed amendments will



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be conveyed at the upcoming Lakes Simcoe and Couchiching Black River (LSCBR) and Nottawasaga Valley (NV) SPA meetings. It should also be noted that the Severn Sound (SS) SPA met on April 16, 2015 to consider the proposed amendments.

Shelburne – Updated Well Head Protection Area (WHPA):

Irena presented on the Shelburne WHPA update.

Discussion took place around the ratio of sewer and septic lots present in the wellhead protection area of concern. Discussion also occurred on the 120 m drainage boundary associated with the WHPA-E. The majority of lots were said to be on town sewers, while only a few are on septics. The 120 m drainage boundary was said to be standard practice and in accordance with technical rules. It was further clarified that the WHPA E is treated in a similar manner to the Intake Protection Zone (IPZ). As the vulnerability score is less than 8 no new agricultural threats are associated with the WHPA-E. Following the completion of the consultation by the Lake Erie Source Protection Region, a public Open House was hosted by Amaranth in March 2015; the public consultation process is underway with little to no noted public push back to date.

Policy Amendment – Land Use Planning (LUP) and Sewage A1 policy Amendment:

Katie presented on the SPP amendment to LUP-3. She clarified that the recommendation is being considered based on a comment received from the VIVA Transportation Group on a present conflict between the interpretation of the LUP-3 and Sewage(a)-1 policies.

Discussion occurred around the use of the wording “where possible” as a way to align both policies without shifting the direction of the policy. Concern was expressed around the need for consistent approach when determining if it is possible to locate a stormwater facility outside of the vulnerable area. It was clarified the municipalities and the MOECC have a responsibility to ensure proper stormwater facility location through the implementation of the Land use Planning and Environmental Compliance Approval policies.

It was further noted that through the Annual Reporting process, the SPC will have the opportunity to assess the effectiveness of the policy and make recommendations on any necessary updates.

It was suggested that the use of “where possible” be accompanied with an update of the Explanatory Document (ED) to reflect the SPC’s intention of the policy.



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Septic Inspections – 15.1 Technical Rule Change:

Katie presented on the Septic Inspections requirement for systems identified as significant salt drinking water threat in the Issue Contributing Area.

Discussion took place around alternatives to water softeners in septic systems located in an Issue Contributing Area (ICA); the effectiveness of completing an inspection when the inspection will not address the threat. A broader discussion occurred on what other municipalities with Sodium and Chloride ICAs are doing as part of current septic inspections, LSP inspection considerations and E & O outreach efforts.

Moved by: Larry Slomka

Seconded by: John Hemsted

RESOLVED: THAT the presentations from Katie Howson and Irena Kontrec on the SPP and Assessment Report Updates be received for information.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

(c) Implementation Readiness & Program Update

Ben presented a brief program update on implementation and next steps for various SWP activities.

Ryan Post provided a brief update on the status of the Nottawasaga Valley SPA in terms of implementation readiness.

Keith provided a brief presentation on the Issues Contributing Area (ICA) Nitrates Study (presentation available on the member's only section of [www.ourwatershed.ca](http://www.ourwatershed.ca)).

Discussion occurred around the issue of private wells and what agency or governing body private wells in ICAs fall under. It was noted that a number of methods have been implemented to try and address private wells on the system in question. Currently, the MOECC still offers well sampling for a fee. Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA) implications were also considered.

Moved by: Rick Newlove

Seconded by: Stephanie Hobbs

RESOLVED: THAT the presentation from Ben Longstaff on program updates and next steps be received for information.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

(d) Update on Annual Reporting



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Katie provided a high level presentation on the Annual Reporting framework and the efforts, to date, of the Annual Reporting Working Group.

Discussion occurred around which policy evaluation frameworks were being considered.

Concern was placed on the monetary cost of implementing the necessary work involved in completing Annual Reporting requirements.

Moved by: Herb Proudley

Seconded by: Richard Forward

RESOLVED: THAT the information provided by Katie Howson on the Annual Reporting framework be received for information.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

**VIII. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION**

Correspondence Item 1 c): Correspondence regarding the approval of the South Georgian Bay-Lake Simcoe Source Protection Plan and associated Question and Answers from Ling Mark, Director, Source Protection Programs Branch, Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change, dated January 29, 2015.

**IX. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION**

Moved by: Richard Forward

Seconded: 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**

Correspondence Item 1 c) Q7 (pg. 27) and Q16 (pg. 32):

Question 7:

“Q7. Why are you taking extra steps to protect source water through the Clean Water Act?”

We learned from the events in Walkerton that the first step in ensuring safe drinking water is to protect the local supply of drinking water at the source. The Clean Water Act ensures communities protect their drinking water supplies through prevention — by developing



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collaborative, watershed-based source protection plans that are locally driven and based on science. Source protection planning and implementation helps to ensure that local drinking water is protected in communities across the province.”

Question 16:

“Q16. Will new permits to take water be issued where municipal drinking water systems are under stress for water quantity?

The purpose of the ministry’s permit to take water program is to ensure the conservation, protection, and wise management of the water in the province. When a stressed municipal drinking water system has been identified, the source protection plan requires the ministry to only issue permits where the municipal drinking water supply requirements can be sustained.”

Concern was expressed in terms of water use during a crisis and the amount of control a municipality would have over the aquifer. The wording “above all other uses” caused concern. It was clarified that the document was developed for the public to convey the message that municipal supply of water is of utmost priority during a crisis situation and that that particular comment was included due to the presence of a WHPA Q1. Currently the Land and Water Policy act is looking more closely at high water use designated areas; ultimately it is the MOECC who decides how to manage water during a crisis situation.

It was further noted that for areas inside a WHPA Q1, that the Ministry is shortening terms of permits and looking at a possible permit screening structure.

Action Item 1	An update on the Permit To Take Water (PTTW) work can be provided at the next SPC meeting; along with a more detailed look at how it will affect the Agricultural Community.
Responsibility	Shelly Cuddy

Moved by: Larry Slomka

Seconded: John Hemsted

RESOLVED: THAT the recommendations respecting items requiring separate discussion be approved, and staff be authorized to take all necessary actions to effect those recommendations.

One opposed – Colin Elliott

CARRIED

**XI. OTHER BUSINESS**

The SSEA will be having an Open House on June 18, 2015 at the Midland Library from 3:00pm to 6:00pm.



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It was noted that Heather Gardiner will be completing a 6 month secondment to the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs as a Senior Policy Advisor to the Assistant Deputy Minister. She was thanked for her time and congratulated. Tessa Villeneuve, Drinking Water Inspector, will be replacing Heather as the MOECC Liaison to the SPC.

***XII. CLOSED SESSION***

None for the record of this meeting.

***XIII. ADJOURNMENT***

Motion to adjourn meeting moved by Herb Proudley at 4:06 pm.